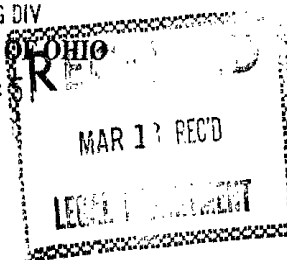


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DENNIS E. WELLMAN,
COMPLAINANT

PUCO

VS.

CASE NO. 00-1164-EL-CSS

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER,
RESPONDENT

**WITHDRAWAL OF COMPLAINT AND
REQUEST FOR TERMINATION OF DOCKET**

American Electric Power/Columbus Southern Power Company and I have settled this matter to the satisfaction of both parties. Therefore, I am withdrawing the Complaint that I filed in this docket and request that the Commission terminate this docket, with prejudice. The Parties do request, however, that the Commission retain a written account of this complaint case in its permanent records. I understand that by withdrawing my Complaint and requesting that this docket be terminated, I have released and forever discharged American Electric Power/Columbus Southern Power Company from any and all claims, liability and damages in any way growing out of or related to the Complaint filed in this docket and the allegations contained therein.

Very Truly Yours,

Dennis E. Wellman

Dennis Wellman 3.12.02

cc: James L. Reeves

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RELEASE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Release and Settlement Agreement is entered into between the Parties in settlement of Case No. 00-1164-EL-CSS, filed before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and the allegations contained therein. The Parties agree that the Complainant, Mr. Wellman, believes that he was overcharged for electricity on his account at his residence and that such overcharge was traced to loose connections inside his meter box.

American Electric Power Company/Columbus Southern Power Company (AEP) has agreed to provide Mr. Wellman with a credit of \$200.00 to his electric account, in addition to a \$75.00 credit previously provided, to settle this matter. Although this matter has been settled, a permanent record of these proceeding, including this settlement, shall be maintained at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

In consideration of the credits provided by AEP, Mr. Wellman, hereby agrees to indemnify, release and forever discharge American Electric Power Company, Columbus Southern Power Company and their subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, employees, agents and assigns (Indemnitees) from and against all liability of any nature arising out of electric service and billing problems experienced or alleged to have been experienced at 5110 Parkline Drive prior to this date, specifically including but not limited to those matters complained of the above referenced case.

It is further agreed and understood that the credit and other matters agreed to by the Indemnitees shall in no way be construed as an admission of liability.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have signed this Agreement on the dates noted next to their signatures.

**THIS IS A FULL AND FINAL RELEASE
OF ALL CLAIMS**

Dennis E. Wellman 3.10.02
DENNIS E. WELLMAN/DATE

James L. Rees 3/19/02
AMERICAN ELECTRIC
POWER COMPANY/DATE