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- Company: DUKE ENERGY
- *(no account name provided?)*
- Service address: same
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- Account Number: 14800075212

COMMENT DESCRIPTION:

RE: DUKE ENERGY REQUEST FOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY RATES

I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE REQUEST FOR \$86m. AT LEAST I HOPE PUCO WILL ALLOW ONLY WHAT YOUR STAFF SUGGESTS (\$39m) IF ANY!! DUKE WAS GRANTED GAS DELIVERY CHARGES LAST YEAR (MAY 2008) FROM PREVIOUS \$6.00 CHARGE TO \$25.33 COMING NEXT MONTH. THAT IS AN INCREASE ON THIS "FEE" FOR GAS ONLY OF OVER \$19 PER MONTH!!! SO, NO MATTER HOW MUCH I CONSERVE GAS USAGE, I STILL END UP PAYING MORE THAN I USED TO OVER THE YEARS PAST.

SAME PRINCIPLE APPLIES TO THE ELECTRIC PROPOSAL. THE FEES IMPOSED BY DUKE DEFY ONE'S ABILITY TO REDUCE USAGE TO SAVE MONEY BECAUSE THE FEE INCREASE WILL OVERRIDE WHATEVER ATTEMPT IS MADE BY THE CONSUMER.

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THERE HAS TO BE ANOTHER WAY. DUKE CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUOUSLY INCREASE ITS FEES TO COVER ITS COSTS. HERE IN CINCINNATI WE SUFFER THE SAME NONSENSE ARRANGEMENT WITH THE WATER WORKS/SEWAGE FEES.

HOW CAN STATE/LOCAL GOVERNMENTS EXPECT THE CONSUMERS (IN MY CASE, SENIOR CITIZEN ON FIXED INCOME) TO ABSORB THESE MANIPULATIVE ACCOUNTING PRACTICES????

HELP, PLEASE PUCO!!!!