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FIRSTENERGY NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY ANNOUNCES MANAGEMENT CHANGES

AKRON, Ohio – FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC), a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp. (NYSE: FE), today announced management changes that will further enhance the company’s fleet approach and provide expanded roles and responsibilities for key executives.

Effective September 28, 2009, Peter Sena, vice president of the Beaver Valley Nuclear Power Station in Shippingport, Pennsylvania, will become vice president of FENOC Operations, a newly created position that will add depth to the fleet operations and management function. Paul Harden, vice president of FENOC Nuclear Support, will become vice president of Beaver Valley, succeeding Sena, and Don Moul, director of engineering at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station in Oak Harbor, Ohio, will become vice president of FENOC Nuclear Support.

“These leaders, with some 65 years of experience in the nuclear power industry, have fostered a team approach to enhance safe and reliable operations in their respective areas,” said Joe Hagan, president of FENOC and Chief Nuclear Officer. “I am confident they will bring the same level of commitment and drive to their new positions, and will support FENOC’s efforts to achieve top industry performance in all areas.”

Joining FENOC in 1997, Sena has held numerous management positions in Beaver Valley’s Operations and Engineering departments, including director of Engineering and director of Site Operations, and was named to his current position in 2007. Previously, he

worked as Nuclear Regulatory Commission resident inspector at Beaver Valley. Sena earned a bachelor of science degree from Pennsylvania State University. In his new role, he will oversee operations of the company's three nuclear power plants, reporting to James Lash, senior vice president of Operations.

Prior to joining FENOC in 2008, Harden was vice president of Projects and Engineering for the Nuclear Management Company in Wisconsin. He has held various positions in Operations and Engineering within the nuclear industry, including site vice president of the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant in Michigan. He also worked at Consumers Energy, where he oversaw the effort to improve performance of Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant in Wisconsin. Harden earned a bachelor of science degree in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Cincinnati and a master of business administration from the University of Notre Dame. He will be responsible for plant operations at Beaver Valley, reporting to Sena.

Moul joined FENOC in 2004 and has held several management positions in Operations, Work Management and Engineering at Davis-Besse, Beaver Valley and the D.C. Cook Nuclear Plant in Michigan. He earned a bachelor of science degree in Nuclear Engineering from Pennsylvania State University and a master of business administration from the University of Notre Dame. Moul will be responsible for development and implementation of standardized policies and procedures for FENOC's fleet, reporting to Lash.

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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