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Dr. Alan Schriber, Chairman  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Dear Chairman Schriber:

I am the Electrical Engineer for the Energizer Battery Manufacturing facility located in Marietta, Ohio. We currently employ 49 people at our plant. Due to the current economic situation, we have been looking for ways to decrease costs in order to keep our facility afloat.

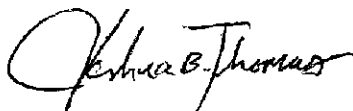
One area that we have been paying attention to closely is our utility usage and prices we pay for them. The PUCO's decision regarding AEP's electric security plan case hit us hard during these tough times. After reading the press release on this case I anticipated a 7% increase in 2009 because we are a Columbus Southern Power customer. This 7% increase is unusually high even during stable times, but during this economic situation it is even more grueling. The press release prompted me to compare our electric bill for the month of April with our electric bill from the month of March and we have seen an increase of 13%! This causes our company great concern and we now feel that we do not have any predictability when it comes to our electricity bill increase. Isn't one of the purposes of an electric security plan to secure some predictability of electricity bill increases?

A few questions have arisen at this time. Are the claims stated in your press release incorrect or is our utility wrong on the increase? If there are errors in your press release, then shouldn't you give the public some heads up so that they can prepare for these huge increases? I urge you and your fellow Commissioners to help out Ohio electric users by answering these questions in a way that keeps prices as low as possible for customers.

Here at Energizer we have taken as many actions as possible to prevent the loss of jobs and if we continue to see increases like this we may not be able to provide these jobs for people that depend so much on them during these hard times in our area. I anticipate seeing some better news than this from the PUCO soon.

Respectfully yours,

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