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I am concerned with the proposed rate increase for American Electric Power (AEP). What is being proposed is actually a 45% increase in electric rates. This is far too great an increase no matter how long it takes to reach that level. It would be called usury if it were in the interest loan category.

AEP is a good company, their service men are friendly and courteous they work well for the company. Our electric has gone off three times this year, that's to date. In most cases a five hour blackout was all we had to contend with. AEP has shown a lack of maintenance to their lines they no longer answer their phone but have a recording that leaves the customer in limbo.

I do NOT favor an increase of 45% in my electric bill, as I have no other choice from this monopoly I think AEP is looking for greater profits for the CEO's of the company. They are not thinking of the general public and how this increase will effect them.

This country is awakening to the hum of greed, power and corruption. It hints of an ugly blackness with a beast in the closet. AEP does not need such a huge increase in rates; employers do not give their employees a 45% raise in the span of three years. Perhaps AEP should reevaluate their needs and come up with a figure less alarming.

Please take my comments into consideration as you review this proposed rate increase that the public will have to shoulder along with the financial mess coming their way at this time.

Sincerely;



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