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FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS TO OFFER DISCOUNTED ELECTRIC GENERATION RATES TO BARBERTON RESIDENTS

Akron, Ohio – FirstEnergy Solutions (FES), a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp. (NYSE: FE), will provide discounted generation rates to residential and small commercial customers in the City of Barberton through a residential government aggregation contract signed April 16, 2009.

Residential customers participating in Barberton’s governmental aggregation program for electricity will receive an initial 10 percent discount off the generation price they would have been charged if they weren’t participating in the governmental aggregation program. Generation supply and pricing for Ohio Edison customers who choose not to shop with an alternative supplier will be based on the results of a competitive bidding process (CBP) that will be conducted for FirstEnergy’s regulated Ohio utility companies – Ohio Edison, The Illuminating Company and Toledo Edison. The CBP will secure generation supply and determine generation prices through May 31, 2011.

Discounts will be effective beginning with residents’ August 2009 electric bills, depending on when customers’ meters are read. The discount will drop to 6 percent in 2010, 5 percent in 2011 and 4 percent through the end of the contract in May 2012. Participating commercial customer discounts will begin at 7 percent and drop to 3.5 percent in 2010 and 2011 and 2.5 percent in 2012.

Generation discounts beyond May 31, 2011, will be based on the yet-to-be-established generation price at that time.

“This agreement is clearly in the best interests of Barberton residents,” said Barberton Mayor Bob Genet. “Given the economic downturn, the discounts secured in this contract will benefit our residents and businesses for years.”

Under Ohio law, communities are able to form aggregated buying groups to purchase electricity, natural gas, or both on behalf of their citizens. The governmental aggregator chooses an alternate 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 generation rate for electricity offered by their utility.

“We are pleased to serve the City of Barberton with our first residential government aggregation contract secured under Ohio’s new energy law,” said Donald R. Schneider, president of FirstEnergy Solutions. “Our first government aggregation contract was with Barberton in 2001, and we’re proud that they’re first this time, as well.”

Ohio Edison will continue to deliver the electricity, read meters, send monthly billing statements and maintain service for Barberton residents. Residents should continue to contact Ohio Edison with questions about their service or to report a power outage.

FirstEnergy Solutions 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’ government aggregation programs, community officials can call FirstEnergy Solutions’ 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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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 increase its 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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