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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
President
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear PUCO President:

I would like to join the Stark County Commissioners in voicing my strong disagreement with American Electric Power's plan to increase their rates by 45% over the next 3 years. In this day and age where everything I buy just to survive has increased in price it has become harder and harder just to make ends meet. So many people today cannot make ends meet and are facing far worse times than you and I can imagine. My pay raises average 3% per year if I am lucky. Raising our Electric rates by 45% over the next 3 years as American Electric Power plans is just another example of all out GREED that will cause severe hardship on a community already hit hard by financial woes. American Electric Power should be ashamed of themselves for even contemplating such an issue. I urge the PUCO to take charge and not allow such a travesty to occur. It is time to take a stand for the good of all and not the big Utility companies that already have us walking a fine line contemplating heat or food. Just look how many people in Stark county sign up for assistance through such programs as HEAP. The numbers continually are growing. This huge raise for American Electric Power would damage my life financially as well as thousands of others. Thank you for not allowing big Utilities to be as GREEDY as they would like to be. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated and will benefit thousands of people.

Sincerely,



Steven E Silver
Stark County Resident

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