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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
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Memorandum

Date: 7/8/2009

Re: John Blind  
401 S Paint St

Chillicothe, OH 45601

Docketing Case No.: 08-917-EL-SSO and 08-918-EL-SSO

Notes: Please disregard previous message regarding John Blind, I accidentally forgot to attach the letter.  
Thank you

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Office of Chairman  
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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

Dear Chairman Schriber:

I am the Division Vice-President of a manufacturing facility located in Chillicothe, Ohio. We currently employ 1425 people at our plant. We have been following the AEP electric security plan case closely, and even closer than normal due to the current economic conditions which have hit us (and a lot of other Ohioans) particularly hard.

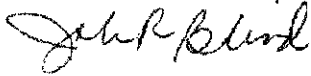
Recently I saw the PUCO issued its decision regarding AEP's electric security plan case. I also read the press release the PUCO issued on its decision. When I read the press release, I anticipated that I could expect an approximately 7% increase in 2009 because I am a Columbus Southern customer. This 7% increase would be a big increase for us in normal times, but is an even tougher burden to shoulder under current conditions. Your press release prompted me to follow up with our electric utility customer representative. He/she provided me with information that indicates that the 7% increase is nowhere near what our actual increase will be for 2009. My customer representative informs me that our total electric bill will increase by 20% in 2009 (this includes the effect of the retroactive rates). To top it off, my customer representative tells me that he cannot tell me what my increase will be in 2010. Being able to predict with some certainty what my price for electricity will be in the near future is also important to our business and I thought predictability was one of the purposes of an electric security plan.

Either the claims in your press release or the results estimated by our utility are wrong and the size of the increases leave me hoping that both of you are wrong on the high side.

When you take this up in rehearing I urge you to carefully review the current approved rates verses the promised cap of 7%. We are counting on your commitment to mitigate rate increases at a time when Ohioans can least afford them.

Unless we can turn some things around in a hurry, we may soon find ourselves unable to provide the jobs that are so critical to the well being of the people who live in our community. I hope to hear some better news from the PUCO about all of this and to hear it soon.

Respectfully yours,



John R. Blind  
Division Vice President  
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