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Re: Scott Oelslager

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May 19, 2009

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

Dear Chairman Schriber,

I continue to be concerned about the rate increase which is most recently being implemented on the citizens and businesses of Ohio by American Electric Power (AEP). On behalf of my constituents, I request the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to reconsider the March 18, 2009 approval of the AEP retroactive rate increases on the residential customers and businesses.

It has been brought to my attention by the Ohio Consumers Council that the deferred cost, plus interest, could cost all customers more than \$900 million through 2018, of which approximately 30 percent of the cost is interest. I am also concerned about a disproportionate interest rate, estimated at 11.15 percent, that would be imposed on hard-pressed Ohio citizens.

This rate increase not only affects individuals living in Stark County but businesses as well. Any proposal must be sensitive to the current business climate as it will impact jobs. The current rate increase is not warranted during this economic climate and will only deepen the economic troubles of communities throughout Ohio. The citizens of Ohio deserve to have the retroactive rate increases imposed onto them by AEP looked at once again.

Thank you for your time working on this matter and representing the citizens of Ohio.

Sincerely,

Scott Oenslager
State Representative
House District 51

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