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**FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS TO PROVIDE 22 OHIO COMMUNITIES  
WITH \$7.4 MILLION IN GRANTS, LONG-TERM ELECTRIC  
GENERATION SAVINGS**

**Communities with governmental aggregation issues on November ballot also eligible**

Akron, Ohio – FirstEnergy Solutions (FES), a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp. (NYSE: FE), has signed agreements with 22 area communities that will provide \$7.4 million in community grants through its innovative *Powering Our Communities* program that was announced in September. In addition, the program will provide residents and small businesses of those communities with guaranteed long-term electric generation savings.

“We are pleased that these communities have partnered with FES for savings and community funding. Many other eligible communities have responded favorably to our offer and are in the process of evaluating the proposal,” says Arthur Yuan, vice president of Sales and Marketing at FES.

The *Powering Our Communities* program was made available to 50 communities in the Ohio Edison, Cleveland Electric Illuminating and Toledo Edison service areas that agree to purchase discounted electric generation supply from FES through governmental aggregation programs. Communities with governmental aggregation issues on the November ballot are also eligible, as well as communities where residents have already approved electric aggregation.

The community grants available through *Powering Our Communities* are designed to help local communities during this difficult recession. The funding can be used by city and township officials to help pay for, among other things, city services that have been affected by budget cuts. *Powering Our Communities* also locks in long-term discounted generation prices to residential and small commercial customers in these communities.

The discounts will be based on the Price to Compare, or the generation price customers would have been charged if they purchased electric generation service from their local electric utility. Eligible residential customers will receive 6 percent off the Price to Compare and small businesses will get up to a 4 percent discount for an additional six years. The majority of the communities already had governmental aggregation programs with FES as the electric generation supplier until 2012.

The level of funding to each community will be based on the number of customers who participate in the governmental aggregation program. FES currently serves more than 600,000 Ohio customers through governmental aggregation.

Communities are able to form governmental aggregation buying groups to arrange for electricity, natural gas, or both on behalf of their citizens. The government aggregator chooses a supplier for all of the members in its group. Customers may opt out of the aggregation program and shop for a supplier or accept the standard rate offered by their local utility.

FES provides competitive electric generation supply and other energy-related products and services, and is a licensed supplier in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Michigan and Illinois. To learn more about FirstEnergy Solutions' governmental aggregation programs and specifically *Powering Our Communities*, community officials can call FirstEnergy Solutions' Governmental Aggregation Program Manager Brenda Fargo at (330) 315-6898 or visit [www.fes.com](http://www.fes.com).

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 generation subsidiaries control more than 14,000 megawatts of capacity.

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