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To whom it may concern:

Let me say that the AEP's performance during the windstorm of Hurricane Ike was less than stellar. There was proof that equipment was not well maintained, lines, etc. Why would we want to reward poor performance with a raise in rates? More importantly in times of deep recession people have enough problems paying their bills without a rate increase for their utility bills. Utility companies need to make do just the same as the people they serve. It seems to me that there are moral issues involved in the current economic situation and how do we know that this is not the case with AEP?

Please do not grant this increase for AEP.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours, truly,

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