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Columbus, OH 43215

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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Clive Wallis and I live at 105 Coventry Rd, Marietta, Oh 45750. I am writing to voice my opposition to the rate increase for American Electric Power, that is now being considered by the Commission.

As a 78 year old retired member of the Marietta community, I am faced with numerous increases in utility bills, cable bills, and taxes whether sales, local income, state income or federal taxes, not to mention increases in the cost of living. As a Social Security recipient, my income does not cover all the increases that I am faced with.

My electric bills for 2017 have been extensive considering my wife and my income from SS of \$2,537. per month. The list includes Dec 2016, \$421.77, Jan 2017 \$462.79, Feb, \$361.42 and March, \$326.11. I'm sure there are others in the community with less income that have received bills of similar amounts and somewhere someone has to stand up for the public and refuse requested increases in income for utility companies.

My bill includes Transmission service fee, Distribution Service fee, Customer charge, Retail Stability Rider, Deferred Asset Phase-In rider fee, plus Power Purchase Agreement Rider and then there is the fee for the supplier of the electricity. How many more different charges can there or should there be?

Not to long ago the PUC approved increases in the billings to help AEP recover costs from a time period when they had unusual expenses. I realize that businesses are there to make money, but when hey suffer unusual losses why does the consumer have to help them recover them.

I just fel that it is time to have these utilities take responsibility for managing their businesses so that they are more accountable for how they spend their monies and become less reliable on constantly passing added costs on to the consumer.

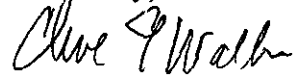
It would be different if they were a retail business and I could pick and choose a competitor who may be offering the same product for a lesser price, but with utilities I can't.

So, I am asking the PUC to please consider the affect on all the consumers that this increase will reach and please vote NO on any further increases for at least a few more years, because I'm sure they will return with more reasons for increasing the cost of electricity and asking your approval to pass it on.

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Thanks for your consideration in this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Clive G. Wallis".

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