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RE: AEP Ohio and PUCO Case 23-23 23-0023-EL-SSO
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Dear Members of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,

Paulding County has over 26% of its citizens that are over the age of 60. Which equates to around 4,400 plus of our population. Of those numbers, 19% live in urban areas and 81% live in rural areas. Paulding County has a very high percentage of this population living in their homes compared to other surrounding counties. The effect of an increase of this size will have a great impact on our senior citizens who live on a fixed income. I would sure hate to see senior citizens have to cut back on purchasing medication/food in order to make their electric payment. Our local Area Office on Aging and myself stand behind The Ohio Consumers' Council (OCC) in opposing this increase. Our residents of Paulding County are already facing problems with inflation. My only hope as Paulding County Commissioner, is that this board of Public Utilities Commission would have compassion. Please show them, the senior citizens of Paulding County, that you understand and are willing to help them in their time of need. Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Holtsberry
Chairman, Paulding County Commissioner

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