

COMES NOW THIS PETITIONER IN DIRECT OPPOSITION TO RATE INCREASES PROPOSED BY AEP UNDER SAID DOCKETS 11-0346 EL SSO AND 11-0351 EL AIR.

UNDER THESE UNTIMELY REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL OPERATING EXPENSES, AND FURTHER INCREASED PROFIT MARGINS, I FAIL TO SEE HOW THESE INCREASES ARE JUSTIFIED. OUR NEW GOVERNOR, JOHN KASICH HAS A PLAN TO BRING INDUSTRY BACK TO OHIO, AND INCREASE EMPLOYMENT FROM CURRENT UNEMPLOYMENT STATUS, AND THE LOSS OF OVER 500,000 JOBS IN OUR STATE, WHY ARE INCREASES AT THIS LEVEL EVEN BEING CONSIDERED?

CERTAINLY INDUSTRY CONSIDERES THE "COST OF DOING BUSINESS" WHEN MAKING DETERMINATION TO ESTABLISH NEW PLANTS, EXPAND PRODUCTION, OR INCREASE EMPLOYMENT.

THIS IS UNSEEMLY AND UNTIMELY UNDER THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, THAT UTILITY RATES WOULD BE INCREASED, NOT ONLY FOR INDUSTRY, COMMERCIAL (SMAL BUSINESSES) AND RESIDENTIAL. MOST PEOPLE ARE

UNEMPLOYED, UNDER EMPLOYED OR ON THE GOVERNMENT
DOLE. HOW DO YOU PROPOSE THAT THE RANK AND FILE
UNDERTAKE PAYMENTS AT ALREADY HIGH RATES?
SENIOR CITIZENS ARE ALREADY ON A STRICT BUDGET WITH
NO INCREASES FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS IN SOCIAL
SECURITY, AND WITH 500 BILLION STRIPPED FROM MEDICARE
THE COST OF HEALTHCARE HAS INCREASED TWO-FOLD WITH
OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES. I AM SURE YOU ARE AWARE
THAT INDIVIDUALS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HAVE
SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE DOES NOT HELP UNDER CURRENT
LAW. WHEN MEDICARE DOES NOT PAY FOR A PROCEEDURE
THEN NEITHER DOES THE SUPPLEMENTAL LEAVING THE
CONSUMER WITH THE BILL TO PAY. RIGHT NOW PEOPLE ALL
OVER THE COUNTRY INCLUDING OHIO ARE STRUGGLING JUST
TO MAINTAIN.

I URGE YOU TO CONSIDER VERY CAREFULLY THESE RATE
INCREASES BY AEP.

FOR EXAMPLE - WE ARE TOLD THAT EPA HAS REQUESTED AEP
TO CLOSE THEIR PLANTS THAT PRODUCE ELECTRICITY BY
COAL. AND WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE AEP PLANT

LOCATED IN BEVERLY, OHIO, WILL BE CLOSED LAYING OFF
600 PEOPLE TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT LINES. SURELY WITH
THE DECREASE IN FACILITIES AND EMPLOYMENT, AEP'S COST
OF DOING BUSINESS WILL CERTAINLY GO DOWN. SO WHY IS
AN INCREASE NECESSARY?

PLEASE CONSIDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN MAKING
YOUR JUDGEMENTS AND CONSIDER THE CONSEQUENCES OF
YOUR JUDGEMENTS. YOUR KIND CONSIDERATION WILL BE
GREATLY APPRECIATED BY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN THIS
GREAT STATE.

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