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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Investigation and Audit Division

Memorandum

Date: 2/3/2012

Re: Art Yoder

Berlin, OH 44610

Docketing Case No.: 11-351-EL-AIR

Notes:

Please docket the attached in the case number above.

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WEB ID: 63841 AT:02-03-2012 at 10:10 AM

Related Case Number:

TYPE: complaint

NAME: Mr. Art Yoder

**CONTACT SENDER? Yes** 

### MAILING ADDRESS:

• P.O. Box 184

• 5039 County Road 120

• Berlin, Ohio 44610

• USA

### PHONE INFORMATION:

Home: 330-893-3281Alternative: 330-893-3281

• Fax: 330-893-3493

E-MAIL: bwp@berlin-flyer.com

INDUSTRY:Electric

## ACCOUNT INFORMATION:

• Company: American Electric Power

• Name on account: Berlin Wood Products, Inc.

• Service address: 5039 County Road 120

• Service phone: 330-893-3281

• Account Number: 072-825-300-0-0

#### COMPLAINT DESCRIPTION:

In 2011, my company paid \$66253.77 in electric provided by AEP. Your approval of AEP's new rates will raise my electric costs by 30%... that's \$20,000 extra that I'll have to pay for the same usage...that I can't afford to absorb as simply a cost of doing business. At a time when I, and many other manufacturers in this state, are fighting for survival, I can't believe your commission would allow such a travesty. Whatever excuses you come up with, I'm sure I've already heard from the AEP rep I spoke to this week. The biggest joke is the one that "these rates are to prepare us for free market activity in a couple years." Really?! So I have to pay 30% more for the privilege of choice?! The fact still remains that your decision was not thought out. 5% increases per year until the rates are where they need to be is manageable... 30% one-time "pop" is not. I have all the documentation to back up my claim. I'll gladly fax to you for your review. In the meantime, I and the 15 other families who rely upon my business to put food on the table will continue to wonder how we're going to make it...