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Commissioner Borders:

I am writing to ask you deny the 34.5% rate increase requested by American Electric Power (AEP), Case #: 200900459. This rate increase is not, in my opinion, warranted and the public has not been properly informed of what the increase is for. I received a letter informing me of the increase less than a week before the rate increase would take affect. This is poor planning on the part of AEP and in my opinion again a deliberate attempt to rush something through while the country is distracted by the politics in Washington D.C.

The purpose of letter is to request that I be considered for a place as an intervener. As a participant I will attend at least one public meeting and the official public hearing. I will be representing myself and possibly all the residence of Slem Street, Douglas Street and Cantrell Street in Ashland, Kentucky in opposing this monumental request for a rate increase. Specifically, we have no Idea what the financial status of AEP was in 2009, i.e. were they in the red or black. Have they incurred additional operating costs, government mandated improvements or have they simply not managed the resources they have properly. Lastly, is it possible for this rate increase to be tabled a few years until the economy has improved? A phased increase not to begin before January, 2011 would be more palatable.

I think that it is important to have a reliable and safe electric supply. However, while the entire country is dealing with job losses, increased taxes and a slow economy this rate increase is ill timed and a right out ridiculous request.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey S. Caudill, P.E.