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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of everyone in my residential neighborhood in the northeast part of Circleville, Ohio, we wish, and everybody else I have spoken with, to vehemently oppose any increase for American Electric Power, at this time. At this time we should not be adding to the burden of the average citizen who has been left behind during the last eight (8) years. Fifteen percent (15%) per year actually amounts to about a 60% increase over a three (3) year period. In addition, they have the audacity to ask for money to clean up after the wind storm caused by the remnants of Hurricane Ike.

I have been living in this present house since September 1, 1979, and we have never experienced any more electrical outages, for no apparent reason, in any other place we have lived. We actually lived in the South Central Rural Electric area for several years before we moved into the City of Circleville. We are in our 70s so we do have some experience. We had two (2) significant electrical outages in our neighborhood, with my address being 512 Willow Lane, Circleville, Ohio, on a Tuesday evening, July 8, 2008, and a Thursday evening, July 10, 2008. The July 8th episode was not a severe thunderstorm and, in fact, the outage occurred several hours prior to moderate rain and wind arriving. The outage for Thursday, July 10th, did not have any storm related with it, as it was perfectly beautiful weather. There were two (2) additional outages in July and one (1) since (the exact month I do not remember) as they are so frequent I stopped making notes of them since I dictated this note on July 11, 2008, but didn't get around to finishing it until now.

It is obvious to us in the neighborhood that we have been totally neglected as far as the electric company doing any upgrades. We only see them here when there are outages to correct. We can't help but wonder what percentage of increased compensation the

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executives have been receiving over these 29 years, when they haven't put a dime into our neighborhood. Then monitoring the recent news about PUCO conducting hearings on this outrageous request by AEP, we find that the CEO makes \$19.7 million per year. This is just another example of what has to be turned around and, at least, controlled in our country if we expect everyone to prosper again. No one is worth more than \$1 million dollars a year and these people who make hundreds and even billions are going to have to learn that. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to lay off people to attempt to make more money, which turns out to be for the purpose of rewarding the top executives. The last ten (10) to fifteen (15) years we've even seen executives run their companies into bankruptcy and still draw morally unconscionable salaries (even after we taxpayers bail them out).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy H. Huffer", written over a horizontal line.

Roy H. Huffer

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cc: Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel
Ohio Governor, Ted Strickland
American Electric Power