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Re: Thomas Laughbaum

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11-0351-EL-AIR

Notes:

Please docket the attached in the case number above. Thank you.

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## **Crawford County Agricultural Society**

Box 188, Bucyrus, Ohio 44820

AEP Rate increase informational data from fair grounds – January, 2012 AEP Distribution Case #11-351-EL-AIR Records # TLAF012612J6

Points concerning the Crawford County Agricultural Society and their electrical use and history:

- 2007 quit night racing (using race track lights) to lower HPD (high previous demand) from approximately 975 down to 635
- 650 is the contract demand that the fair board must pay for at a minimum...however, the fair board did not sign this agreement when Mr. Decker was to meeting in 2007
- The fair's distribution service has gone from approximately \$540 to \$1790 on the general service to the grounds approximately \$300 more on Youth Building service and approximately \$60 more for the horse barn service for a total of \$1610 more for January, 2012 than in 2011
- AEP's estimate for 2012 general service only (not YB and Horse Barns) is \$24,271 and so the total will be even higher with the YB and HB included
- The fair's budget set in early January was \$40,000 and will now have to be adjusted by this \$25,000+ figure
- Over 40 county fairs in Ohio are serviced by AEP and are experiencing the same kind of increases
- Consideration of special power needs of agricultural societies during their annual fair needs to put in place by electrical suppliers
- Many smaller fairs will certainly be put out of business with this magnitude of rate increase
- Agricultural societies derives and exercises its power and authority from and by virtue of an act of legislation of the state of Ohio, passed February 26, 1846 and its objective is to encourage improvements in agriculture, raising of better livestock, horticulture products, EDUCATION, science, domestic manufacture and mechanical arts.
- If the agricultural societies cannot stay solvent, then there will be no place for the Jr. fair exhibitors to show their projects, no education will need to happen within the county extension programs and certainly we as an agricultural society will fail our mission and that purpose we have started back in 1846. The value of 4-H and the education and experiences of showing a project is the culmination of months of learning and life experiences and all youth deserve this opportunity.

Thomas E. Laughbaum

Secretary/Manager/Treasurer

Crawford County Agricultural Soc.

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