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

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my concern regarding AEP Case Number 16-1852-EL-SSO which I was made aware of by the Ohio Citizen Action group. I am against the increase of the mandatory residential fixed fee that has been proposed by AEP. This 119% increase would be a hit to my family's budget every month but even more importantly to me, it would decrease my ability to save for energy-saving upgrades like more efficient appliances.

Where my energy comes from is extremely important to me. My family purchases our energy from green sources through AEP's consumer choice programs. It is imperative that we don't delay the transition to cleaner energy and more efficient energy use. Just yesterday news broke about two independent studies that predict the earth's temperature will rise by 2 degrees by 2100 which is the benchmark that many climate scientists believe will begin to have catastrophic consequences to our planet as we know it. My future grandchildren will be in their 50s and 60s by that year. How about yours? It is extremely important to me that we think about them now and begin to make decisions about energy that protect our planet for ourselves and for our future generations.

Sincerely,

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