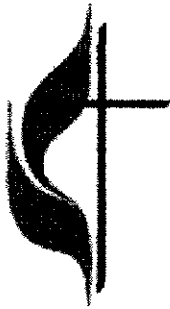


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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in opposition to the proposed rate increase requested by American E First, the proposed rate increase is excessive, particularly for those in southeast on fixed incomes. Second, AEP has yet to make good on their promises to improve service infrastructure in Washington County since taking over from another power company. I am aware of various power poles along SR 339 between Porterfield and Veto and between Barlow and Bartlett which are continuing to lean precariously toward the ground. This has been reported numerous times by several individuals; however, AEP seems more attentive to its shareholders than to the public which it serves.

In view of the precarious state of the American economy, I would respectfully request that AEP's request be denied at the present time.

Thank you for your efforts in serving the public interest of all Ohioans, particularly in the southern and southeastern Ohio.

Respectfully yours,

Richard W. Thomas

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