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13-2385-#L-SSO

**sample AEP electric bill**

**This  
"customer charge"  
will increase 119%**



Rate Tariff - Residential Service-014		
Account Number	Total Amount Due	Due Date
070-999-999-9-9	\$67.62	Oct 12, 2010
Meter Number	Cycle-Route	Bill Date
999999999	20-01	Sep 24, 2010
Previous Charges		
Total Amount Due At Last Billing	\$	267.35
Payment 08/30/10 - Thank You		-194.94
Payment 09/22/10 - Thank You		-72.41
Previous Balance Due	\$	.00
Current AEP Ohio Charges:		
Tariff 014 - Residential Service 09/24/10		
Service Delivery Identifier: 000999999999999		
Generation Service	\$	31.82
Transmission Service		4.17
Distribution Service		27.11
Customer Charge		4.52
Current Electric Charges Due	\$	67.62
Total Amount Due		\$67.62
Due Date Oct 12		

# Please write the Public Utilities Commission

Letters are most effective when they're written in your own words.  
Here are some points to get you started:

- ◆ I'm opposed to AEP's plan to more than double their customer service charge
- ◆ I want to see AEP increase their renewable energy and energy efficiency programs
- ◆ AEP should be encouraging energy efficiency, not punishing customers who reduce their use

Please include case number 13-2385-ESP in your letter

**Public Utilities Commission of Ohio**  
**180 East Broad Street**  
**Columbus, OH 43215**

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# **American Electric Power wants you to pay more every month *before you even turn on your lights***

American Electric Power (AEP) recently rolled out a proposal to increase upfront, mandatory residential fixed fees, called the "customer charge", from a current \$8.40 to \$13.40 per month, and another increase in 2018 to \$18.40 per month — **a whopping 119% increase**. This means instead of paying \$100.80, customers would pay \$220.80 annually, which for many people is like adding a 13th electric bill.

In states like Wisconsin, this approach has led to higher costs, particularly for low-use and — at times — low-income customers, by reducing customers' ability to control their bill. It eliminates the incentive to conserve energy and purchase more energy efficient appliances, for instance, because it's a flat charge you have to pay every month no matter how much energy you use.

In a desperate effort to cover costs in a rapidly changing energy landscape, utilities have proposed these fixed rate charges all over the nation. If they hadn't banked on coal remaining cheap, they wouldn't be in the position they're in.



The good news is, national resistance to these proposals began in 2014 and gained momentum in 2015, once public opposition grew. **We need to stop this in Ohio right now. All Ohio residential customers must speak out against fixed rate charges, or we'll see more utilities turn to them to compensate for their bad business decision to delay the transition to cleaner energy and more efficient energy use.**

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