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**FIRSTENERGY, CONSUMERS' COUNSEL, NOPEC, NOAC AND  
MOST REMAINING PARTIES REACH AGREEMENT  
ON ELECTRIC SECURITY PLAN**

AKRON, Ohio – FirstEnergy Corp.'s (NYSE: FE) Ohio utilities – Ohio Edison, Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (CEI) and Toledo Edison – signed a supplemental stipulation with the majority of the remaining parties to the companies' Electric Security Plan (ESP), including Office of Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC), Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) and Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition (NOAC). A prior stipulation, reached on February 19, 2009, was signed by FirstEnergy's Ohio utility companies and a number of parties to the case, including hospitals, schools and major cities in the companies' service territories. The supplemental stipulation, which adds provisions and benefits to the prior agreement, brings to nearly 30 the number of parties that have signed the stipulation.

The supplemental agreement calls for the companies to designate \$6 million over three years to assist low-income customers with paying their electric bills, provide additional billing support for government aggregation groups related to any phase-in of generation rates called for by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), and hire an energy efficiency expert to assist with the development and administration of programs.

Additional parties signing the supplemental stipulation include: Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio; Ohio Environmental Council; City of Toledo; Natural Resources Defense Council; Lucas County; NextEra Energy Resources; Citizen Power; and a coalition that includes the OCC, NOPEC, NOAC, The

Neighborhood Environmental Coalition, The Empowerment Center of Greater Cleveland, Cleveland Housing Network, and The Citizens for Fair Utility Rates.

These signatory parties join the following parties that signed the prior stipulation: FirstEnergy's Ohio utility companies; the Staff of the PUCO; Ohio Schools Council; Ohio Hospital Association; City of Akron; City of Cleveland; Council of Smaller Enterprises; Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy; Kroger Company; Industrial Energy Users – Ohio; Ohio Energy Group; Ohio Manufacturers' Association; Material Sciences Corporation; and Nucor Steel Marion, Inc.

Under the agreement, the companies would:

- Provide approximately \$40 million in annual benefits to residential customers
- Freeze current base distribution rates through December 31, 2011
- Eliminate approximately \$215 million of regulatory transition charges that otherwise would have been recovered in CEI customer bills through 2010
- Invest at least \$615 million in capital investments to their distribution systems through December 31, 2011
- Contribute \$25 million in corporate funds over three years to support economic development and job retention programs in their service areas
- Conduct a competitive bidding process to establish generation supply and pricing for the period of June 1, 2009, through May 31, 2011, for customers who do not shop
- Support governmental aggregation through enhanced billing processes for any phase-in

FirstEnergy is a diversified energy company headquartered in Akron, Ohio. Its subsidiaries and affiliates are involved in the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity, as well as energy management and other energy-related services. Its seven electric utility operating companies comprise the nation's fifth largest investor-owned electric system, based on 4.5 million customers served, within a 36,100-square-mile area

of Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey; and its generation subsidiaries control more than 14,000 megawatts of capacity.

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Actual results may differ materially due to the speed and nature of increased competition in the electric utility industry and legislative and regulatory changes affecting how generation rates will be determined following the expiration of existing rate plans in Ohio and Pennsylvania, the impact of the PUCO's regulatory process on the Ohio Companies associated with the ESP and MRO filings, including any resultant mechanism under which the Ohio Companies may not fully recover costs (including, but not limited to, the costs of generation supply procured by the Ohio Companies, Regulatory Transition Charges and fuel charges), or the outcome of any competitive generation procurement process in Ohio, economic or weather conditions affecting future sales and margins, changes in markets for energy services, changing energy and commodity market prices and availability, replacement power costs being higher than anticipated or inadequately hedged, the continued ability of FirstEnergy's regulated utilities to collect transition and other charges or to recover increased transmission costs, maintenance costs being higher than anticipated, other legislative and regulatory changes, revised environmental requirements, including possible greenhouse gas emission regulations, the potential impacts of the U.S. Court of Appeals' July 11, 2008 decision requiring revisions to the CAIR rules and the scope of any laws, rules or regulations that may ultimately take their place, the uncertainty of the timing and amounts of the capital expenditures needed to, among other things, implement the AQC Plan (including that such amounts could be higher than anticipated or that certain generating units may need to be shut down) or levels of emission reductions related to the Consent Decree resolving the NSR litigation or other potential regulatory initiatives, adverse regulatory or legal decisions and outcomes (including, but not limited to, the revocation of necessary licenses or operating permits and oversight) by the NRC (including, but not limited to, the Demand for Information issued to FENOC on May 14, 2007), the timing and outcome of various proceedings before the PUCO (including, but not limited to the distribution rate cases and the generation supply plan filing for the Ohio Companies and the successful resolution of the issues remanded to the PUCO by the Ohio Supreme Court regarding the RSP and the RCP, including the recovery of deferred fuel costs), Met-Ed's and Penelec's transmission service charge filings with the PPUC, the continuing availability of generating units and their ability to operate at or near full capacity, the ability to comply with applicable state and federal reliability standards, the ability to accomplish or realize anticipated benefits from strategic goals (including employee workforce initiatives), the ability to improve electric commodity margins and to experience growth in the distribution business, the changing market conditions that could affect the value of assets held in FirstEnergy's nuclear decommissioning trusts, pension trusts and other trust funds, and cause it to make additional contributions sooner, or in an amount that is larger than currently anticipated, the ability to access the public securities and other capital and credit markets in accordance with FirstEnergy's financing plan and the cost of such capital, changes in general economic conditions affecting the company, the state of the capital and credit markets affecting the company, interest rates and any actions taken by credit rating agencies that could negatively affect FirstEnergy's access to financing or its costs and increased requirements to post additional collateral to support outstanding commodity positions, letters of credit and other financial guarantees, the continuing decline of the national and regional economy and its impact on FirstEnergy's major industrial and commercial customers, issues concerning the soundness of financial institutions and counterparties with which FirstEnergy does business, and the risks and other factors discussed from time to time in its SEC filings, and other similar factors. 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