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- 1. Good afternoon your Honor and thank you for the opportunity to speak today.
- 2. My name is Charles R Hill Jr. and I am the Business Manager of IBEW Local Union 210. Local 210 represents approximately 400 employees at Atlantic City Electric Company in Southern New Jersey.
- 3. I am here to speak today in support of the Rate increase that ACE is requesting. I speak in support of the increase not to needlessly raise electric rates to the customers of ACE for the benefit of my members but rather for the benefit of the customers of ACE.
- 4. This increase will allow the company to continue with their efforts and plans to update an aging infrastructure that is in need of improvements and upgrades. In addition, there must be trained employees of the Company ready to respond when needed as a result of pole accidents, storms or other issues that cause power outages. As we all know over the last several years we have seen a number of major weather events impact our service area.

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- 5. In order to do this, there must be a source of revenue that will provide for the material and the labor resources that the Company needs and that will be required to complete these tasks.
- 6. I have been involved with the Company as an employee for over 37 years as well as a member of IBEW Local 210 for 43 years and have seen first handed what happens when system upgrades, general maintenance and staff are cut as a result of budgetary issues.
- 7. The customers should expect that their electric service is delivered safely, efficiently, and most important without interruption. This can only be achieved by having revenues sufficient to provide those basic assumptions.
- 8. In closing, I support the requested increase and as a customer would be willing to spend the extra money in my bill to insure that I have electric delivered to my meter and if it should go out that my electric provider has trained employees working to restore my power safely and in a timely fashion.
- 9. Thank you and good afternoon.

Submitted By: <u>Marks</u> Date: <u>6-17-2016</u>