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I am writing to follow up regarding the rate increase hearing request by AEP.

We live in a period of profound change. Where the power company no longer produces electricity, maintains the power lines, and bills consumers for electricity used.

- Grids will be the most efficient means of delivering power to regions.
- States are committing to energy accords committed to by Obama but now abandoned by Trump. States have committed to being able to produce 100 % and 40% of their need thru clean means by 2030.
- What are OHIO's goals?
- What are utilities doing?
  1. Are they digging in their heels trying to stop change, or at least slow it down until they can figure out the best way to profit from change.
    - Are they aggressively trying to be cleaner providers?
    - Are they aggressively trying to get homeowners to put solar on their roofs or trying to compete with rooftop production by building their own solar farms?
    - We will need both, but AEP will have to raise net metering rates for homeowners closer to retail rates to speed the growth of solar.
    - There are prime time rates (during the day) this is power is most expensive. Why should citizens adding roof top collectors only be paid based on (night time rates)
    - Can AEP be encouraged to raise net metering rates? Other power companies have raised rates in Nevada and other states, why can't Ohio? If Ohio wants to switch to green power, there is not a quicker way.
  2. Some are trying to raise their basic rates to improve their bottom line, to improve their stock performance, to increase their ability to borrow cheaply.
    - Some power companies are politically invested in getting rid of the EPA (that required clean-up of coal ash along river banks that are likely to flood

Where PUCO can't oversee all the changes affecting the utility companies in their regions.

- What super grid aligns with OHIO for instance AEP? What control does PUCO have over the layout of the super grids?
- What state representatives vote for in their own "interest".
  1. Coal use is shrinking because it is terrible for the environment.
    - Increased cases of asthma in children
    - Utility have not cleaned up the coal ash (produced by mining of coal) and it has poisoned our public waters, killed the fish for hundreds of miles.
    - Causing acid rain all across the country
      - Killing trees in our national parks
      - Causing signs "do not drink the water" in our national parks

2. Coal is not the most competitive means of producing power.
  - We had to put up with coal for years and the US government spent 100s of millions studying ways to make coal clean and safe to use. ( 0 positive results)
  - In the Carter administration we were technically ahead of the rest of the world in Wind, Solar cells or “alternate forms of energy”.
  - Solar and Wind are now cheaper in the production of power than coal.

I am not in favor of the basic increase for AEP.

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