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Arizona Corporation Commission  
ATTN: Docket Control Re: AEPCO 01773A-04-0528 and  
SWTCO E-04100A-04-0527  
1200 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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E-01773A-04-0528

Dear Commissioners:

Reference is made to Docket Control Re: <sup>E-</sup>AEPCO 01773A-04-0528 and SWTCO E-04100A-04-0527.

I am writing in regard to AEPCO's proposed rate increase for power provided to Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, of which I am a customer. Rate increases are, we all know, a fact of life. However, rate increases approaching 15 %, even spread out over three years, are unconscionable in my judgement. Such increases certainly exceed the rate of inflation in this economy.

For people who are retired and living on fixed incomes (certainly their Social Security has not increased 15% over three years – nor over 12% in one year, as is the case with this proposed rate increase) rate increases such as the one proposed to be passed on to them as consumers are budget busters. They have already had to deal with inflated gasoline costs this year. Medical costs continue to increase at an unreasonable rate. Do not approve rate increases of a magnitude such that Arizona citizens also have to be concerned about suffering the heat of summer and the cold of winter because they cannot afford to pay their increased electricity bill.

I therefore request that, as you deliberate on rate increases, you exercise prudent judgement, taking into consideration the welfare of Arizona's citizens. In so doing, I'm sure you will find a way to arrive at a much smaller rate increase than the one proposed – one that is fair and equitable, and affordable for the people of this state.

Yours truly  
  
Phillip E. Wralstad.

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