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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
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Memorandum

Date: 4/23/2009

Re: Tom Harmon  
110 Central Plz S  
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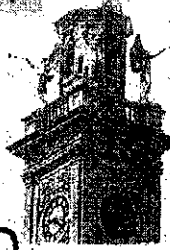
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Dr. Alan R. Schriber, Chairman  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Office of Chairman  
P.U.C.O.

Dear Dr. Schriber:

On behalf of the Board of Stark County Commissioners, I am sending this letter and attached resolution formally requesting to re-hear the American Electric Power-Ohio (AEP) electric security plan (ESP), as modified and approved by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio on March 18, 2009. We believe Stark County, by virtue of being the representative of all businesses and residents in Stark should be considered an interested party in this case. Also, as a major consumer of electricity in Stark County, we believe our government is an interested party.

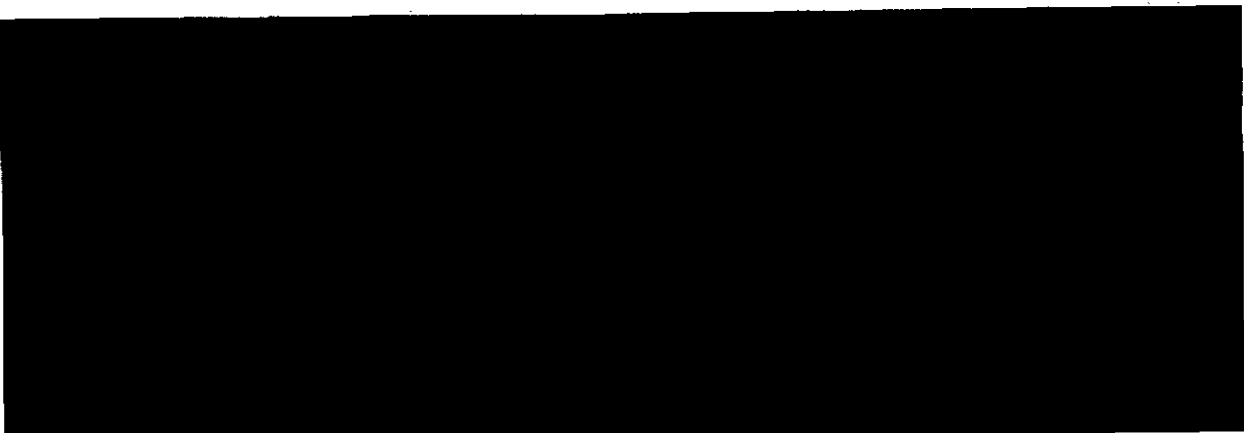
While we appreciate PUCO action in reducing the AEP Ohio Power division request from its original 15 percent in each of three years to 8, 7 and 8 percent each year beginning this year, we believe the modification merely lowered the request from obscene to outrageous. On top of that, the modification is even more egregious because it allows the increase to be retroactive to January 1, 2009. This increase is not gradual; it is shocking.

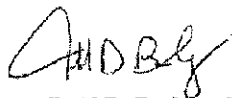
The Board of Stark County Commissioners requests a second round of hearings to address this PUCO-modified plan. Input again should be sought from affected businesses and residents. Such a stiff rate increase will exacerbate the economic problems of our community and all other communities served by AEP-Ohio.

Once again, please accept this letter and attached resolution as our request for a series of re-hearings on the modified rate increases.

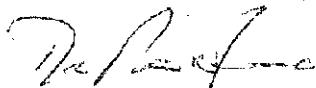
Thank you,

Tom Harmon - President  
Stark County Commissioner



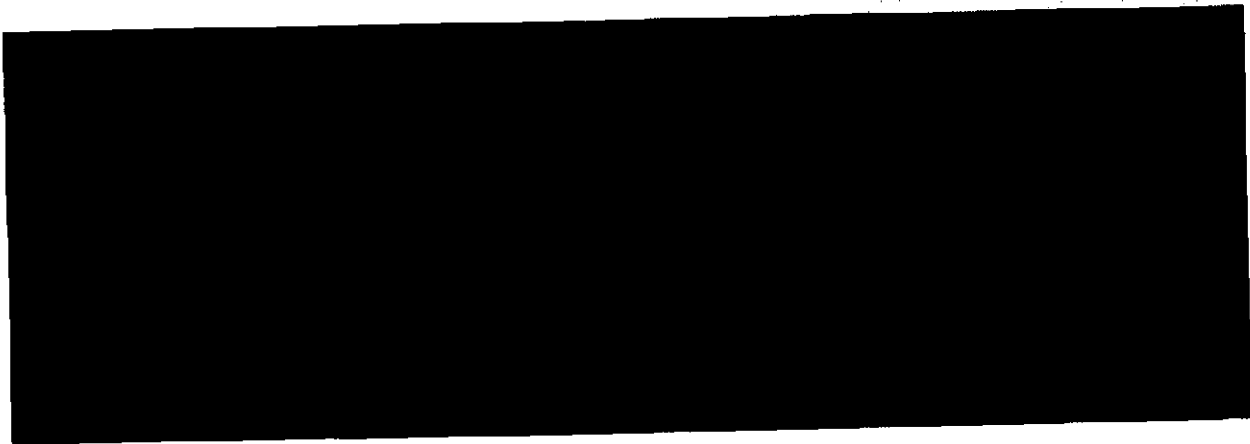


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Stark County Commissioner



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# Resolution

Stark County Commissioners

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Adopted April 1, 2009

COMMISSIONERS

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TOM HARMON

Subject OPPOSITION TO AEP RATE INCREASE

Commissioner Bosley moved the adoption of the following resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Ferguson:

Whereas, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), on March 18, 2009, modified and approved American Electric Power's Electric Security Plan (ESP), and

Whereas, the modified plan calls for rate increases within AEP's Ohio Power district of 8 percent in 2009, 7 percent in 2010 and 8 percent in 2011, retroactive to January 1, 2009, and

Whereas, the Board of Stark County Commissioners finds the increase to be outrageously high for residents, businesses and governments with the County and within the Ohio Power district, and

Whereas, the Board of Stark County Commissioners recognizes that in economic times of double-digit unemployment rates, the State of Ohio and its agencies should be encouraging business expansion by controlling utility rate increases, and

Whereas, PUCO adjusted increase contains a retroactive payment clause, which causes an excessive initial payment as well as increasing the compound annual growth rate,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Board of Stark County Commissioners, on behalf of the County's residents, businesses and governments, including itself, files this formal appeal of the recent decision and requests the PUCO to reopen hearings on the rate increases.

Upon roll call the vote resulted as follows:

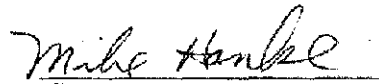
Mr. Harmon - Yes

Mr. Bosley - Yes

Dr. Ferguson - Yes

## CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct record of the resolution adopted by the Board.

  
Mike Hanke  
County Administrator