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Memorandum

Date: 7/8/2009

Re: Timothy Degeeter  
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**Timothy J. DeGeeter**  
State Representative, 15th House District

*Committees: Public Utilities- Chair, Criminal Justice, Economic Development,  
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June 29, 2009

Jade Davis  
Legislative Liaison  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 E. Broad St.  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Jade,

Please find enclosed a letter from the Electrical Engineer for the Energizer Battery Manufacturing facility in Marietta with questions regarding the PUCO's decision on AEP's electric security plan.

I have made him aware that the House Public Utilities Committee did not send out the press release he refers to in his letter and indicated that I would forward his letter to the appropriate party.

If you have not already, I would greatly appreciate if you could address the questions Mr. Thomas presented in his letter.

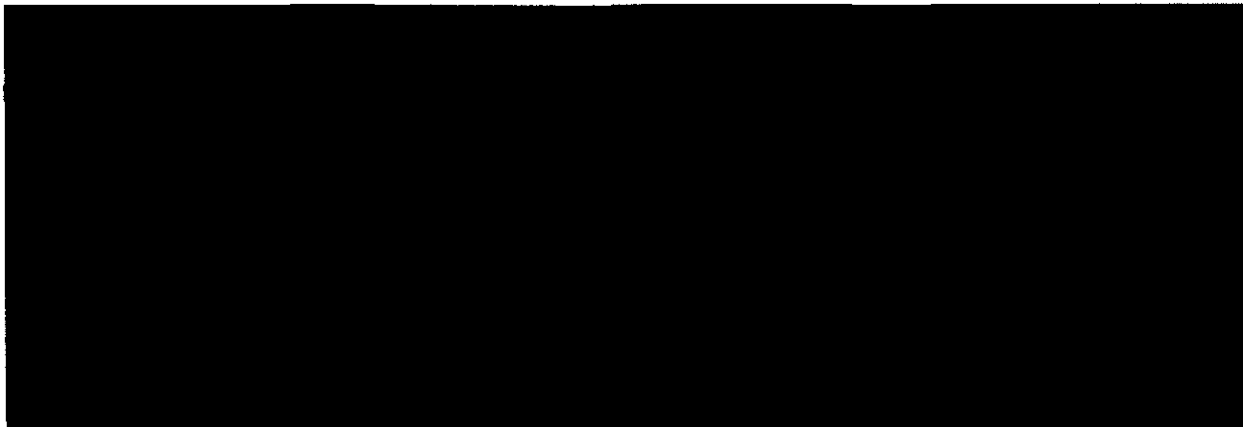
Thank you in advance for your time and assistance with this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "TJ" with a stylized flourish.

Timothy J. DeGeeter  
Ohio State Representative  
15<sup>th</sup> House District

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06/10/09

Representative Timothy DeGeeter  
Chairman, Public Utilities Committee  
Ohio House of Representatives  
77 S. High Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Representative DeGeeter:

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,

Joshua B. Thomas

*Joshua B. Thomas*

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*explain difference  
from PUCO  
PUCO ...  
Separate letter ask PUCO  
for response  
to his concerns*

