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To: Puco Docketing
Subject: Case # 14-1693 AEP Bailouts

Dear PUCO,

I do not support AEP's attempt to raise rates as much as \$2.4 billion to bail out aging, outdated coal plants. These plants struggle to compete against other cleaner sources of energy and are not competitive with today's market prices for electricity, while they also spew toxic pollution into our air and water.

Coal, which generates nearly 60 percent of electricity in Ohio, is known to cause major air pollution and negatively impact public health while contributing to climate disruption. Due to Ohio's heavy reliance on coal, we have some of the worst air in the nation.

Locking Ohio customers into an outdated, dirty, and expensive energy source for decades is the height of fiscal, health, and environmental irresponsibility. Rather than debating a bailout of uneconomic coal plants, AEP should instead be sitting down to chart out a sensible transition towards newer, cleaner energy sources that have the potential to create thousands of jobs in Ohio.

I hope that you will join me in opposing AEP's coal bailout.

Sincerely,

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