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Subject: Reject the Proposed FirstEnergy Settlement (Case No. 14-1297-EL-SSO)

After more than a year of hearings, thousands of citizens and businesses calling for its rejection, and expert testimony, FirstEnergy has failed to explain why using ratepayer dollars to prop up their aging, inefficient, dirty power plants makes any sense.

The proposed settlement that is pending before you does nothing to mitigate the environmental and public health impacts these coal plants will have in Ohio and beyond. The proposed settlement flies in the face of Ohio policy that honors customer choice. And just as egregious is asking Ohioans - the very same people who will suffer from air pollution and will have diminished energy choice under this proposed deal - to pick up the tab of over \$10 a month per household. By comparison, the cost of clean, renewable power that customers pay now is only about \$1 per month!

It is past time for FirstEnergy to adapt to a competitive market that is becoming more and more favorable to cleaner resources; the PUCO should encourage them to innovate and invest in the energy resources of the future instead of doubling down on the energy resources of the past.

Please stand with Ohio families and small businesses and reject this proposed settlement.

Thank you for your time in considering this request.

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