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Debbie Phillips
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Todd Snitchler
Chairman, PUCO
180 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

August 24, 2011
Case # 11-0346-EL-SSO

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

I am writing to express my concern about and opposition to the proposed rate increases included as part of the proposed electric security plan (ESP) by AEP-Ohio (Columbus Southern Power and Ohio Power). AEP-Ohio has proposed increasing rates and adding many new non-bypassable charges which could cause hardship for constituents and businesses in my district, and which could limit potential savings should customers choose to shop for electricity in the market.

With previous rate increases of close to 73% since Columbus and Southern Power's acquisition of Monongahela Power in 2006, another rate increase to customers seems unreasonable. Prices in neighboring states are lower than AEP's proposed rates currently, and this proposed increase could further harm an already difficult economic climate in my district. In addition, the inclusion of many new, non-bypassable riders would create real limitations on the ability of customers to shop for better rates.

Ohioans are living through a period of economic uncertainty and challenge, and to propose increased prices for consumers right now is not in the best interest of my constituents or our region's economic recovery. I ask that you, your staff, and the Commissioners weigh the potential impact on our local economy and on my constituents, and that you carefully consider these impacts as you deliberate and develop your order with regard to this ESP request.

Thank you for your service to Ohio, and your continued attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Representative Debbie Phillips

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Related Case Number:

TYPE: complaint

NAME: Mrs. sharon schall

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INDUSTRY:Electric

ACCOUNT INFORMATION:

- Company: aep
- *(no account name provided?)*
- Service address: 146 w. union st.
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COMPLAINT DESCRIPTION:

AEP has asked you for another rate increase after being granted one in 2008 from 10.87 to 13.56-30% increase. My husband who will be 71 in Nov. and I @ 67 are both still working with no raises for a long time. We have to work to pay our bills and we provide electric, water and trash for my 87 year old Mother. Please take into consideration the many, many people who are trying to hold on to their homes and living on social security alone. Every increase puts them in danger of loss of home. There are many of these folks and I hope you will consider before you grant them another increase. My bill this month was \$404 for a 3800 sq. ft. home brick, 200 yrs. old that has a window ac in family room, only room downstairs with air and an attic heat pump which allows us to sleep at night. It is kept on 80 degrees. The worse part is that I expected a bigger bill than normal last month due to the extreme heat and it was \$294. We did not have that extreme heat this past month and this bill is despicable.