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Memorandum

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Re: Tom Swisher 5576 Patriot

Orient, OH 43146

Docketing Case No.: 08-917-EL-SSO & 08-918-EL-SSO

Notes:

I don't know if this is the proper forum or not, but I was unable to attend the hearing regarding the 45% rate hike proposed by AEP. I would like to state that I simply cannot afford such a drastic hike in my electric bill. I work at several jobs, but with the price of everything going up am finding it very hard to make ends meet, especially when raises in income don't keep up with increases in expenses. Such a drastic rate hike would severely hinder my ability to keep my head above water and would require me to start making very tough choices (Food or electric bill? Water bill or phone bill?). I live on a budget and simply cannot afford a 45% jump in my electric bill, especially on an income that doesn't keep up with expense hikes.

Please docket the attached in the case number above.

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