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I encourage everybody who can't make it to Columbus for the Nov. 14 meeting of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to write to PUCO to voice your opinion about the rate increase. You also can contact PUCO by phone at 800-686-7826 or online at www.puco.ohio.gov. The office address is PUCO, 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215.

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I do want to thank the AEP representatives who were present at the meeting because they stayed after and answered all my questions. The only one that I forgot to ask was: How did they come up with 17 percent number?

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Attention PUCO

NO AEP Increase

They have enough hidden charges!!

I'm a widow trying to stay in her home & living on my 55 check.

Hoping to save any extra for future care for medical expenses.

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