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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Attn: Docketing Division  
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To Whom It May Concern:

As a Columbus resident, I agree with the Ohio Consumers' Counsel that the rate increase requested to initiate in January by AEP is excessive and unwarranted in these uncertain economic times.

There are many of us, even in the so-called middle class, who will find it very difficult, if not impossible, to pay these increased bills. And many of us are already engaging in major electrical conservation.

I urge the PUCO to carefully examine all alternatives to AEP's requested solution to whatever problems they seem to be having. There are many things to be questioned, including the obvious possibility of skimming some cream from the top echelons of AEP. There is much electricity being wasted in commercial usage, such as unnecessary lighting on downtown buildings at night, unwise economically *and* ecologically. That might not be the answer to whatever problem they think they are having, but it would be a start and good public relations.

We in the trenches are taking quite a "hit" and why should AEP not engage in some major redesign of its own administration?

Hopefully, the PUCO will seriously challenge this request as it would impose a major hardship on most of us at this time. We have *got* to start looking for other ways to solve financial problems besides the inflationary approach!

Thank you for looking out for us.

Sincerely,



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