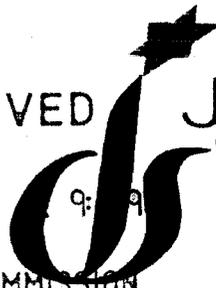


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Dear Chairman,

Thank you again for allowing us to state our case for religious organizations and others that do not fit the Demand Factor rate parameters set up for APS billing at the October 10th hearing. I hope the Commission evaluates our dilemma and rules in favor of those who can prove our main power consumption is "off peak" hours and thus do not require power companies to add additional capacity to satisfy our needs.

The reason for this letter is to request that the rate for our synagogue be retroactively changed to E-20, starting with September, 2005, which is approximately the month I called APS to complain about the high Demand Factor rate we were being charged and was informed there was no other rate plan more suitable to religious organizations. When I complained about the enormous increase in our electric bills, I was told that the Demand Rate of 1.77 had been increased to a 7.7 multiplier. I then specifically inquired whether there were any other plans available more suitable for our synagogue as a religious organization. I was told no other more suitable plan was available to us and that our current rate plan of E-32, a rate assigned to us by APS was the appropriate rate.

However, I have now learned that I was misinformed by APS because, following my statement to the Corporation Commission at the October 10th hearing, I was approached by members of ICE who looked at my APS billing statements and asked why I never requested a change to E-20 which is more suitable for religious organizations.

The following morning on October 11th, I called APS and the APS representative confirmed that the E-20 rate plan was more suitable for houses of worship, but informed me that unfortunately this rate was no longer available; it had been FROZEN this past spring! That APS representative said that since the E-20 rate plan was frozen he could not take into consideration the fact that I had inquired about such a rate prior to the freeze but had not been able to ask for this rate plan due to the misinformation given to me by APS.

On behalf of my synagogue, I am asking the Corporation Commission to authorize APS to treat this request to convert to the E-20 rate plan as having been received in August 2005 the approximate date the APS misinformed me as to whether there was a rate for religious houses of worship, and to change the rate retroactively back to September, 2005, but in any event, change the rate immediately to apply prospectively, given our inability to timely ask for a rate change (prior to the particular rate freeze) is due to my being misinformed by APS.

This is just another reason why utilities like APS should be monitored closely by the Corporation Commission. We the public, small businesses and religious houses of worship depend upon the Commission to look after our rights.

I thank you for your patience in hearing our complaints and dilemma and hope the Commission can rectify this unjust situation.

Sincerely,

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Joseph Knauer, President

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