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

Dear Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,

This letter is an official comment on the following cases

AEP: 16-1852-EL-SSODP&L: 15-1830-EL-AIR

• Duke Energy: 17-0032-EL-AIR

I have been interested in protecting the environment ever since I was a child both from an ideological standpoint (ethical behavior, leave the planet in better condition than I received it, scripture commands to love and respect God's creation) and a scientific standpoint (evidence based policy that promotes sustainable rules and regulations). I have been consistently disappointed at our Ohio energy companies and their draconian, backwards-looking methods for achieving shareholder value when forward-looking policies and markets are developing right in front of them.

For these reasons and many more that I won't take the time to list here because I don't want this letter to exceed one page:

- I am opposed to proposals that allow a utility to charge a mandatory fee for power I am not using.
- Customers who use less energy should not be punished by steep fixed rates.
- Fixed rate charge increases burden low and fixed income users already struggling to pay their bills monthly.
- I strongly support an increase in energy efficiency and renewable energy programs in Ohio.

Sincerely,

Todd Bauer

