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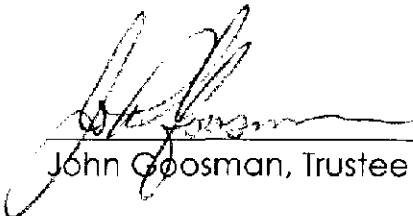
RE: AEP Rate Increase case # 08-918-EL-SSO

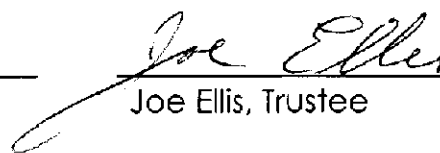
To Whom It May Concern:

The Trustees of Wells Township represent all the citizens and are responsible to speak for them. We hear their issues and are at the grass roots of involvement with them. The demographics of our citizen's show about 60% of them are on fixed incomes which have proven very difficult in the past few years with gasoline prices, heating oil prices and a general increase in nearly every food product you can name.

We realize that AEP provides some of the lowest rates but we also realize that a 15% rate increase per year for three years will be a great burden on most of our citizens. The fact that AEP says that rate increases after 2011 would be less than 10% per year seems to predict the 45% increase will continue to move upward. This is a very distressing prospect for nearly all citizens. The fact that this increase far exceeds normal inflation running at 2% to 3% per year and is one of the largest electric rate increases requested in the last 30 years indicates that the P.U.C.O. should examine the need closely to ensure the protection of the consuming public.

Sincerely,


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