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Marietta, Ohio 45750

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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

180 East Broad Street

Columbus, Ohio 43215

Case #16-1852-EL-SSO

Dear Sir or Ms:

I am writing to express my concern over the proposed increase in the Customer Charge for AEP customers in Washington County. While I understand that AEP does not want to have less profit, they are the ones who decided to stick with coal, rather than converting to natural gas or other less expensive options. The customers of AEP should not have to pay for a poor decision by AEP.

Most residents in our area are lucky to pay the current bill as many of us are retired and on a fixed income. The increase of \$5 per month in one year and another \$5 per month the following year will create even greater hardship for us. Please tell AEP "NO" and suggest they find another way to satisfy their investors!

Sincerely,



Teresa R. Porter

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