

FILE

3

Hunter, Donielle

From: ContactThePUCO@puc.state.oh.us
Sent: Monday, January 05, 2009 2:22 PM
To: Docketing
Subject: Docketing
Attachments: TSNI12310849 3831465.pdf

RECEIVED-DOCKETING DIV
2009 JAN -5 PM 2:26
PUCO

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Investigation and Audit Division

Memorandum

Date: 1/5/2009

Re: Todd Snitchler
77 S High

Columbus, OH 43215

Docketing Case No.: 08-917-EL-SSO
08-918-EL-SSO

Notes:

Please docket the attached in the case number above.

This is to certify that the images appearing are an
accurate and complete reproduction of a case file
document delivered in the regular course of business.
Technician SM Date Processed JAN 05 2009

1/5/2009

Todd Snitchler
10608 Cleveland Ave NW, Suite B
Uniontown OH 44686
Phone: 330.858-4930

Todd Snitchler,
State Representative-elect

Fax

To: Public Utilities Commission of Ohio From: Todd Snitchler
Fax: 1-614-752-8351 Date: December 23, 2008
Phone: Pages: One following cover sheet
Re: Proposed Rate Increase for AEP CC:
☒ Urgent ☐ For Review ☐ Please Comment ☐ Please Reply ☐ Please Recycle

•Comments:

DEI 23 2009 12:35
Please answer at your earliest convenience.

PAGE 01

RECEIVED

DEC 24 2008

December 22, 2008

Office of Chairman
P.U.C.O.

Alan R. Schriber, Chairman
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 E. Broad St.
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: **Proposed Rate Increases for American Electric Power**

Dear Mr. Schriber,

As the State Representative-elect for the 50th District, please accept this letter in opposition to the proposed rate plan set forth by American Electric Power.

The proposed rate plan would have significant, detrimental impact on families and businesses in Stark County. Our economy is struggling even more than the state average.

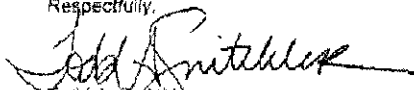
At a time when costs are rising on many of the basics for families, a 53 percent increase over three years in electrical service is poorly timed at best, and potentially disastrous for our local economy at worst. Families already struggling to maintain their homes will have further difficulties in making ends meet. They would be placed at this risk despite the fact that AEP has already demonstrated that it is a profitable company, contributing a strong rate of return to its shareholders.

Further, Ohio is already perceived to be unattractive to business. By adding one more negative item on a prospective employer's site assessment check list, AEP's proposed increase will further reduce the competitive placement of Stark County, and the state as a whole, as we compete for businesses and jobs. Among the most likely companies to think twice about Ohio are the very businesses we are hoping to attract (e.g. manufacturing operations, high tech industries, and research and development).

While I recognize that AEP's costs have undoubtedly increased over time, the fact that the company is by all accounts profitable and providing its shareholders a respectable rate of return indicates that a delay to this or any other rate increase is in order.

For these reasons, I am opposed to the proposed rate increase for American Electric Power and urge the PUCO to deny the request as presented.

Respectfully,



Todd A. Smith
State Representative-elect
50th District

District Office:
16888 Cleveland Ave MW Suite B • P.O. Box 1255
Uniontown, Ohio 44668
330.888.4930