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Public Utilities Commission,

On April 17th, I attended the public hearing on AEP Ohio Electric Security Plan IV. I was impressed with the articulate speakers who commented on this fourth request for rate increase since 2009. The individuals who ran the hearing were attentive to the speakers. AEP had nothing to say.

AEP had made profits over the years and I can see no excuse for the company letting its facilities fall into disrepair. It seems to me that the company's job is to maintain its equipment, facilities and provide electricity to its customers and not to line the pockets of its investors or management. A 118% increase to pay for the irresponsible management of the company seems very unnecessary to me.

Many families in Ohio have struggled to feed, clothe and shelter their charges over the last few years. Elderly people are on fixed incomes and can't stretch their budget any more. Yet, AEP thinks it is just fine to keep amassing money and expect customers to go without necessities to pay more to the electric company.

I hope PUCO requires AEP to spend some of their money to fix the facilities and equipment they have allowed to fall apart rather than give the company more money to waste. It seems that taking care of the plants and things they use should fall on the company's shoulders not on the customers.

AEP should have been more proactive in developing alternate sources of energy and rewarding customers who have changed to solar power, made energy saving changes in their homes and reduced the amount of electricity they use. The goal should be to preserve our environment and not destroy this beautiful we have been given.

PLEASE DENY THIS RATE INCREASE.

Disparagingly Yours,


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