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ATTN: Docket Control;

Re; Arizona Electric Power Cooperative Inc. Re: E-01773A-04-0528 &
Southwest Transmission Cooperative Inc, E-04100A-04-0527
1200 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Sirs:

It would be absurd to allow AEPCO a 9.86 percent rate increase and even more unconscionable to allow SWTC the 14 percent rate increase they have requested. Granted, transportation costs have increase significantly in the last couple months, but these rate increases were presented to the Commission in 2004—long before the increased costs of transportation.

The cost of producing and delivering electricity has not increased as much as these two entities would have you believe. A cooperative is supposed to work for the good of their customers, and this ludicrous rate increase is doing anything but that. Both AEPCO and SWTC claim that they are cooperatives working for their owners—us. If that is the case, why would they ask for such exorbitant rate increases, which would only hurt the majority of their customers—and owners?!

SWTC's total debt went down in 2003, but they still asked for a 14 percent rate increase in 2004? Why? Their *operating revenues went up by \$4M*, and their total *operating expenses only went up by \$2M* in the same period. They're cleaning up and getting greedier by the year, much to the detriment and quality of life of their owners—the people of the cooperatives!!!

Please, *deny* such outrageous rate increases. My Social Security only went up by 1.9 percent, and that doesn't begin to cover anything. How am I supposed to pay more for electricity that I can hardly afford now on a fixed income??? Please, limit the rate increases to 3 or 4 percent; that's all they need. And the way I see it, even that's too much!!!

Sincerely,

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