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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to American Electric Power's Electric Security Plan. I believe that the proposed rate increase of 15% for 3 consecutive years is unfair and unjustified. There are major issues involved beyond just the total 45% or perhaps higher increase.

I am not at all opposed to any company making profit, but we are talking about a company that mainly provides a necessary service and not a luxury. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio should look into the profits and revenue gained by American Electric Power and allow the rates to be marginally increased by a smaller percentage than that is being proposed.

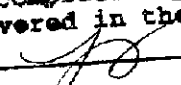
If this increased is allowed, the residential consumers will not only see a large increase of 15% in an electricity cost, but an increase on other needs such as food, clothing, and other necessities. Grocery and retail stores are not going to eat the utility increase cost, it will be passed on to the customers. The only other alternative for a company to not pass on their increased electric cost to their customers is to layoff workers. So we are looking at potential job losses or increased prices of goods with the possibility of both.

Schools, churches, and other charitable organizations will also be adversely affected. Most of the general population wallets are currently stretched thin. Stark County has seen levies fail, people proclaiming that they can't afford the increase which may amount \$30.00 a month. If people are forced to pay over that amount in rising electricity rates for sure future levies will fail.

I just hope that consideration of drastically lower increases is taking to account with today's economy and ways to hold American Electric Power accountable. It has been stated that American Electric Power Rates for Ohio are lower than many other area's rates, but according to the Census Bureau there are at least 29 states that have a higher median household incomes than Ohio. Does American Electric Power really need these substantial rate increases based on their profits and revenue?

Thank you for your time and consideration.


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