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FIRSTENERGY EMPLOYEES DONATE MORE THAN TWO MILLION MEALS DURING 2009 HARVEST FOR HUNGER CAMPAIGN

Akron, Ohio – From meatball sandwiches to bake sales to donations of canned goods and cash, FirstEnergy Corp. (NYSE: FE) employees gave nearly \$300,000, the equivalent of more than 2 million meals, during the company’s March 2009 Harvest for Hunger campaign. This is the equivalent of 143 meals for each of the company’s 14,000 employees.

“When the economy was down and the need was greatest, our employees put forth an outstanding effort to feed the hungry in our communities,” said Anthony J. Alexander, President and Chief Executive Officer of FirstEnergy. “Once again, they have shown their compassion and generosity, exceeding our goals for this year’s Harvest for Hunger campaign.”

FirstEnergy conducted a friendly competition among its business groups, hosting bake sales and book fairs, selling lunches and staging a “FirstEnergy Idol” contest, among other activities during the March campaign. Including this year’s campaign, the company’s total contributions since 2001 reached \$1.83 million dollars, which represents the equivalent of more than 13.7 million meals.

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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