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**CARE warns landowners
 It's NOT Over !
 Do not sign !**

Under the law, FirstEnergy representatives are permitted to enter properties along the approved route to conduct survey operations. **Even if the Ohio Supreme Court rules against CARE, no actual construction work can proceed until the company has acquired easements from property owners.**

Jim Galm, CARE's president, is reminding members and residents along the OPSB-approved route: "It's very important to keep our eyes on the ball at this point. FE will be trying to persuade us that the process is over and that signing the easement contract is our only option. Bullroar. The certificate of environmental compatibility and public need that PUCO granted to FE is presently under litigation in the Supreme Court of the State of Ohio, thanks to the undying perseverance of CARE members and the incomparable professional service and support that we have received from our legal team and their law firm, Taft, Stettinius and Hollister.

Make no mistake friends and neighbors. **It's not over!"**

Meanwhile, CARE members are focusing on the main task at hand, raising cash for the Defense Fund to pay the considerable expense of last year's efforts to defeat the OPSB application as well as the cost of the Supreme Court appeal. Nearby is a listing of scheduled activities in the rest of 2009, and all of 2010. CARE members greatly appreciate the way the Geauga community, not to mention our many good friends elsewhere, has supported its various fundraising efforts. We are counting on you to hang in there with us throughout the coming year.

IT'S A DATE

DECEMBER
 3 - CARE Regular Meeting
2010
 JANUARY
 7 - CARE Regular Meeting
 23 - Ethnic Dinner
 FEBRUARY
 4 - CARE Regular Meeting
 14 - Valentine's Day Dinner
 19 - Fish Fry
 26 - Fish Fry
 MARCH
 4 - CARE Regular Meeting
 5 - Fish Fry
 12 - Fish Fry
 17 - Fish Fry
 26 - Fish Fry
 APRIL
 1 - CARE Regular Meeting
 2 - Fish Fry
 22-25 Maple Festival
 MAY
 6 - CARE Regular Meeting
 13-14-15 - CARE Garage Sale
 22 - Fundraising event and Drawing for Vacation Cash
 JUNE
 3 - CARE Regular Meeting
 tba - Turkey Dinner or BBQ
 JULY
 1 - CARE Regular Meeting
 4 - Ice Cream at Thompson
 AUGUST
 5 - CARE Regular Meeting
 SEPTEMBER
 2-6 - Great Geauga County Fair
 9 - CARE Regular Meeting *
 25 - Clam Bake
 OCTOBER
 2-3 - Huntsburg Pumpkin Festival
 7 - CARE Regular Meeting *
 NOVEMBER
 4 - CARE Regular Meeting
 21 - Ethnic Dinner and drawing for Holiday Cash
 DECEMBER
 3 - CARE Regular Meeting
 * NOTE - NOT OUR USUAL DAY

**CARE joins eBay
 Giving Works**

CARE is now part of eBay's Giving Works. Through the program, CARE members and anyone else desiring to support CARE financially can list their items on eBay and donate a portion of the sale proceeds to CARE.

Help raise funds for CARE

Any eBay seller can use eBay Giving Works to donate 10% to 100% of their item's final sale price to CARE, and get a credit on their Insertion and Final Value fees. (The minimum for eBay Motors sellers is 1%). With the item description for every listing that benefits CARE, buyers will see a banner with information about the organization, a link to our eBay Giving Works page, and the percentage of the final sale price the seller is donating.

Each eBay Giving Works listing is identified by a special ribbon logo, catching buyers' eyes. Your listing stands out in search results. Buyers see that their purchase helps you help a worthy cause.



More bids and higher prices

Buyers are inspired to buy and often will pay more for items benefiting a nonprofit.

When your eBay Giving Works listing sells, eBay will credit back your Insertion and Final Listing Fees by the same percentage you donated. Giving 50% of your item's final sale price? You'll get back 50% of your fees. Giving 100%? You get back all of your Insertion and Final Value Fees.

Buyers can find your item when they search on eBay, on eBay Giving Works, and on the About My Nonprofit page. It's like having three listings for the price of one!

Currently there are no items for sale to benefit our organization, but you can help! Be the first to list an item and help our cause today.

Not set up to list with eBay? No Problem! Call To have your item picked up. We will photograph and list it for you! Jim Galm, 216-346-0782 or Randy Bennett, 440-479-3392

Check CARE's website at www.caregeauga.org for more info.

**CARE meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month at the Montville Community Center, next to the Fire Station on Rt. 528, just south of US Rt. 6, Montville. Everyone welcome.
 The next CARE meeting will be Thursday, January 7, 2010.
 Find us on the Web at www.caregeauga.org**

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CARE

Defense Fund Campaign

Your dollars will fuel the fight to preserve our countryside

CARE FUNDRAISING GOAL:

\$325,000

DONOR RECOGNITION

DONOR LEVEL	MIN. DONATION	BENEFACTOR GOAL
DIAMOND	\$20,000	3
PLATINUM	\$10,000	6
GOLD	\$ 5,000	10
SILVER	\$ 2,000	16
BRONZE	\$ 1,000	20

CARE DONOR HONOR ROLL

DONOR LEVEL	NAME
DIAMOND	
PLATINUM	Layer Zero Power Systems, Inc. Anonymous (1)
GOLD	Jim Galm
SILVER	Pat Jonath Don Hibler Randy Bennett Rocco & Mary DiFranco Brian Ross Ed & Sharon Blankenship Cyrene Zion Anonymous (5)
BRONZE	Dan & Diane Worthington Garey Chalmers & Mary Bennett Anonymous (4)

What's New?

CARE has a new Secretary following the retirement of Sharon Blankenship. She is Kathleen Binnig of Thompson. Members can reach her at (440) 298-3914.



CARE has joined such notables as Sarah Palin, Barack and Michelle Obama, and yes, even FirstEnergy Corp. in being represented by a page on the popular social networking website Facebook.. The site claims nearly 300 million monthly users worldwide.

CARE is listed under the heading of Community Organizations. The URL address leading to CARE's page is a head-splitting:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=106230774198&ref=search&sid=100000277913763.1013617415..1#/group.php?gid=18908532383&ref=search&sid=100000277913763.1013617415..1>, but the simplest way to get there is by typing the word "CARE" into the search block.



CARE is now a member of the eBay GivingWorks program. When anyone lists an item to sell on eBay, they can choose to donate from 10% up to 100% of the proceeds to CARE. Select CARE from the registered non-profit charities listed in the GivingWorks section. Fuller details appear in a story on the reverse side, and on the CARE website at www.caregeauga.org.

Please remember CARE in your year-end giving

A message from James M. Galm, president of CARE

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every CARE benefactor, member, officer, committee member, friend, and sponsor for their help and support over the last two and a half years. Without your support and perseverance, CARE would not be the organization that it is today.

When FirstEnergy proposed the Geauga 138 kV Transmission Line Supply Project in March 2007, it was obviously a horribly irresponsible project and a bad solution to FirstEnergy's electrical problems in Geauga County. Nearly everyone in northeast Ohio was opposed to the project.

One by one, FirstEnergy began acquiring the support of politicians and businesses. Witness the about-face of the Geauga County Commissioners away from their constituents and toward FirstEnergy. The support of township trustees outside of the affected areas, originally pledged to CARE, mysteriously waned after visits from FirstEnergy.

FirstEnergy employed the well-known tactic of trying to pit communities against each other to weaken opposition to their plans. FirstEnergy's carefully orchestrated plan of turning Chardon against the northeast townships certainly caused Chardon to spend a great deal of money in opposition to our cause.

FirstEnergy has continued their tactic of trying to wear down landowners with repeated visits from their real estate representatives. Sporting terribly unfavorable contracts and paltry sums of money, the FirstEnergy minions have canvassed our neighborhoods for months looking to prey on our neighbors.

CARE followed all of the rules, worked relentlessly, and mounted a fantastic legal defense against FirstEnergy. CARE based its case on inarguable facts, sound law, and the testimony of technical experts and dozens of concerned citizens. CARE presented a winning case to the Ohio Power Siting Board in the last half of 2008. To our dismay and horror, the Ohio Power Siting Board ignored the case record and "rubber stamped" FirstEnergy's project in a six-minute meeting in Columbus. CARE's appeals to the Ohio Power Siting Board fell on ears made deaf to facts, law, and reason.

CARE has now have taken the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio before the Ohio Supreme Court, to obtain justice. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio violated the constitutional rights of Ohio's citizens to due process and fair hearing by ignoring the case record and allowing the Ohio Power Siting Board to issue a construction certificate to FirstEnergy in error. It is the duty of the Justices of the Ohio Supreme Court to realize and correct the error committed by the PUCO.

We now face the challenge of raising the funds to pay for this incredible fight. These are very difficult times to raise funds for any project, and raising funds for CARE has been no exception. I am personally asking everyone to be as generous with your donations, time, and support as you can possibly be. CARE needs your support even more now than it did back in March 2007.

Friends and neighbors, this has been a long and exhausting fight against FirstEnergy and the PUCO. These organizations have unlimited resources and many friends in politics. CARE, on the other hand, has the truth, the facts, absolute credibility, and the unyielding spirit of dedicated members and friends.

Working together, we will prevail.