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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad St.
Columbus, OH 43215

**RE: Opposition Comment to PPA Cases 14-1693-EL-RDR;
14-1297-EL-SSO**

Dear PUCO:

I am writing to urge you to act to reject the negotiated settlements of FirstEnergy and AEP (and a small group of others who have negotiated certain benefits) that will enable the utilities to implement costly Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) riders and other cost-driving provisions.

Should the PUCO approve the deals, both utilities will be able to collect costs (via non-bypassable PPA riders) from all of their customers to subsidize their uneconomical generation assets, thus protecting the utilities from cost risk and guaranteeing their profits and cost recovery. And put it all on the backs of their customers for an eight-year term.

Ohio's Consumers' Counsel has estimated that the FirstEnergy settlement could cost consumers \$3.9 billion over the eight-year duration of the PPA, and the AEP settlement could cost consumers \$2 billion.

Our company consumes approximately 16,381,149 kWh/year with AEP and 50,223,474 kWh/year with FirstEnergy. We estimate the additional costs of this new rider to be \$734,301 with AEP and \$2,504,645 with FirstEnergy over the eight year term of the case. That is real money that could be used on more productive purposes. For example, it would fund the opening of 10 new Sherwin-Williams paint stores in Ohio, which translates to about 60 new jobs.

If approved by the full PUCO, these deals will put an unnecessary and anti-competitive layer of costs on consumers with no commensurate benefits, constrain competition, and dampen technological innovation in Ohio. In addition, both settlements contain other provisions that will increase costs to consumers.

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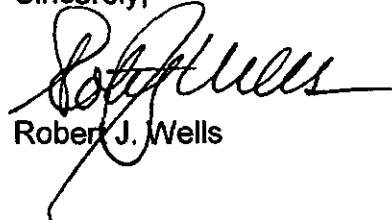
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The markets for electricity in Ohio are working to the benefit of consumers. These deals are a massive setback to the consumer-friendly efficiency of those markets.

Please protect Ohio manufacturers and all consumers in FirstEnergy and AEP territories, the lion's share of the state in terms of utilities, from this substantial bailout/giveaway.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Wells

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cc: Governor John Kasich
Representative Marcia Fudge
Senator Sherrod Brown



Campbell Soup Supply Company
12773 State Route 110
Napoleon, OH 43545

February 18, 2016

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Opposition Comment to PPA Cases 14-1693-EL-RDR; 14-1297-EL-SSO

Dear PUCO:

I am writing to urge you to act to reject the negotiated settlements of FirstEnergy and AEP (and a small group of others who have negotiated certain benefits) that will enable the utilities to implement costly Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) riders and other cost-driving provisions. .

Should the PUCO approve the deals, both utilities will be able to collect costs (via nonbypassable PPA riders) from all of their customers to subsidize their uneconomical generation assets, thus protecting the utilities from cost risk and guaranteeing their profits and cost recovery, and put it all on the backs of their customers for an eight-year term. Ohio's Consumers' Counsel has estimated that the FirstEnergy settlement could cost consumers \$3.9 billion over the eight-year duration of the PPA, and the AEP settlement could cost consumers \$2 billion.

Our company consumes approximately 100,000,000 kWh/year. We estimate the additional costs of this new rider to be \$5,000,000 over the eight year term of the case. That is real money that could be used on more productive purposes such as capital investment, infrastructure improvements, and training investments that would help secure and grow jobs at our manufacturing plants that today employ more than 2000 Ohioans in Napoleon and Willard.

If approved by the full PUCO, these deals will put an unnecessary and anti-competitive layer of costs on consumers with no commensurate benefits, constrain competition, and dampen technological innovation in Ohio. In addition, both settlements contain other provisions that will increase costs to consumers.

The markets for electricity in Ohio are working to the benefit of consumers. These deals are a massive setback to the consumer-friendly efficiency of those markets.

As a resident of this state, and a manufacturing leader dedicated to insuring our Ohio operations remain competitive, I ask that you please protect Ohio manufacturers and all consumers in FirstEnergy and AEP territories from this substantial bailout/giveaway.

Mark Cacciatore
Vice President, Manufacturing – Campbell Americas Simple Meals & Beverages

cc: Governor John Kasich
State Senator Clifford Hite
State Representative Robert McColley

3M Home Care Division

1301 Lowell Street
Elyria, OH 44035

February 12, 2016

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215



RE: Opposition Comment to PPA Cases 14-1693-EL-RDR; 14-1297-EL-SSO

Dear PUCO:

I am writing in regards to the Purchase Power Agreement Cases with First Energy and the PUCO. First Energy, AEP and a small group of others have negotiated certain benefits that will enable the utilities to implement costly Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) riders and other cost-driving provisions.

Should the PUCO approve the deals, both utilities will be able to collect costs (via non-passable PPA riders) from all of their customers to subsidize their uneconomical generation assets, thus protecting the utilities from cost risk and guaranteeing their profits and cost recovery. All of this is at the cost of their customers for an eight-year term.

Ohio's Consumers' Counsel has estimated that the FirstEnergy settlement could cost consumers \$3.9 billion over the eight-year duration of the PPA, and the AEP settlement could cost consumers \$2 billion.

Based on our current energy usage the impact from this change will increase the 3M Elyria Electric bill by 11% per month. This is money that could be used in a more productive fashion at the 3M Elyria site. Over the past couple of years 3M Elyria has been proactive regarding our energy usage. We have made capital investments with the specific goal of reducing our energy consumption. The result from the invested capital has reduced our electrical usage by 750,000 kW per year. Should the PUCO approve the deals, these investment dollars for energy reduction may be side tracked toward paying the higher energy rates.

If approved by the full PUCO, these deals will put an unnecessary and anti-competitive layer of costs on consumers with no commensurate benefits, constrain competition, and dampen technological innovation in Ohio. In addition, both settlements contain other provisions that will increase costs to consumers.

The markets for electricity in Ohio are working to the benefit of consumers. These deals are a massive setback to the consumer-friendly efficiency of those markets. Please protect Ohio manufacturers and all consumers in FirstEnergy and AEP territories, the lion's share of the state in terms of utilities, from this substantial bailout/giveaway.

Regards,
John Akey

3M Elyria Plant Manager

cc: Senator Gayle Manning
Representative Nathan Manning



February 15, 2016

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Opposition Comment to PPA Cases 14-1693-EL-RDR; 14-1297-EL-SSO

Dear PUCO:

I am writing to urge you to reject the negotiated settlements of FirstEnergy and AEP (and a small group of others who have negotiated certain benefits) that will enable the utilities to implement costly Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) riders and other cost-driving provisions.

Should the PUCO approve the deals, both utilities will be able to collect costs (via non-by passable PPA riders) from all of their customers to subsidize their uneconomical generation assets, thus protecting the utilities from cost risk and guaranteeing their profits and cost recovery and put it all on the backs of their customers for an eight-year term. Ohio's Consumers' Counsel has estimated that the FirstEnergy settlement could cost consumers \$3.9 billion over the eight-year duration of the PPA, and the AEP settlement could cost consumers \$2 billion.

For Graphic Packaging International, we estimate the additional costs of this new rider to be \$5 million over the eight year term of the case. That is real money that could be used on more productive purposes and reinvested in the state of Ohio.

Graphic Packaging International ("GPI") is North America's largest manufacturer of folding cartons and a leading manufacturer of packaging for consumer products. GPI has 7 paperboard mills, 44 converting plants, 3 machinery facilities and 12,000 employees worldwide. GPI employs over 600 team members in our three facilities across the state of Ohio.

If approved by the full PUCO, these deals will put an unnecessary and anti-competitive layer of costs on consumers with no commensurate benefits, constrain competition, and dampen technological innovation in Ohio. In addition, both settlements contain other provisions that will increase costs to consumers.

Ohio has seen resurgence in manufacturing in part to positive electricity markets. These deals impose a massive setback to the growing economy and to Graphic Packaging International's success in Ohio.

Please protect Ohio manufacturers and all consumers in FirstEnergy and AEP territories, the lion's share of the state in terms of utilities, from this substantial bailout/giveaway.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Spencer H. Maurer".

Spencer H. Maurer
VP Supply Chain

cc: Governor John Kasich	Senator Coley	Representative Pelanda
	Senator Burke	Representative Derickson
	Senator Patton	Representative Anielski