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Dear Chairman Schriber:

My name is Gerald Kotrlík and my wife Emma and I live at 9628 Plum Brook Lane, Strongsville, Ohio 44149. I've lived at this address since 1978 when I had my all-electric home built in Meadowood subdivision by Bob Schmitt Homes.

Before purchasing this house I researched quality builders in the Strongsville area and Bob Schmitt was rated one of the highest in homeowner satisfaction. One of my main concerns was that all of the homes being built in the Meadowood subdivision were all electric. Natural gas was not available and no gas lines were being placed in the development.

Before purchaseing this house my dealings were with Ed Schmitt, the lead architect and brother of the owner Bob Schmitt. Ed and I went over my concerns and he explained that their homes were built to meet or exceed the electric company (CEI) standards for a all-electric home, full ceiling and wall insulation, insulated double glass windows and doors and a limited amount of window area. This construction method qualified the house for the all-electric discount rate. I asked Ed if this rate was temporary or a teaser rate and he said no. Ed said that the all-electric discount rate would stay with the house indefinitely and would transfer from owner to owner. I told him that I would never purchase this house without the discounted rate. I had looked at homes in the area, just a few years old, that were heated with natural gas. I was assured by him that with the all-electric discount my bills would be comparable to natural gas heat. Ed explained that the (CEI) was making and selling electric power during off peak periods when the demand was low. This meant a cost savings being passed on to the all electric home owner. After his explanations and promises I had Bob Schmitt Homes build my house.

I believed that the facts that were given me about the all-electric discount rate staying with the house indefinitely was the truth. I believe that Bob Schmitt Homes stated the facts that were told to them by the electric company.

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I believe that the electric company removed this discount to increase profits for themselves and their stockholders. I also believe that all electric homes have made them a lot of money all of these years.

I'm 70+ years old and retired on a fixed income with no COLA increases. This rate increase has hurt my total budget, put a hardship on my family and reduced my property value by a least 30%.

Who is protecting me from this betrayal and price gouging by the electric company?

You are the PUCO, please help me and all the other homeowners with the same problem. Please reinstate the all-electric home discount rate as it was before the increase.

Thank you,

Gerald Kotrlik

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*On October 29th 2010 Gerald Kotrlik appeared
before me in Berea, Ohio.*

[Signature]

ANDREW J. TIMKO
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires Dec. 9, 2013

