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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Attention: Docketing Division 180 E. Broad St. Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Re: AEP Rate-increase Case: 08-918-EL-SSO

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to oppose the rate increase requested by AEP. My oil furnace was over 20 years old and since I could no longer afford the price of oil, I just last week had it replaced with an electric heat pump and electric furnace. Natural gas is not available where I live so that was not an option. Now I read in today's newspaper that AEP is asking for a 45 percent increase over the next three years. It seems you just can't win!!

I, like a lot of other people, am retired and on a fixed income. Just paying for heating costs and gas for the car takes a large portion of the monthly income.

I hope you take our situations in consideration and not approve this increase.

Sincerely:

Bonnie Paulette 2893 Twp. Rd. 249 Toronto, Ohio 43964