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I am unable to attend a future public hearing. I am writing in reference to Case Numbers 08-917-EL-SSO (Columbus Southern Power) and 08-918-EL-SSO (Ohio Power).

I am concerned with the impact of higher electric rates and what they would mean for my household. I am already stretched to limits on my bills and have made as many cutbacks and taken away luxuries. I don't know what else I can cut back on to be able to afford what these rates would do to my electric bill.

We all are stretched to the limits due to fuel costs. We are seeing a slight relief at the pumps currently. I don't know how long that will last or if it is due to current campaigns. I am truly stretched as far as possible. The amount that you are asking also just seems astronomical. Please reconsider what this will due to families already struggling.

Sincerely,

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