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**NOPEC Reaches Agreement That Will Continue Customer Discount!) for Three Years**

The Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council, in response to its electric supplier's notice of contract termination, announced today it has reached an agreement that continues electricity discounts for NOPEC customers through 2008.

Current NOPEC residential customers will receive a 5 percent discount on the generation portion of their electric bill in 2006. Current small commercial and governmental customers will receive a 1 percent discount in 2006. Similar discounts are anticipated in 2007 and 2008. The savings will be indicated on NOPEC customers' electric bills from Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. or Ohio Edison with a line reading "NOPEC Generation Discount." All current NOPEC customers will automatically receive these discounts.

Details of the agreement await regulatory approval by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Green Mountain Energy Company, NOPEC's electricity supplier since 2001, recently announced its intention to terminate its contract with NOPEC. With settlements obtained in connection with Green Mountain's attempt to terminate the contract, NOPEC was able to negotiate an agreement with First Energy Solutions Corp. that will continue the discounted electricity program through the end of 2008.

Under the Green Mountain contract, discounts were set only through 2006. The new agreement will continue them through 2008.

"We're delighted we are able to continue our discounted electricity program for three more years," said NOPEC Chairman Joseph Migliorini. "Time and again, NOPEC has overcome obstacles to prove the continuing value of public aggregation. This is the latest example."

Added NOPEC Vice Chairman William Young: "Utility customers in Northeast Ohio can rest assured that NOPEC will be here for the long haul fighting to obtain lower utility rates."

NOPEC is a not-for-profit council of governments consisting of 115 communities in eight Northeast Ohio counties. Founded in 2000, it is the nation's largest public energy aggregation. It uses no tax dollars. About 450,000 customers participate in the NOPEC discount electricity program. Since its inception, NOPEC has saved its customers more than \$50 million on their utility bills.