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

RE: Opposition Comment to PPA Cases 14-1693-EL-RDR (AEP);
14-1297-EL-SSO (First Energy)

Dear PUCO:

LANXESS strongly urges PUCO to oppose the negotiated settlements of FirstEnergy and AEP that will allow for the implementation of Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) riders and other cost-driving provisions.

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.

LANXESS Corporation's Chardon, Ohio facility employs 85 people and produces specialty chemicals and service products primarily for the rubber industry. Applications for Chardon products include tires, profiles, dampers, belts, hoses, wires and cables, seals, gaskets, o-rings, rolls and printing blankets, and other elastomer products.

Thank you for your consideration. We once again ask that the draft settlement not be approved and instead the commissions continue to focus efforts on promoting competitive energy rates in Ohio.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Christopher Mitchell'.

March 10, 2016

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