# Corporate Engagement Report | Q4 2021 Contributions Update

This update covering January 1 - December 31, 2021 includes direct contributions, as well as indirect contributions to 501(c)(4) organizations and 501(c)(6) trade organizations, where membership dues exceed \$25,000. Also included is an evaluation of any pertinent alignment between those organizations and FirstEnergy's climate position and strategy. Employees occasionally serve as FirstEnergy representatives with respect to various 501(c)(6) organizations. Unless otherwise reportable, the time that they volunteer is not generally included in this report.

# 501(c)(4) CONTRIBUTIONS

Organization

(Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2021)

Contribution

**Organization** 

(Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2021)

Contribution

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Northeast Ohio Chapter\*

\$190

**Description:** The world's largest anti-fraud organization and premier provider of anti-fraud training and education.

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

**Greater Berks Development Fund** 

\$3,578

**Description:** Aids and promotes economic and industrial expansion, and contributes to the economic well-being of Reading and Berks Counties by facilitating, promoting, and participating in and financing economic development and community revitalization projects.

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

**Londonderry Fire Company** 

\$1.265

**Description:** Fire department located in Middletown, Pennsylvania

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

Lower Swatara Volunteer Fire Department \$23,053

**Description:** Fire department located in Middletown, Pennsylvania

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

**Lumberport Volunteer Fire Department** 

\$1.000

**Description:** Fire department located in Lumberport, Harrison

County, West Virginia.

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

I-79 Technology Park Association

\$2.380

**Description:** The I-79 Technology Park is the premier location for high priority federal operations that require advanced electrical and telecommunications infrastructure.

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

Midcontinent Independent

System Operator, Inc. (MISO)\*

\$4,221,115

**Description:** MISO is an independent system operator and

regional transmission organization. **Position on Climate:** *Not applicable* 

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System, Inc. \$2,200

**Description:** Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System Inc is the leading renewable energy tracking and trading system in North

America.

**Position on Climate:** *Not applicable* 

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

**Organization** 

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Contribution

**Organization** 

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Contribution

# National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)

\$3,950

**Description:** NARUC is a non-profit organization dedicated to representing the state public service commissions that regulate the utilities that provide essential services such as energy, telecommunications, power, water and transportation. NARUC declares its policies and positions through the resolutions it adopts.

**Position on Climate:** NARUC has adopted various positions related to climate, including encouraging state regulators, state and local government entities, power generators, and others to consider, where appropriate and/or cost-effective, the benefits provided by low- or no-carbon technologies, including mitigation measures and energy efficiency.

**Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goal & Strategy:**Partially aligned

# **New Wilmington Rotary Club\***

\$125

**Description:** Rotary is a global organization that collaborates with community leaders to improve people's lives. New Wilmington Rotary Club raises funds and provides volunteers to support worthwhile projects.

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

## **Point Marion Fire Department\***

\$3,275

**Description:** Fire Department and ambulance services located in

point Marion, PA

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

#### **Potomac Edison Forerunners\***

\$1,110

**Description:** Potomac Edison Forerunners is a group of Potomac Edison/Allegheny Power/FirstEnergy retirees who meet socially six times per year.

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

# **Rotary Club of Youngstown**

\$475

**Description:** Rotary is a global organization that collaborates with community leaders to improve people's lives. Youngstown Rotary raises funds and provides volunteers to support worthwhile projects.

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

### **Three Rivers Pollution Response**

\$1,000

**Description:** Mutual aid organization to prevent, prepare for, and

respond to oil and chemical spills. **Position on Climate:** *Not applicable* 

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

## **Toledo Rotary Club**

\$550

**Description:** Toledo Rotary Club promotes the delivery of health, social, & educational services for youth, the elderly, the disabled, and other disadvantaged citizens residing in Lucas County, Ohio and through the world.

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

# 501(c)(6) CONTRIBUTIONS

**Organization** 

(Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2021)

Contribution

**Organization** 

(Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2021)

Contribution

## **Associated Penna Constructors\***

\$82,847

**Description:** APC is a trade association consisting of more than 400 members that include contractors, consulting engineers, material suppliers, manufacturers, and others with an interest in Pennsylvania's road and bridge construction industry.

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goal & Strategy:

Not applicable

# Chamber of Commerce – Pennsylvania Business & Industry

\$42,190

**Description:** The Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce takes action to influence public policy and works to ensure that the concerns of its members are heard by the state's lawmakers. The Chamber promotes pro-business legislation and combats antibusiness legislation with one goal in mind: improving the business climate for Pennsylvania's job creators.

Position on Climate: The Chamber supports efforts in Pennsylvania which balance societal, environmental, energy and economic objectives; fit rationally within national or international strategies; and capitalize on the availability of Pennsylvania's diverse natural resources to facilitate economic development in the Commonwealth. The Chamber believes human activity is a major contributing factor to our changing climate and recognizes that climate change presents significant challenges to Pennsylvania and the United States. It also believes addressing this challenge will necessarily involve private sector development of innovative solutions, practices and technologies.

**Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goal & Strategy:**Partially aligned

## Chamber of Commerce – West Virginia

\$26,000

**Description:** The mission of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce is to make West Virginia a better place to do business by giving private sector employers a voice in state politics and protecting business interests before regulatory bodies, the Legislature and the courts.

**Position on Climate:** West Virginia economic development groups and officials – from the local level to the federal level – must send clear and unambiguous signals to potential investors that West Virginia is welcoming of all types of energy investment. Affordable, abundant, and reliable energy resources are critical to the state's future economy. These resources can be the catalyst that unlocks the full potential of that economy.

**Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goal & Strategy:** Partially aligned

## **Edison Electric Institute (EEI)\***

\$2,209,755

**Description:** EEI is the industry association that represents all U.S. investor-owned electric companies. Organized in 1933, EEI provides public policy leadership, strategic business intelligence, and essential conferences and forums.

**Position on Climate:** EEI recognizes that global climate change presents one of the biggest energy and environmental policy challenges the Unites States has ever faced. EEI believes that policies to address climate change should seek to minimize impacts on consumers and avoid harm to U.S. industry and the economy. In addition, EEI has stated its support of the Biden Administration's executive order on climate.

**Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goal & Strategy:** Aligned

# Electric Utility Industry Sustainable Supply Chain Alliance (EUISSCA)\*

\$25,298

**Description:** The EUISSCA addresses common questions and challenges regarding sustainability and becoming "more green." The Alliance leads the industry in enhancing and promoting supply chain sustainable practices across utilities and suppliers. Its activities aim to improve the sustainability of the products and services utilities buy and use, as well as the performance of suppliers and supply chain operations.

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy: *Not applicable* 

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Contribution

# Energy Association of Pennsylvania (EAP)\* \$284,239

**Description:** EAP is a trade association that represents and promotes the interests of regulated electric and natural gas distribution companies operating in Pennsylvania. EAP is an advocate for its members on policy issues before the Pennsylvania General Assembly, the Public Utility Commission and various other state governmental agencies.

**Position on Climate:** The EAP has not issued formal policy positions on topics like climate change. As a trade association representing both electric and natural gas distribution utilities, not electric generators, the EAP is focused on routine topics affecting the distribution companies, such as workforce safety, cost recovery, electric affordability, ratemaking, service reliability and infrastructure investments.

**Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goal & Strategy:**Partially aligned

# Miss Utility of WV Inc. (MUWV)\* \$81,138

**Description:** MUWV is the utility locator service in West

Virginia.

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

## New Jersey Broadcasters Association (NJBA) \$50,000

**Description:** NJBA is the trade association for radio and TV

stations in New Jersey.

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

# New Jersey Utilities Association, Inc. (NJUA)\* \$84,162

**Description:** NJUA is the statewide trade association for investor-owned utilities. NJUA has provided a forum for the exchange of ideas and unified voice in the public policy arena for its members since 1915.

**Position on Climate:** NJUA does not have a stated climate policy, but it has been supportive of the deployment of renewable energy, energy efficiency programs, and electric vehicles and associated charging infrastructure. NJUA has also expressed public support for Governor Murphy's Energy Master Plan, which establishes a broad spectrum of aggressive goals to facilitate reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. The plan has a primary goal of 100% clean energy by 2050.

**Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goal & Strategy:**Partially aligned

# North American Electric Reliability Corp. (NERC)\*

\$206,667

**Description:** NERC is a not-for-profit international regulatory authority whose mission is to assure the effective and efficient reduction of risks to the reliability and security of the grid. **Position on Climate:** NERC understands that the shift to a low carbon future requires a reliable and safe energy grid. NERC established the "Reliability Impacts of Climate Change Task Force" to assess the reliability consideration of climate initiatives, and to ensure a smooth transition to a low carbon future.

**Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goal & Strategy:** Partially aligned

#### North American Transmission Forum\* \$299,929

**Description:** The North American Transmission Forum (NATF) is built on the principle that the open and candid exchange of information among its members is the key to improving the reliability of the transmission systems in the U.S. and Canada.

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

**Organization** 

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**Organization** 

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### Ohio Chamber of Commerce\*

\$25,000

Contribution

**Description:** As the state's leading business advocate and resource, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce aggressively champions free enterprise, economic competitiveness and growth for the benefit of all Ohioans.

**Position on Climate:** The Ohio Chamber of Commerce does have a stated climate policy, but as outlined in their advocacy priorities, they support comprehensive reforms to Ohio's energy policy that both balances a diverse portfolio of energy sources and provides for reliable, affordable sources of energy. This will help support FirstEnergy's carbon neutrality goals.

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goal & Strategy: Partially aligned

### Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS)\*

\$516,429

**Description:** OUPS is the utility locator service in Ohio

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

Pennsylvania One Call System Inc.\* \$369.774

**Description:** Pennsylvania One Call System is the utility locator

service in Pennsylvania.

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

**PGA Tour, Inc.** \$168,501

**Description:** The PGA Tour is a premier membership organization

for touring professional golfers.

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

Southeastern Electric Exchange Inc.\* \$72,135

**Description:** A non-profit, non-political trade association of

investor-owned electric utility companies. Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goal & Strategy:

Not applicable

## **WIRES Group\***

\$70,000

**Description:** WIRES is a non-profit trade association that promotes investment in the North American transmission system development.

**Position on Climate:** WIRES commits to support effective and timely planning procedures and regulations that strengthen and modernize the transmission grid to promote and enhance consumer benefits access to new generation including renewable energy development.

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goal & Strategy: Partially aligned

#### **U.S. Chamber of Commerce**

\$200,000

**Description:** The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business organization. Members range from the small businesses and chambers of commerce across the country, leading industry associations, global corporations, and emerging industries.

**Position on Climate:** The Chamber believes that an effective climate policy should support a market-based approach to accelerate GHG emissions reductions across the U.S. economy, embrace technology and innovation, promote climate resilient infrastructure, and pursue greater energy efficiency.

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goal & Strategy: Aligned

# **DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS**

FirstEnergy engages in direct lobbying by our employees and through third party contractors on a variety of topics that facilitate the company's obligations to deliver safe, reliable and affordable electric service to our customers. Those listed below were engaged in support of certain government relations and public affairs. These third-party contractors do not have their own stated position on climate. For the period January 1 - December 31, 2021 all our direct lobbying activities were in alignment with our company strategies, including our goals related to climate.

Organization	(Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2021) <b>Contribution</b>
Minardi Public Affairs, LLC	\$33,000
Resolute Strategies, LLC*	\$97,500