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R.E. PROPOSED RATE INCREASE FOR A.E.P.

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I, ROBERT S. MANN AGE 70 AND MY WIFE SHARON A. MANN AGE 62 BOTH DEPEND ON SOC. SEC. + A SMALL PRIVATE INCOME (LESS THAN 10,000.00 PER YR.).

WE BOTH HAVE HEALTH PROBLEMS. I HAD OPEN HEART SURGERY (TRIPLE BYPASS) AND MAJOR SURGERY FOR COLON CANCER WITHIN THE PAST FEW YEARS. MY WIFE HAS ACUTE RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS. EVEN WITH THIS VERY DEBILITATING CONDITION SHE STILL WORKS PART-TIME. I AM UNABLE TO WORK.

WE HAVE TO SCRIMP, CUT CORNERS, DO WITHOUT, AND STILL WE CAN BARELY EXIST.

A RAISE BY A.E.P. OF ANY AMOUNT, ESPECIALLY THE *45% OVER 3 YRS. WOULD BE CATASTROPHOBIC TO US AND THE MAJORITY OF OTHERS IN OUR AGE BRACKET.

IT'S TIME FOR LARGE CORPORATIONS TO LOOK INSIDE THEIR OWN COS. TO CUT EXPENSES AND INCREASE EFFICIENCY. I.E. SALARIES AND PERKS. OF ALL EXECUTIVES WOULD BE A GOOD PLACE TO START.

A COUPLE OF SMALL FISH IN A VERY BIG POND,

Robert S. Mann AND Sharon A. Mann

* A 15% INCREASE PER YEAR WOULD ACCUALLY GIVE A.E.P. AND 50% INCREASE IN THE 3RD YEAR OVER THE CURRENT RATES. AN AMOUNT WE SIMPLY CAN NOT AFFORD.

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