Corporate Engagement Report | Q4 2023 Contributions Update

This update, covering the period of January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023, includes direct and indirect contributions to 501(c)(4) organizations, as well as payments to 501(c)(6) trade organization that exceeded \$25,000. We also included an evaluation of the pertinent alignment, if any, 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.

\$345

501(c)(4) CONTRIBUTIONS

(Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2023)

Organization Contribution

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
Northeast Ohio Chapter*

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

Disabled American Veterans* \$3,000

Description: Disabled American Veterans Ensure veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits they deserve, provide care and support during tough times, advocate for the veteran community on Capitol Hill, connect veterans with meaningful employment.

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

I-79 Technology Park Association Inc. \$2,380

Description: I-79 Technology Park Association facilitates the institutionalization of a "knowledge" sector in West Virginia that substantively provides a sustained positive contribution to the state's economy.

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

Medina Sunrise Rotary** \$2,955

Description: Medina Sunrise Rotary is committed to making a difference in the lives of children in the community.

Position on Climate: *Not applicable*

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

* Denotes organizations to which contributions began in Q4 or where the amount of contributions have been updated. Organization

Midcontinent Independent System

Operator, Inc. (MISO)* \$4,202,134

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 Association

Description: Midwest Renewable Energy Association promotes renewable energy, energy efficiency, and sustainable living through education and demonstration.

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)*

\$7,460

\$2,200

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Contribution

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.

 $\label{light} \textbf{Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals \& Strategy:}$

Partially aligned

^{*} In-kind donation of CAVS tickets/suite for an event benefitting the Children's Center of Medina County.

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National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors*

\$7,038

Description: The National Board's mission is to reduce the risk to life and property by promoting safety in the construction, installation, inspection, operation, over-pressure protection, and repair and alteration of boilers, pressure vessels, and other pressure-retaining items.

Position on Climate: *Not applicable*

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

The New Jersey State League of Municipalities* \$365

Description: The New Jersey State League of Municipalities is a voluntary association created to help communities do a better job of self-government through pooling information resources and brainpower.

Position on Climate: *Not applicable*

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

Ohio School Boards Association* \$1,360

Description: Ohio School Boards Association serves, advocates, and provide needed services to Ohio's public school board members and the diverse districts.

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

Organization of PJM States, Inc. (OPSI)* \$500

Description: OPSI is an inter-governmental organization of utility regulatory agencies of 14 jurisdictions who belong to the PJM market.

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

Point Marion Fire Department \$7,250

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

Public Affairs Council*

\$10,189

Description: Public Affairs Council's mission is to advance the field of public affairs and to provide members with the executive education and expertise they need to succeed while maintaining the highest ethical standards.

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

VFW Post 5642* \$37

Description: VFW located in Montrose, Pa. **Position on Climate:** *Not applicable*

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

Westmoreland Human Resources Association (WHRA)

\$95

Description: The mission of the Westmoreland Human Resources Association is to influence, partner and educate business leaders and the HR community to build better workplaces.

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

501(c)(6) CONTRIBUTIONS

Organization

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Contribution

Organization

(Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2023)

Contribution

Alliance for Transportation Electrification

\$25,000

Description: Alliance for Transportation Electrification is a nonprofit trade association uniting a broad coalition of utilities, manufacturers, electric vehicle supply equipment vendors, engineering firms and others to promote electric vehicles in statelevel policy across North America.

Position on Climate: *Not applicable*

 $\label{light} \textbf{Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals \& Strategy:}$

Not applicable

Associated Penna Constructors*

\$76,384

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 Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

Association of Edison Illuminating Companies, INC (AEIC)*

\$26.144

Description: AEIC is where leaders from most major electric utilities come together to share knowledge, collaborate, and provide quidance to the industry.

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

ChargEVC \$50,000

Description: ChargEVC is a not-for-profit trade and research organization comprised of a community of stakeholders to promote electric vehicle (EV) use.

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

Edison Electric Institute (EEI)*

\$2,263,762

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 Goals & Strategy: Aligned

Energy Association of Pennsylvania (EAP)* \$299,701

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 Goals & Strategy:Partially aligned

Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce* \$56,550

Description: The Greater Akron Chamber drives economic growth and prosperity for Greater Akron by supporting the success of the business community and acting as a convener of stakeholders on key issues facing the region.

Position on Climate: *Not applicable*

 $\label{lighted} \textbf{Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals \& Strategy:}$

Not applicable

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Contribution

Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce and Industry*

\$28,664

Contribution

Description: Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce and Industry provides resources and advocates for business, provides networking opportunities, and provides assistance to new and expanding businesses.

Position on Climate: *Not applicable*

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

New Jersey Chamber of Commerce Foundation* \$53,534

Description: The New Jersey Chamber of Commerce's promotes pro-growth legislation and reforms that are in the interest of their members and the economy.

Position on Climate: N.J. Chamber of Commerce does not have a stated climate policy, but are actively involved in the support of New Jersey clean energy projects, including off-shore wind and electric vehicle adoption. They also echo the sentiment of transitioning to low carbon energy while remaining affordable and reliable.

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy: Aligned

New Jersey Self-Insurers' Association \$50,607

Description: The New Jersey Self-Insurers' Association provides ecucation on self insurance and workers' compensation.

Position on Climate: *Not applicable*

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

New Jersey Utilities Association, Inc. (NJUA)* \$93,240

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 Goals & Strategy:Partially aligned

North American Electric Reliability Corp. (NERC)*

\$253.782

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 Goals & Strategy:Partially aligned

North American Transmission Forum* \$346.246

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*

Ohio Chamber of Commerce

\$25,150

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 Goals & Strategy:Partially aligned

Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS)* \$546,693

Description: OUPS is the utility locator service in Ohio.

Position on Climate: Not applicable

 $\label{light} \textbf{Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals \& Strategy:}$

Not applicable

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Pennsylvania Chamber of Business & Industry* \$57,650

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 anti-business 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 Goals & Strategy:Partially aligned

Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc.* \$414,719

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

Southeast Electric Exchange*

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

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

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

West Virginia 811* \$159,970

Description: West Virginia 811 is the utility locator service in West

Virginia.

Position on Climate: Not applicable

Alignment with FirstEnergy's Climate Goals & Strategy:

Not applicable

West Virginia Chamber of Commerce*

\$32,300

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 Goals & Strategy:Partially aligned

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 Goals & Strategy:Partially aligned

\$74.366