

## What others are saying about FirstEnergy's call for a nuclear bailout:

"The potential for the retirements has been discussed publicly for some time. In anticipation, PJM took a preliminary look at the effect of the retirements on the system. We found that the system would remain reliable. We have adequate amounts of generation available."

**Vince Duane, PJM Interconnection senior vice president of external affairs**

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"FirstEnergy needs to stop misleading the public and government officials about the status of its power plants in Ohio and Pennsylvania. FirstEnergy's latest attempt to spread a false narrative surrounding the reliability of the electric grid is nothing more than a ruse that will force Main Street consumers to pay higher prices."

**Todd Snitchler, API market development group director  
Former chairman of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio**

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"FirstEnergy is desperate to pad its bottom line at the expense of its customers. The region is awash in cleaner and cheaper resources, and FirstEnergy can't compete in the market. This move is stunning given that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Department of Energy, and the state of Ohio have all rejected these bailouts."

**John Moore, National Resources Defense Council attorney**

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"The only crisis here is one affecting FirstEnergy's shareholders, and Ohio ratepayers should not be asked to bail out FE just because it can't figure out how to profitably operate its power plants. The established and proven competitive energy markets are the only way to ensure both reliability as well as just and reasonable energy prices for consumers. These actions could destroy them."

**David Gaier, NRG Energy spokesman**

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"FirstEnergy wants to hold utility customers hostage and force them to subsidize its bad business decisions by propping up aging and inefficient coal and nuclear units. This request by FirstEnergy is a desperate attempt to get special treatment from [DOE] Secretary [Rick] Perry, and seeks to end run FERC's unanimous rejection of almost the same bailout proposal [from coal companies] less than three months ago."

**Kim Smaczniak, Earthjustice attorney**

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“There is no emergency. As PJM has confirmed numerous times, the bulk power system performed well during this past winter and continues to do so today. FirstEnergy does not speak for its own customers, as strong opposition from their customers to past FirstEnergy bailout attempts clearly shows, much less their attempt to speak for all 65 million customers who depend on PJM. Similarly, FirstEnergy does not speak for all other coal and nuclear asset owners.”

**John E. Shelk, Electric Power Supply Association president and CEO**  
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“Nothing we have seen to date indicates that an emergency would result from the generator retirements. We have remarkable diversity (of power sources) right now, especially in Pennsylvania.”

**Susan Buehler, PJM Interconnection spokeswoman**  
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“The retirement of power plants that are losing money and cannot compete in a free market does not constitute such an emergency, particularly when you consider that independent and government data show that the current grid meets reliability and resiliency needs. Competitive markets for electricity in the United States have consistently benefited consumers over the past 20 years. Enacting Section 202 would raise the price of electricity for American consumers and decrease grid reliability by diverting funds away from critical infrastructure investments.”

**Michael Steel, Affordable Energy Coalition spokesman**  
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“FirstEnergy’s request attempts to short-circuit PJM’s well-established process for analyzing the reliability impacts of generation retirements, and ignores FERC’s ruling earlier this year finding that no emergency exists that would justify providing special treatment to coal and nuclear power plants in our competitive electricity markets.”

**Malcolm Woolf, Advanced Energy Economy senior vice president of policy**  
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“Ratepayers and regulators have already rejected multiple attempts by the company to bail out these coal and nuclear plants that can no longer compete in the marketplace. If the Trump administration bows to FirstEnergy and moves forward with this bailout attempt, Sierra Club fully intends to challenge and defeat the administration in court.”

**Mary Anne Hitt, Sierra Club’s Beyond Coal campaign director**  
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“In the end, almost nothing DOE, FERC or PJM can do for FES will be enough to prevent bankruptcy, analysts say. ‘This really doesn’t change my opinion. I believe a FES filing for bankruptcy is imminent,’ said Charles Fishman, an equity analyst for Morningstar Research Services. ‘There is just too much cheap natural gas in Pennsylvania and Ohio.’”

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