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November 10, 2014

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
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Dear Ms. Chiavetta:

I am again writing today to submit my concerns, objections and ultimately my written testimony over the proposed distribution base rate case filing by FirstEnergy Corporation and its subsidiaries. These cases before the Commission (Docket Numbers R-2014-2428745, R-2014-2428743, R-2014-2428744, R-2014-2428742) directly impact most of Western Pennsylvania, including residents and businesses in the 50th Legislative District which I am proud to represent in the State House of Representatives.

These combined distribution rate filings, if approved, would incur additional hardships on people whom are already financially burdened with household budgets stretched extremely thin. FirstEnergy previously dealt this region - especially Greene, Fayette, and Washington Counties - a devastating blow by deactivating and refusing to sell two coal-fired electric generation plants, the Hatfield's Ferry and Mitchell power plants. This decision not only put strains on reliability to the PJM grid, but also had a tremendous ripple effect in my district by putting many workers out of a job. Not only were employees at these plants impacted by this decision, but many other industries and jobs that supported the operation of these two plants were affected as well.

I have been informed that FirstEnergy is estimating that the average bill increase would be \$16.59 per month across their operating companies for residential consumers. While this may seem to be a "nominal" increase, I for one cannot reiterate enough how excessive this is for economically distressed areas, which are in abundance in Western

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Pennsylvania. This area has been plagued by extended power outages due to insufficient line maintenance by FirstEnergy and on-ground personnel, in addition to an apparent unreliable power grid, now more stricken by the deactivation of two of this company's power plants. How much more can this company do to squeeze the hard-working homeowners and business owners in Western Pennsylvania?

I remain steadfast in my opposition to what I believe is yet another deceitful move by FirstEnergy to inflict more harm upon the citizens of my district and surrounding areas. Again, please accept this letter as my written testimony opposing First Energy's proposed rate increase. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pam Snyder". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pam Snyder
State Representative
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CC: Chairman Robert F. Powelson
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