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**FIRSTENERGY NAMES TY PINE  
STATE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS MANAGER FOR OHIO**

AKRON, OH – FirstEnergy Corp. (NYSE: FE) today announced that Ty R. Pine has joined FirstEnergy as State Governmental Affairs manager for Ohio. Pine, formerly state director of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) in Ohio, is responsible for lobbying and interacting with elected and appointed Ohio officials and various state agencies. He reports to Chrisy Bowen Wright, FirstEnergy’s State Governmental Affairs director.

From 2000-2009, Pine worked for the NFIB where he represented the organization’s Ohio membership with the General Assembly, administration and others. Prior to that, Pine was chief legislative liaison for the Ohio Department of Insurance. He received a bachelor of science degree from Ohio University in 1994.

“We are pleased to welcome Ty to FirstEnergy,” said David C. Luff, senior vice president of Governmental Affairs for the company. “His lobbying and administrative experience will be valuable as we work to represent the interests of our customers, employees and company at the state level.”

FirstEnergy is a diversified energy company headquartered in Akron, Ohio. Its subsidiaries and affiliates are involved in the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity, as well as energy management and other energy-related services. Its seven electric utility operating companies comprise the nation’s fifth largest investor-owned electric system, based on 4.5 million customers served, within a 36,100-square-mile area of Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey; and its generation subsidiaries control more than 14,000 megawatts of capacity.

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