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Public Utilities Commission Of Ohio  
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To Whom It May Concern:

As a consumer of AEP in Newark, Ohio, I am writing to you in opposition to the proposed rate hike AEP is requesting effective January 1, 2009.

At a time when our financial markets are in turmoil and we are experiencing a true recession I feel it would be a further financial hardship unfairly placed upon all consumers.

AEP is currently permitted to increase their rates by six percent and that figure is more than fair at today's market prices. I am presently surviving on a mere \$890.00 a month from Social Security as I have been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. My husband is on disability as well and together we are living on a limited income. The present high gas prices have hit hard in our budget and the ever increasing medical cost as well, not to mention food and every bear necessity in life. Further compounding the matter by your approving this proposal would not be fair to all of us.

I would hope you would consider the present economy in your decision and deny this proposal.

Respectfully,

*Linda G. Fitzpatrick*  
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