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


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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am writing to express my vigorous opposition to the proposal by FirstEnergy and AEP to allow two outmoded power plants—the W.H. Sammis coal plant and the Davis-Besse nuclear plant—to continue operating, even though they cannot produce power at a competitive rate. The solution offered by these two companies is to have consumers pick up the difference between the competitive rate and the cost of these two outdated facilities to produce power. This would go on for some eight years. I regard this as simply an attempt to secure a government handout when these two companies should instead be subject to market forces which are so integral to our capitalist system. Market forces which would in all likelihood provide a healthy incentive to these power companies to move toward alternative energy more expeditiously.

In conclusion, we are retired and on a fixed income and have done everything in our power to reduce our utility bills, and I know we are not alone. For our sake and for the sake of thousands of other utility customers, I urge you to reject this proposal.


Yours truly,


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