

Key Points to Include in Your Testimony



Make sure to show your support for renewable energy and energy efficiency:

Almost 90% of Ohio's energy comes from coal fired power, ranking Ohio as the 4th largest contributor to global warming pollution in the country.

By cutting our energy use and investing in clean energy resources, we can reduce air and global warming pollution and stabilize electricity rates for all Ohioans.

Every dollar we spend on energy efficiency is \$3 cheaper than producing that electricity from a coal or nuclear power plant.

Opportunities to be more energy efficient are right around the corner. FirstEnergy doesn't commit to any specific energy efficiency program(s) in their rate plan. Here are some ideas for efficiency programs that you can request from FirstEnergy:

- Free energy audits
- Rebates on energy efficient appliances
- Discounts on home weatherization
- Free old appliance/refrigerator pick-up & disposal service

Details about FirstEnergy's proposed rate plan:

1. FirstEnergy as a whole suggests they will spend \$5 million per year for the next five years on energy efficiency and demand response programs in Ohio. In which service territories will this money be spent? What portion will be allocated to residential customers?
 - **We suggest that FirstEnergy make a bigger commitment to energy efficiency. Other Ohio Utilities like American Electric Power have proposed investing \$178 million over a much smaller service territory.**
 - **We suggest that FirstEnergy commit to funding for energy efficiency programs that benefit all customers.**
 - **We suggest that FirstEnergy make a commitment to provide energy efficiency programs in each of their service territories.**
2. Who will run FirstEnergy's efficiency programs? How will we verify these savings are real? Other states require a third party administrator to monitor or operate utility energy efficiency programs.
 - **We suggest that the PUCO require a third party to administer or monitor the energy efficiency programs.**
3. Who will pay for efficiency benefits, and who will benefit from them? Ohio Edison plans to offer certain industrial and commercial customers special deals in return for committed efficiency savings. Who will pay for these efficiency improvements, will residential customers see a proportional share of the benefit?
 - **We suggest that ALL customer classes pay for energy efficiency programs.**

If you are not able to attend a public hearing, you can write a letter to the PUCO:

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Attn: Docketing Division
180 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215

All letters and envelopes should reference:
Case Number 08-935-EL-SSO.

