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COMMENT DESCRIPTION:

I applaud the Commission for taking another look at the huge rate increase granted to AEP but want to know why nothing is being done to help those of us who live all-electric homes? Good for small business and churches, but what about the 20,000 or so people in Franklin County alone who live in all-electric homes? Why are we not worthy of your protection?

On your home page, you state that the PUCO was created to assure Ohioans adequate, safe, and reliable public utility services at a fair price. The fair price part went out the window with the AEP rate increase. They have a monopoly over those of us who live in an all-electric house. They are now, thanks to your

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ruling, fully exercising their monopolistic powers. It's not like we can go out and have a gas line installed tomorrow. Even if we could, those of in the middle class lack the financial ability to pay for such a change. So AEP gets another \$1000 annually of our hard-earned money, not our kids college fund. Add in the coming gasoline price increase, and presto! more of our cash goes to huge corporations. (Gasoline - now there is a commodity that should be regulated)

Please follow your mission and protect struggling Ohioans from unfair price gouging rather than being a state agency of the corporation, by the corporation and for the corporation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Steve Hipes