

Chairman Todd Snitchler  
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

November 10, 2011

Re: Case 11-0346-EL-SSO.

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PUCO

Dear Chairman Snitchler,

Grove City Church of the Nazarene (GCCN) is a customer of AEP Ohio, uses in the neighborhood of two million kilowatt hours of electricity a year. We have thirteen different meters recording our usage and for four of these accounts we have a long term purchase agreement with AEP Retail. We have been actively engaged in an energy conservation program for the last several years by curtailing our usage, changing our lighting to more efficient systems, and working toward an Energy Starr certification for our buildings.

The GCCN is a megachurch with a preschool, a K through 12 school, a weekly attendance of around 3,000, and dozens of outreach programs directed toward Grove City and the greater Columbus area. This poor economy greatly effects churches and other organizations which rely on voluntary contributions for their existence. It is only logical that increased cost of electrical energy will have a deleterious effect on the Church's operations in that we will not be able to serve our community to the degree that is now possible. Furthermore, it is also obvious that there is so much more the Church can do since there are more needs than ever before.

We understand should AEP Ohio have legitimate increases in their operating costs, they need to meet these costs to continue operation. We are willing to negotiate reasonable increases in our costs as they have legitimate increases in their costs. We have no information as to why they are asking for the rates they are. Therefore, we at the Church are opposed to AEP's request for a rate increase which is estimated to increase our electric energy costs in the neighborhood of 20%.

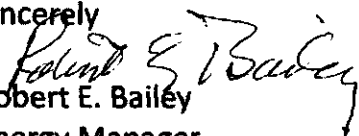


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There is no question that these proposed rate increases will have similar impacts on the other churches as well as organizations that rely on voluntary contributions to serve their respective communities. This combined group of organizations should have the opportunity to share their concerns with the PUCO.

Please contact me should you wish to discuss these issues in greater detail.

Sincerely

  
Robert E. Bailey  
Energy Manager

cc. Mark Fuller, Senior Pastor  
Dale Benson, Executive Pastor  
Ms Angi Mc Clish, CFO