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OFFICE OF THE LAW DIRECTOR



September 12, 2008

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Mr. Alan R. Schribner Chairman Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215 SEP 1 6 2008

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Office of Chairman PU.C.O.

RE: Resolution No. 30-2008

Dear Mr. Schribner:

Enclosed you will find a certified copy of Resolution No. 30-2008 that was adopted by the Garfield Heights City Council on September 8, 2008. This Resolution is captioned as follows:

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO A PROPOSED RATE HIKE BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO, WHICH WOULD INCREASE THE DOMINION EAST OHIO GAS MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE FROM \$5.70 TO \$12.50 PER MONTH NEXT YEAR AND \$15.40 PER MONTH THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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DAVID E. MACK Law Director

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BARBARA MOLIN Clerk of Council

Date: September 11, 2008

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RESOLUTION NO .:

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CO-SPONSORED BY: COUNCILPERSONS MICHAEL DUDLEY, SR., DEBRA SARNOWSKI, JOSEPH M. SUSTER, TRACY MAHONEY, AND MICHAEL J. ABELLA, JR.

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WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) is currently considering a rate hike which would increase the Dominion East Ohio Gas Monthly Service Charge from \$5.70 to \$12.50 per month next year and \$15.40 per month the following year, and

WHEREAS, customers would have to pay this fee regardless of whether they actually use any gas, which provides no incentive to customers who work hard to conserve energy, and which effectively counteracts any state heating assistance a low income family might receive, and

WHEREAS, in light of rising costs of other essentials such as gasoline, and groceries, many residents have pressed an inability to afford any rate hike on their natural gas bills, and

WHEREAS, this increase will cost Ohioans millions more per year in new charges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio, that:

<u>Section 1</u>. This Council hereby expresses its opposition to PUCO's proposed increase of Dominion East Ohio Gas's monthly service charge.

<u>Section 2</u>. The Law Director be and he is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the local news media.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

September 8, 2008 PASSED: APPROVED ATTEST: CLERK OF COUNCIL

EFFECTIVE DATE Ctober 7, 2008

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