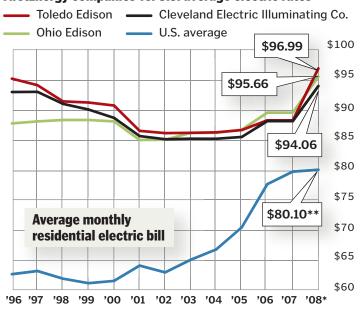
FirstEnergy's costs and charges

FirstEnergy Corp. proposed modest rate increases over the next three years for its three Ohio companies in a filing with state regulators Thursday. FirstEnergy's average residential prices have been above the national average for the last decade, but the difference is expected to narrow because of rising fuel prices and transmission costs.

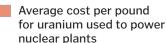
FirstEnergy companies vs. U.S. average electric rates

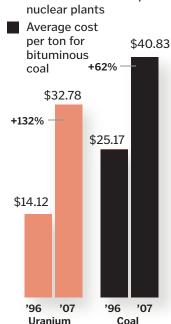


^{*} In the summer months of 2008, the Transmission and Ancillary Services Rider and the Fuel Cost Recovery Rider increased. This resulted in a .44 cent per kWh increase for Cleveland Electric Illuminating, a .76 cent per kWh increase for Toledo Edison. and a .39 cent per kWh increase for Ohio Edison.

SOURCES: Public Utilities Commission of Ohio; Energy Information Administration

Fuel cost increases





^{**} U.S. average is a rolling 12 month average ending in February 2008.