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Memorandum

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Re: Mr. Ed

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## Notes:

I haven't been able to attend the public hearings related to the AEP rate increase so I am voicing my opinion via the email. Apparently AEP has requested a 48% rate increase over the next three years for energy and infrastructure. This rate is 24 times the rate that PUCO has allowed Duke energy and is four times the 2007 inflation rate of 4.27% per year. This shows how out of touch AEP is with their consumers. The fact that they can pay their CEO Michael Morris \$20 million per year demonstrates that they can do belt tightening of their own.

My hope is that the PUCO will show some backbone and keep the rate increase somewhere between the Duke rate increase and the inflation rate. According to the television ads, Ohio uses clean, cheap coal. My fear is that the PUCO will halve the request that AEP has made and then pat themselves on the back for being such a fine consumer advocate thus pushing more people to request public assistance and forcing the responsible people of Ohio to yet take on another burden with AEP.

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