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To: PUCO

Case No. 10-176

I am unable to testify in person because I had hip replacement surgery this month. Please accept my written testimony.

I am an all electric homeowner. After I retired in 1993, my wife and I decided to down-size. We visited many new home models. We liked the Bob Schmitt Homes but were concerned that they only built "all electric homes". We had always lived in homes heated by natural gas and thought that natural gas provided the most economical heat and hot water. Utility costs were important because we are living on a fixed income.

During one of my visits, I met Bob Schmitt and asked him why he did not offer natural gas with his homes. He told me that his "all electric homes" received a discounted electric rate and could be operated as economically as a home heated by natural gas. We talked for some time and he sold me on the "all electric home" with the discounted rate. We moved into our new "all electric home" in 1998.

There was no doubt in my mind that the discounted rate would always be given to "all electric homes." I was shocked when Ohio Edison decided to discontinue its established practice of discounted rates to "all electric homes." Since natural gas is not available and a buyer for my "all electric home" is not available, I will be stuck paying the higher electric rates unless PUCO comes to my rescue and does what is fair and just for "all electric homes."

Sincerely,


G. L. Snyder

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