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in regards to: AEP Rate Increase

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Attn: Docketing Division Case #08-917-EL-SSO 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

It is with great urgency that I compose this letter to you today. I'm highly concerned at the proposed rate increase of 15% per year for three years for Ohio families.

In the information I have received, AEP is asking for over \$1 billion from Ohio families. Apparently this is to recover carrying costs on environmental investment and to reflect inflation on the generation costs, to enhance reliability improvements, and to compensate AEP for estimated financial risk to provide electricity to customers who shop for alternative suppliers.

First and foremost, a company should only request funds and monies they feel are necessary to provide the services to its clients...not request funds for over and above just to have a "cushion" for a bad day. AEP hasn't proven to me or any of my neighbors why the funds are needed and where and how they will be allocated. Why should this increase be over 3 just years time?

Second, I believe when AEP submitted its electric security plan with the estimates of fuel costs, they did so during the highest market prices. Don't you think that should be re-evaluated as the price of a gallon of gas has dropped over \$2.00 per gallon in the past 2 months?

Finally, I urge you to reconsider the increase AEP is requesting to put on Ohio families. Consider those families that are stretching every dollar they have to make ends meet due to increased grocery prices, consider those elderly neighbors that have to turn back their thermostats and pray they can make due on their fixed incomes, and consider those families that are trying to decide whether they heat their home for their family or pay for needed prescriptions to keep them alive to the next paycheck. Please don't let AEP increase our rates and make Central Ohioans suffer starting January 1st, 2009.

Cordially

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