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180 E. Broad St. Columbus OH

Ref: current rate increase request from AEP

Dear Chairperson and PUCO;

I am writing to show my concern for the current request from AEP to once again raise our rates. I am 63 years old and do have a job, but it is the kind of job where my salary has remained the same for the last 10 years and will probably stay that way, while everything else rises around me. I struggle to stay off of any assistance as I do not want to become a burden to society or our government but it gets harder every year and I am afraid. As it is I keep my heat so low in the winter months that my Mother can not visit me for long as the house is too cold for her. She is 88. I do not have whole house air, only window air conditioners that I use very sparingly. Overall it seems like such a sad thing to have to worry about in our great country.

I read the many articles in the paper but do not understand the reasoning being presented. I have included two articles that appeared in my local paper, the Canton Repository, on the same recent day. How can a company that just admits their earnings are up 67% say they need a 17% rate increase? I can not go to my boss and ask for a pay increase to cover my electric bill. I am All Electric. Where are the plans for people who are all Electric? Why aren't there any discounts for me? I honestly do not know what I will do if my rates go up that much. As it is, I close all my other rooms off and only heat the room I am in, mostly the Living Room. I use little room heaters for the bathroom and kitchen and only turn them on as I need them. I use a lot of blankets at night and do not turn the heat on at all in my bedroom. How else do you suggest I keep warm without going in debt?

P.S. When my Grandkids come to visit I do turn the heat on for them so they don't end up getting sick. Isn't that a shame! Then I have to pay extra money every month so my budget doesn't go up from their visit!!

Sincerely,

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AEP third-quarter earnings up 67%

COLUMBUS, OHIO American Electric Power's third-quarter net income rose 67 percent, the company reported Wednesday, thanks to a favorable court ruling in Texas and hot weather that boosted electricity demand.

The company reported net income of \$928 million, or \$1.93 per share, compared with \$555 million, or \$1.16 a share, in same period a year ago. AEP's revenue for the period rose to \$4.3 billion from \$4.1 billion.

AEP said its results also benefited from a Texas Supreme Court decision worth \$425 million that allowed the company to recover some costs related to retail competition.

YOUR VIEWS

Tell PUCO to reject AEP's request for 17 percent rate increase

It's time to put an end to another instance of corporate greed. American Electric Power is requesting a 17.3 percent distribution rate increase for its Ohio Power customers and a 9.5 percent increase for its Columbus Southern Power customers. (Two voice opposition to electric rate hike, Oct. 18). This is the same company that asked the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for a 45 percent increase three years ago.

According to AEP's website, since 2009, AEP has imposed a 23 percent increase for Ohio Power customers and a 19 percent increase for Columbus Southern Power cus-

tomers. Has anyone reading this received a 23 percent increase in your pay in the last three years and are you going to receive a 17.3 percent increase next year?

The PUCO has the ability to deny these increases. Part of its mission statement states that its role is to see that we get utilities for a fair price. I was one of two people who spoke at the PUCO's meeting Oct. 18 in Canton. If you want to finally do something about this greed, contact the PUCO. Tell them you won't stand for this greed and increase from AEP and it's time they started representing common people.

This increase will cause a hard-

ship for many people. Voice your opinion now to the PUCO. Chairperson Todd Snitchler and the PUCO can be reached by calling 800-686-7826, faxing 614-752-8351 or sending mail to 180 E. Broad St., Columbus OH 43215.

I believe notifying the public about these meetings could be accomplished much better by placing a notice in our AEP bills. It's time to do something and not think someone else will do it. The more people who contact the PUCO about this, the better chance it will listen to us and deny AEP's greedy request.

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