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Office of Chairman
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Dr. Alan Schriber, Chairman
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street, 12th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Schriber,

I have been contacted by several constituents from my Ohio House district with regard to concerns about the proposed rate increases in American Electric Power's (AEP) electric security plan, as authorized by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Case # 08-917-EL-SSO). Most of my constituents in rural Southeastern Ohio are served by AEP.

My understanding of the ESP is that the proposed rate increases are supposed to be between 6 to 8 percent per year. However, I have heard from constituents in my district that they are anticipating a greater increase on their electric bill. One industrial user in particular did calculations themselves and found an expected 11 percent per year rate increase, not the 6 to 8 percent per year rate figure provided by the PUCO. If this is the case for an industrial user I am concerned about the potential impact on residential customers, who could see a significant increase in rates.

I trust that the PUCO will carefully consider the details and ramifications of the proposed rate increase on customers. Rural Appalachian Ohio has been extremely hard hit in this current economic downturn and my constituents cannot afford to pay more than is absolutely necessary right now for their power needs. I appreciate your time and your willingness to consider this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debbie Phillips".

Debbie Phillips
State Representative
92nd Ohio House District

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