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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO Consumer Service Division Memorandum

CASE ID: 00831860

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For years First Energy has laid off workers and reduced their work force by attrition while continuing to pay dividends to shareholders and big bonuses to their executives. The PUCO has assured that First Energy continues to be rewarded for their bad management practices by continuing to approve just about every rate increase they ask for. First Energy has contracted tree trimming for years to out-of-state companies who are the lowest bidder but not necessarily the best in their field. Trees have been butchered and left weaker by poor tree trimming practices and weakened trees are left to tower well above the power lines where they can still fall on the lines under heavy winds. First Energy seldom does any preventative maintenance on their poles or lines. They seem to have converted to breakdown maintenance only, just fixing something when

there is an outage rather than maintain things, as they should, in good weather. I see many poles leaning badly around my area that should either be replaced or guyed so they will not fall. Many poles are rotted off at the ground level or below and will fall when subjected to high winds. For these reasons and many more I am opposed to granting First Energy any rate hike to do maintenance that they should have already been doing in years past. They have neglected their preventative maintenance through poor management and now they expect the users to pay more money to reward their incompetence. Please do not grant any rate increase and give them notice that they need to start maintaining their equipment as a standard practice and stop paying out big bucks for naming rights to stadiums and running television commercials to advertise their company which already has a monopoly on the power distribution in the area.

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