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**FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS WINS NOAC CONTRACT TO SUPPLY
ELECTRICITY TO NINE NORTHWEST OHIO COMMUNITIES**

AKRON, Ohio – FirstEnergy Solutions (FES) has won a contract to provide discounted electric generation service to the Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition (NOAC), a government aggregation group that represents nine communities and approximately 200,000 residential and small business customers. FES is the competitive affiliate of FirstEnergy Corp. (NYSE: FE).

The new NOAC agreement, which goes through May 2011, offers an attractive fixed generation and transmission price for most residential customers and, for small commercial customers, a 4-percent discount off the generation and transmission portions of their bills. NOAC member communities include the cities of Maumee, Northwood, Oregon, Perrysburg, Sylvania and Toledo, the village of Holland, the unincorporated townships of Lucas County and Lake and Perrysburg townships in Wood County. NOAC member communities must still approve individual contracts.

“We are pleased to work with the NOAC member communities to offer discounts on generation service for their residents and businesses,” said Arthur Yuan, vice president of Sales and Marketing for FES. “We continue to pursue similar agreements with other communities and aggregation groups.”

With the NOAC agreement, FES will serve approximately 600,000 residential and commercial customers in nearly 50 government aggregation communities and groups in Ohio.

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 FES' governmental aggregation programs, community officials can call the Government Aggregation Program Manager Brenda Fargo at (330) 315-6898 or visit www.firstenergysolutions.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 generating affiliates own or control more than 14,000 megawatts of generating capacity.

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