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

As a concerned customer of AEP I would like to voice my complaint about AEP's rate increase request. While I understand the cost of doing business is increasing, there is no justification for this large of an increase. Unfortunately, wages are not increasing at a rate of 15% per year. If this increase seems extravagant and excessive to me, just imagine what the people on fixed incomes are thinking.

As you are the deciding body of this request, I cannot believe, in good conscience, that this increase would even be considered. I feel that a nominal increase over the next three years is acceptable, with nominal being around 5% to 8%. Not a 45% increase!!!!

If this increase is approved, we will all have to become Amish and learn to live without electricity or buy a windmill.

Thank you.

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