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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Att: Docketing Division
180 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: 15% AEP increase

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Gentlemen:

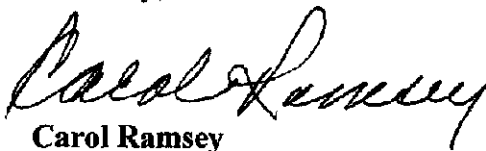
I am on a fixed income and a substantial amount of my retirement funds are now gone.

I understand that AEP is financially hurting at this time, but so am I. They can go to their customers to increase electrical rates by 15% a year for the next three years, but when my funds are gone who do I go to to bail me out? They are also asking for an additional charge on our bills because they had to repair the electric lines during Hurricane Ike, what have we paid for all these years?

I have paid my mortgage payment/utilities and charge cards on time and have cut back on "buying things" so that I can stay within a budget, what has AEP done?

I would hope your commission would not condone this outrageous charge being applied to our electric bills.

Sincerely,


Carol Ramsey