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Chairman Alan Schriber
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

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RE: Case Numbers: 08-917-EL-SSO, 08-918-EL-SSO

Chairman Schriber:

I represent M&M Hi Tech Fab, LLC and am writing you to express my opposition to American Electric Power – Ohio's (AEP-Ohio) proposed electricity rate increase of 51% over three years. M&M provides 17 Employees, family sustaining jobs in Ohio. AEP's current proposal will decrease my company's global competitiveness and put Ohio's economy in jeopardy.

Ohio Manufacturers are trying to exist in a global marketplace; any unjustified increase in our costs puts unnecessary burdens on M&M's ability to compete. Manufacturers are facing the same volatility in markets and commodity prices that AEP-Ohio is; however, manufacturers do not enjoy the ability foist price increases upon our customers; we have several contracts with Customers in Europe, from 2005 to 2010. Allowing AEP-Ohio to increase rates by 15% annually over three years resulting in a compound, minimum increase of 51% will result in significant pain for those of us who must compete in the real world. AEP-Ohio's proposed rate increase will have a negative effect on my company's ability to remain competitive in Ohio.

AEP-Ohio's prices should be cost based providing them with a fair, just, and reasonable price. Since AEP-Ohio's proposal does not meet this basic test it should be denied.

Sincerely,

Jerry Miller, Owner
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