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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Attn: Docketing Division 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Duke Energy electric rate increase

Dear Sir:

I am opposed to the request by Duke Energy to increase the electric rate. This increase would certainly have an effect on households that are already struggling.

I realize that the September 2008 windstorm craft hadditional cost for Duke but as a homeowner it created cost for me. We lost several large trees that had to be removed at our expense and power was lost to our home and that caused a loss of the food in our refrigerator and freezer. As a property owner I have no way to claim my loss. The windstorm cost to Duke should be borne by the shareholders who benefit from this compensation not customers. Thank you

Sincerely,

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