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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio- Docketing Division
RE Case No 12-3255-EL-RDR
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
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Dear Sirs

Regarding the rate increase requested by AEP on December 21, 2012. My understanding is that AEP did not want public hearings on this matter which is the reason for this letter.

This rate increase is to repair storm damage incurred by AEP during the summer of 2012. The fact is that storms and the resulting damage is not something that has just started up recently. We have had storms since our first recorded history.

The well compensated CEO (\$1.8m/2012) of AEP should simply have planned ahead for the inevitable storm in the future. Also there is the issue of the economy when so many of us have to make do with less and now comes the utility company which due to poor planning (or lack of) must ask for a record amount increase in rates from an already financially distressed public.

In my personal experience with AEP I have found that during non storm time there are frequently AEP personnel with NOTHING TO DO, they just sit around and wait for something to break. If the well compensated CEO was doing his job he would have those idle AEP workers strengthen and preparing exposed wires and poles to better withstand storm damage when it inevitably occurs. But then if they did this they would be unable to ask for a rate increase would they? And that is not how we roll in the USA is it?

In fact should this rate increase be denied the overcompensated CEO will look to getting rid of those mismanaged idle personnel rather than... any thought of cutting his own bloated pay package much less actually earning it by managing his workers competently.

At any rate I am requesting that you deny the rate increase on the grounds that AEP needs to manage inevitable storm damage repairs more efficiently and cut excessive compensation to the very people at the top who mismanaged those repairs in the first place.



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