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COMMENT DESCRIPTION:

I write in reference is to Columbus Dispatch article Oct 30,2011 G-1 by Benjamin Marrison in which he describes the AEP/PUCO negotiated settlement regarding the AEP rate hike request. He states PUCO has allowed parties to the case to keep documents sealed. He states parties to the settlement do not include consumer representatives. And he states the few documents that were provided to the Dispatch reporter, Dan Gearino, were essentially devoid of meaningful content.

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I would like to know why a "negotiated settlement" can proceed -- I would like to know what the stakes are for AEP and the public -- I would like to know when representatives of the public and the press will be allowed to weigh in on the terms of the settlement. I would like to know why the PUCO appears to be less than totally transparent in this rate hike.

Thank you.