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To Whom It May Concern:

The announcement of Ormet's curtail of operation and cuts to 1,000 employees and the closing of 2 pot-lines is undoubtedly a blow to the many eastern Ohio families who have members working at the facility. We believe that all should work together to do everything possible to preserve the plant, which is one of the largest manufacturing plants in eastern Ohio.

Although the PUCO did give some short term relief to Ormet by deferring 2 months electricity payments Ormet submitted a long term solution to the PUCO. Ormet asked that they be allowed to purchase power at a reduced rate. Ormet also said they are going to build a gas fired power plant on their property to supply them with power.

The week of July 7, 2013 the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio informed Ormet they would not hear their case in emergency session and scheduled a hearing for August 23, 2013. Ormet Corporation will soon be operating only a third of its pot-lines as employees, their families, and the entire Ohio Valley anxiously await a decision by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio that could lead to the permanent shutdown of the plant.

Senator Lou Gentile stated, "The PUCO's refusal could jeopardize nearly 1,000 good paying jobs in Eastern Ohio. Ormet is asking for temporary relief to save and protect employees and the PUCO is fully aware that Ormet's ability to keep operating was contingent upon the approval of an adjusted electricity price. Ohio's utility regulators had the opportunity to keep 1,000 people off of unemployment line in Ohio. Now, dedicated and longstanding employees are faced with uncertainty about their pensions and future employment. This decision will not only affect the workers, it is going to hurt families, the Switzerland of Ohio School District and the local." economy.

State Representative Jack Cera stated, "Keeping Ormet operating is vital to the Ohio Valley and the state of Ohio. We have been working with state officials to make sure they understand the

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economic and social impact that losing Ormet would have on the area. Ratepayers will be hit with additional costs whether Ormet is operating or not since they are such a large user of power and a huge part of AEP's rate base. The closing of Ormet will devastate Monroe County. We believe the Governor's Office can work to expedite a decision more promptly than the end of August to help the State of Ohio remain competitive in job growth and retention."


The PUCO has worked with Ormet before and it's time to work with them again. John Puskar, USW staff representative, in a comment to The Intelligencer: "Ormet is trying to stay open to save these jobs. They have done everything they can. You are talking about 1,000 jobs that could be gone."

We appreciate your help and hope you will act quickly

Sincerely,  
The Monroe County Commissioners

  
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John V. Pyles, President

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Tim R. Price, Vice President

  
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From: webmaster@puc.state.oh.us  
To: PUCO ContactThePUCO  
Subject: 75905  
Received: 8/4/2013 8:37:45 PM  
Message:  
WEB ID: 75905 AT:08-04-2013 at 08:37 PM

Related Case Number:

TYPE: question

NAME: Mr. Dean Palmer

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- USA

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INDUSTRY:Electric

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- Name on account: dean palmer
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- Service phone: 740-676-7690
- *(no account number provided?)*

QUESTION DESCRIPTION:

I would like to be sure, Now that the contract between Ormet Corp and Ohio Power has expired, when can I expect to stop paying the surcharge that we have all been paying to AEP to compensate for Ormet's rate reduction? I don't see why myself and all of the other people in Ohio should still be paying this extra charge!! Thank you, Dean Palmer

## Hunter, Donielle

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**From:** Tenice Decker <deckerm4@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 16, 2013 8:37 AM  
**To:** PUCO Docketing  
**Subject:** Ormet

I am writing due to the concern of your future decision for the employees of Ormet. I hope that you take to time to really read this and LISTEN to what I have to say about the effects your decision will make on the company.

My spouse is a employee at Ormet and I am very upset to think that a company that has been in business for so many years from which both of my grandfathers retired from years ago now may close it doors due to the greed of AEP which you are willing to allow happen. Are the committee members of PUCO even taken the time to talk about how increasing Ormet's rates will effect the plants future, the entire Ohio valley area businesses, and Switzerland of Ohio school district? If Ormet closes it will be a chain reaction other businesses will close as well as the schools forcing families to move to look for other jobs.

And tell me where would AEP be today without a customer such as a company like Ormet? Would they be as profitable as they are now? I think we all can answer that question. And if AEP is already profiting \$338 million in their 2nd quarter alone then are they really hurting that they need to make Ormet pay more? You tell me and all the employees and their families why it is then that AEP needs to make all this profit because they sure do not give it back to anyone in our area.

Yes i understand that times are changing and supply and demand comes with inflation but there has to be a stopping point somewhere because if that were the case then no one could afford anything due to the greed of big companies like AEP. I would like to know why AEP thinks that they are entitled to increase Ormet's rates when they made an agreement in 2009? Is it to pay for their lose in last years 2/3rd quarter due to the derecho storm that hit OUR area? If so then all those families which many that work at Ormet should demand that they be reimbursed for the food they lost, all the gas they had to buy to run generators, and the money spent going to laundry mats in the next town to wash clothes due to no electric from an act of mother nature. I dont see AEP saying to anyone we are sorry how can we help?? No from last year to now AEP has been thinking of ways to recover that loss back by increasing home owners electric and increasing Ormet's electric which is completely wrong and wrong for anyone allowing AEP to do so. Do you really want to look back and ask yourselves what could we of done better to help Ormet and the 1,000 plus employees or any other company for that matter? Honestly I could care less who's democrat or republican we are all people working to better our lives and trying to raise families in a community we love.

I truely hope that you to take the time to make the right decision and see what AEP is all about(greed) as their moto stands for After Every Penny=AEP and I will leave you with that to really think about.

Thank you for your time

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From: webmaster@puc.state.oh.us  
To: PUCO ContactThePUCO  
Subject: 76061  
Received: 8/10/2013 9:40:00 AM  
Message:  
WEB ID: 76061 AT:08-10-2013 at 09:39 AM

Related Case Number:

TYPE: comment

NAME: Mr. Jack Regis

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INDUSTRY:Electric

ACCOUNT INFORMATION:

- *(no utility company name provided?)*
- *(no account name provided?)*
- *(no service address provided?)*
- *(no service phone number provided?)*
- *(no account number provided?)*

COMMENT DESCRIPTION:

<http://www.theintelligencer.net/page/content.detail/id/588301/PUCO--AEP-Could-Try-to-Raise-Rates-For-Customers-If-Ormet-Shuts-Down.html?nav=515>

Please read this article and think of the 900 families and realize then if the plant shuts down because of your inaction against AEP that it then affects every family in Belmont and Monroe counties. Just continue to take your time since it is not Columbus or Cleveland. Too bad you are not elected.

From: webmaster@puc.state.oh.us  
To: PUCO ContactThePUCO  
Subject: 76188  
Received: 8/16/2013 9:48:05 AM  
Message:  
WEB ID: 76188 AT:08-16-2013 at 09:47 AM

Related Case Number:

TYPE: complaint

NAME: Mrs. Tenice Decker

CONTACT SENDER ? Yes

MAILING ADDRESS:

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- USA

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- Fax: *(no fax number provided?)*

E-MAIL: deckerm4@yahoo.com

INDUSTRY:Other

ACCOUNT INFORMATION:

- *(no utility company name provided?)*
- *(no account name provided?)*
- *(no service address provided?)*
- *(no service phone number provided?)*
- *(no account number provided?)*

COMPLAINT DESCRIPTION:

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From: webmaster@puc.state.oh.us  
To: PUCO ContactThePUCO  
Subject: 76220  
Received: 8/18/2013 5:09:46 PM  
Message:  
WEB ID: 76220 AT:08-18-2013 at 05:09 PM

Related Case Number:

TYPE: comment

NAME: Mr. Michael Cooper

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INDUSTRY:Electric

ACCOUNT INFORMATION:

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- *(no account name provided?)*
- *(no service address provided?)*
- *(no service phone number provided?)*
- *(no account number provided?)*

COMMENT DESCRIPTION:

I work at the ormet corporation and I am asking you to please make a positive ruling in the ormet case with American electric power. If you deny ormet the relief it needs we will have 1000 jobless people not counting the numerous indirect jobs this will effect. This area is already devastated with unemployment and business closings, I am asking you to please think about the damage a negative ruling will bring to this company, community, schools, businesses and the trickle down effect keeps on going. American electric power is profiting billions of dollars when is enough called enough? Please help us we need our jobs to support our families and communities.



From: webmaster@puc.state.oh.us  
To: PUCO ContactThePUCO  
Subject: 76204  
Received: 8/16/2013 5:38:43 PM  
Message:  
WEB ID: 76204 AT:08-16-2013 at 05:38 PM

Related Case Number: 09-0119

TYPE: complaint

NAME: Mrs. Tenice Decker

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INDUSTRY:Other

ACCOUNT INFORMATION:

- (*no utility company name provided?*)
- (*no account name provided?*)
- (*no service address provided?*)
- (*no service phone number provided?*)
- (*no account number provided?*)

COMPLAINT DESCRIPTION:

I have read recently some comments from those who are complaining about the subsidy for Ormet, but people DO NOT realize that this is nothing new that customers are paying for large companies this has been going on for decades in all states all over the country. People really should find facts about a company and visit those employees their wives and children before making comments like close the plant or shut them down. Never would I in a million years ever say or comment to someone just close the place who cares whos out of a job, guess I wasnt brought up to be that cold hearted. So please understand that Ormet is not making the decision to increase the rates AEP is and also for every household customer as well due to their own loss in profit from last years storm which is NO ONES FAULT! So please those who want to complain about rate increase should contact AEP and leave Ormet out of it this company is not to blame! And someone please tell how fair it is for Ormet to pay a higher rate than any other industry that is in business around the area because I would like to know. So please as I has said before don't run a companies name in the ground when u know nothing about it.

Thanks Tenice

From: webmaster@puc.state.oh.us  
To: PUCO ContactThePUCO  
Subject: 76201  
Received: 8/16/2013 4:20:44 PM  
Message:  
WEB ID: 76201 AT:08-16-2013 at 04:20 PM

Related Case Number:

TYPE: complaint

NAME: Mrs. Tenice Decker

CONTACT SENDER ? Yes

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