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To: Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

From: Eugene M. Gallo, Executive Director *EMG*

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Re: AEP Pleading

11-346 EC-550

I want to thank the PUCO for its recent action rescinding AEP's requested rate increase. The amount of the increase along with the increased capacity charge would have been unsustainable for most consumers.

Please consider carefully AEP's recent pleading to move the capacity charge to \$255. In January 2001 the State of Ohio gave consumers the right to choose their own electric supplier. This action was intended to introduce competition into the electric industry. For the past eleven years AEP has benefited from that action. They were given ample time and resources to prepare for the open market that the Ohio Legislature contemplated eleven years ago.

Recently AEP warned:

"the company will have to make drastic cuts in jobs and investment if Ohio utility regulators do not move quickly to allow an increase in a key charge paid by competing electricity suppliers."

Please do not succumb to this economic blackmail. AEP should and will make decisions in the best interests of its stockholders. I am confident that you will make your decision based on what is in the best interest of the citizens of Ohio.

Thank you for your attention and your public service

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