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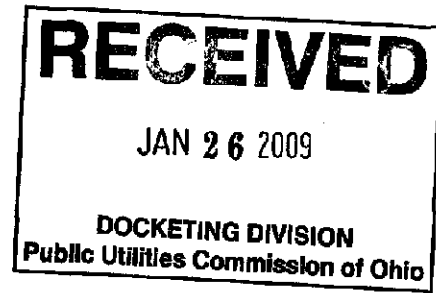
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This letter is in regards to the requested rate hike from AEP.

I am self-employed and I can not afford an increase in my electric. The Columbus Public Schools are asking for me to vote for a levy, that will increase my property taxes, and Columbus Gas has already announced that a hike will go into effect this winter season. When I go to the grocery store, food prices have increased at least 25% from one year ago.

I can not afford the rate hike that AEP is proposing. I take a loss on my business every year and I do not have someone or the tax payers to bail me out. AEP charged the customer a fee to keep the trees trimmed away from the electric wires. A Columbus TV station's investigation found that AEP had not trimmed any trees in eleven years.

In the winter of 2004 I was without electric for six days -- in September I was without electric for also six days. AEP knows that they do not have to correct the problems because as in 2004 the consumers will pay for their inadequacy. I lost this time over \$700 in food that spoiled, who is going to pay for my loss? AEP should take the blame that they stole for eleven years and correct the problem.

Members of the PUCO please do the job that you were commissioned to do. Look out for consumer's rights. The American people are tired of the Gasco that our so-called leaders have put us in. We need a break.

Sincerely,



Diann L. Thomas Beasley