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COMPLAINT DESCRIPTION:

I am writing to urge PUCO to work in the public trust when it comes to the full and permanent electric rate discounts for homeowners of all electric homes.

My wife and I attended the recent public hearing in Strongsville and listened to the overwhelming testimony of homeowners and builders who were promised discounted rates for buying or building all electric homes by the electric utilities.

Without the discounted rates we will see the home values of all electric homes plummet because it will

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not longer be affordable to heat those homes compared to homes that are heated with natural gas. Plunging home prices will further worsen the instability our economy faces because of the housing and foreclosure debacle that has nearly ruined our economy.

My wife and I purchased our 1966 ranch home just this summer. We were ignorant of the all electric issue. Had we been aware of this hanging issue, I am not certain we would have purchased this home. The idea that we could be facing crippling electric rates would have given us considerable pause.

For many senior citizens a home is their most valuable asset. Losing a large portion of their home value will negatively alter their ability to maintain a reasonable quality of life in their later years as they tap into the equity of their home.

While many senior citizens are on a fixed income, it's just not them who cannot afford to see their electric bill double or triple. Average working Americans are earning less today, adjusted for inflation, than they did in the 1980's. Source:

http://www.investorsinsight.com/blogs/profitscore_iq/archive/2009/09/22/why-are-americans-earning-less-than-they-did-in-1982.aspx

if PUCO does rule to permanently restore the all electric discount, they must make certain the utilities do not recoup this money off the backs of their other customers.

Thank you for your time and your consideration of this issue for the good of the more than 300,000 all electric home owners in Ohio.

James Arnold