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I strongly urge you to reject AEP's request to bail out old, obsolete, polluting coal power plants.

I'm happy to know you already rejected AEP's initial request to bail out 2 plants. I'm stunned at the arrogance +chutzpah of AEP to go back to you and ask again for more of something you have already rejected. Please reject their request again, & even refuse to waste your time hearing what you have already rejected.

I am very concerned that we must move to supporting and developing sustainable sources of energy. Coal & fossil fuels are on the way out, and last gasp efforts are wasteful, both monetarily and in terms of time.

I do not want to pay for the bail out of coal plants, which hurt the environment and ultimately all of us.

I ask in the strongest possible way that you reject AEP's request.

Sincerely,
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Open Letter to PUCO: AEP Bailout Uneconomic

I would like to thank the Sierra Club for hosting this citizens' hearing, and also the other environmental groups, including Ohio Citizen Action, Environmental Defense Fund, Ohio Environmental Council, and Environment Ohio, for opposing the bailout of AEP's aging coal plants. I am especially happy to see some state government employees, including PUCO staff and the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC), listed among the groups opposed to the bailout. More about PUCO and OCC in a minute.

I would like to make three points

First, I notice that many business groups are united in opposition to the bailout. The natural coalition of environmental advocates and business interests in opposition to the AEP bailout makes me optimistic that this fight can be won.

Second, please add Appalachian Peace and Justice Network (APJN) to the list of organizations opposed to the bailout. APJN has already intervened in several AEP rate hike cases, represented by the Ohio Poverty Law Center (OPLC). Our first case was in 2011, when APJN opposed Governor Kasich's cutting of the budget of the Office of Consumers' Counsel (OCC), which he promptly did cut, by almost 50%. The OCC is the government agency whose duty is to advocate for residential customers; whereas the Public Utilities Commission (PUCO) is the agency whose duty is to advocate for AEP. Perhaps not surprisingly, since 2011, the price of electricity has been going up and up and up.

My third point is that residential customers are highly vulnerable when utility prices go up, especially the poor. When that happens, ordinary folks are hit over and over—first in their utility bills, and again every time they pay for anything—from groceries to school fees—because the cost of electricity is always passed on to customers in the form of higher prices.

Therefore, we appeal to PUCO to make the right judgment in this bailout case. AEP's request for a bailout of its dying coal plants is uneconomic for businesses and residential customers alike. We appeal to PUCO to deny the bailout on the grounds that the coal plants are old and run down and cannot be operated economically. Personally, I believe Ohio, and the whole country, need to get off fossil fuels and move on to renewable energy sources as soon as possible. But there is reason enough for PUCO to deny the bailout based on economics alone. That is the appeal we make to PUCO tonight. Thank you.

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Gov. KASICH and CHAIRMAN JOHNSON

November 9, 2017

I am opposed to the REQUEST BY AEP TO BE ALLOWED TO PASS ALONG THE COSTS OF BEING CARBON FILLED ELECTRIC PLANT. It not only is an attempt to pass ~~away~~ costs that are unnecessary but also supports sources of pollution, inefficient energy, and dated methods which diminish the potential for renewable energy sources that are our real future. At this is a time when current practices are leading to a looming environmental crisis.

Margaret

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TO: PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

MY NAME IS ZELLA NISLEY, ATHENS COUNTY RESIDENT,
AND AEP ^{HOUSEHOLD} CONSUMER. I WISH TO GO ON RECORD
TO OBJECT TO AEP'S ~~TACTICS~~ TO GOUSE
CONSUMERS IN THE ATTEMPT TO ^{INCREASE} ~~KEEP~~ THEIR
PROFIT MARGINS AND EVADE ACCOUNTABILITY
TO US CONSUMERS AND OUR ENVIRONMENT.

I ~~AM~~ ^{STRONGLY} PROTEST AEP'S RALLOUT REQUEST
WHICH LEADS TO AEP'S DISTRIBUTION
MONOPOLY GROWING STRONGER.

WE MUST ACT WITH STRENGTH AND REFUSE
TO ALLOW ~~OUR~~ SUPPORT ^{OF} AEP'S ENDEAVORS
TO HARM CONSUMERS AND ~~THE~~ ^{OUR} PLANET!
THRU HARMFUL ^{CO₂} EMISSIONS!


ATHENS COUNTY

Nov 9, 2015

- LONGSTANDING MEMBER OF ATHENS CO PRACKAN/NETWORK
- NEW MEMBER OF ATHENS CONSERVANCY
- MEMBER OF FRIENDS OF STRONGS RUN

~~CONSERVANCY~~
I AM INTERESTED IN PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT
(ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST) AND NATURAL RESOURCES