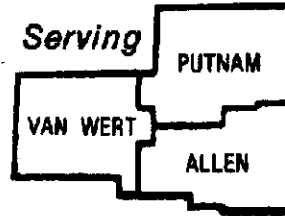


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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Docketing Division
Re: Case #08-918-EI-SSO(Ohio Power)
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Commission:

I read with special interest that Ohio Power is again requesting a rate hike. When they last requested an additional increase I was able to testify at the public hearing in Lima. I'm not able to be at the hearing on Monday, October 20, 2008, but as the Executive Director of a senior center I am very interested in how rate increases impact on elderly residents.

Our clients are finding it extremely difficult to met their current bills and an increase from Ohio Power would further create a hardship for most of the elderly. We are serving more clients that are over 80 years of age and many are into their 90's. Most live on Social Security, although they have Medicare to help with medical bills, Medicare costs over \$96.00 a month, comes right out of their Social Security. The client never even sees that money. Many no longer drive because the cost of owning a vehicle is prohibitive. Most elderly people take several medications. Medicine is necessary, but expensive. The cost of living continues to rise monthly. Most of our clients are classified low income through no fault of their own. They didn't expect to live so long and should be spared from Ohio Power's repeated requests for rate increases.

Thank you for your concern about utility increases for all Ohio residents and the impact those increases have on everyone, especially the elderly.

Sincerely,

Joyce K. Hale
Executive Director

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