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RE: Case Numbers 08-917-EL-SSO and 08-918-EL-SSO

Sir / Madam:

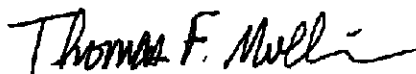
I am writing to express my opinion on AEP's proposed electric security plan (ESP) that you are currently reviewing.

I am against an increase of this size. The amount in their proposal is ridiculous. How can the average person afford an increase like this, especially in the current economic environment? The proposed amount is well beyond the rate of inflation and would put an undue burden on the consumer, especially those of lower incomes.

Do you think this increase will also punish everyone who tries to realize a cost savings on their electric bills by switching to CFL's or to more energy efficient appliances? I think it will. Two years ago I did switch over to CFL's and had a new heating and cooling unit installed where I live. I now have a significantly lower electric bill every month. But now AEP is planning to take this cost savings away from me. What was the point of my doing any of this when the savings will be taken back when AEP thinks they need it? My "carbon footprint" is now smaller, but my wallet will be also.

I am respectfully suggesting that you say "NO" to this proposal and then ask AEP to come back with a better plan and if they have to, ask for increases far lower than what they are now proposing.

Sincerely,



Thomas F. Mullins

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