

FILE

09-0119-EL-AEC

12-3255-EL-RDR

①

2709 Berwyn Road  
Columbus, OH 43221  
12 August 2013

Mr. Todd Snitchler  
Chairman, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 E. Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Ormet Corporation

Dear Mr. Snitchler:

RECEIVED-DOCKETING DIV  
2013 AUG 16 PM 2:51  
PUCO

I wish to make a comment on the application of Ormet Corporation for an increase in an electricity subsidy. I am appalled that AEP customers are already subsidizing the electric bills of this corporation. If the company cannot afford to stay in business without AEP customers paying a portion of its bills, I cannot see any reason for the company to stay in business. I understand that a number of employees will lose their jobs, but I have a feeling that if the company cut back on expenses (check executive salaries and perks) it could probably save itself. The employees could also take pay cuts and furloughs to save their jobs (like Federal employees).

My question is to whom should I send my electric bills when they exceed my ability to pay them? Companies want to consider themselves private entities when in actuality they demand funds from the public to stay in business.

I also am extremely unhappy that the PUCO has granted permission to AEP to charge its customers for the damage caused by recent storms. AEP has been rated as the worst electric utility in Ohio (see Dispatch poll). I called AEP regarding a rotting tree which was over electric transmission lines and was told that AEP is not in the tree trimming business. This could be one of the reasons that AEP customers are hit so hard when there are storms in this area. AEP's costs for storm damage should be borne by the company and its shareholders not its customers.

It is time the PUCO remembers to act on behalf of the consumers, not the utilities. If AEP wants Ormet to stay in business (see The Dispatch, Sunday August 11, 2013), then AEP and its shareholders need to subsidize Ormet, not AEP's customers.

Thank you for consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,



Joyce Rybak

This is to certify that the images appearing are an accurate and complete reproduction of a case file document delivered in the regular course of business  
Technician                      Date Processed                      AUG 16 2013