



Climbing back down...Eight years after going out on a limb for electricity savings that proved to be largely illusory, **Ohio** entertains a plan to undo much of its **restructuring** program and return at least part way to **traditional utility regulation**...Governor **Ted Strickland** unveiled legislative proposal last month to keep Public Utilities Commission rate-setting authority in place when rate freeze effective since 2001 under restructuring law expires at end of 2008; plan also calls for 25% reliance on **renewables, conservation** by 2025; Governor says he hopes for legislative approval by year's end; among major drivers of policy shift: state's biggest **manufacturers**, early cheerleaders for restructuring, now disillusioned and calling for return to regulated utilities. **Not in my *front yard*???** Plan to reduce outages, tree-trimming by burying power lines underground falls by the wayside when Public Service Company of Oklahoma runs into organized opposition from Tulsa homeowners — reason: transformer boxes placed in front yards would have been visible from streets.