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Memorandum

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Re: Darin Fiedeldev 8487 E Miami River Rd Cincinnati, OH 45247

Docketing Case No.:11-3549-EL-SSO

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## Notes:

Our Electric bill from Duke Energy now includes a Generation Rider. We were not notified in advance of this new rider and didn't include it in our 2012 budget. Inclusion in their company website does not equate to a public announcement as we have no reason to police their website. This rider has added over 32% to existing bill amount. How does the PUCO allow a charge like this to be added in the 2nd month of the year? The Generation Rider in the first bill was mostly overlooked since it only included five days.

PUCO should take the same action in the Duke Energy market as they did in the AEP market (suspending the generation rider). Upon consideration of arguments raised by parties who did not sign the settlement agreement and upon becoming aware of the actual impacts of the agreement, the Commission found that approving the agreement did not benefit rate payers and is not in the public interest. Therefore, on February 23, 2012, the PUCO disapproved the settlement agreement and ordered AEP to return its rates, as mandated by Ohio law, to levels similar to those in place in Dec. 2011. Theses rates will remain in place until a new rate plan is adopted. While the PUCO revoked the settlement agreement filed by AEP and other signatory parties in September 2011, AEP's underlying application filed on Jan. 27, 2011 remains in place. AEP has 30 days to amend or withdraw the application. The PUCO has reopened intervention in the case to allow any party to participate in the proceedings and will issue a procedural schedule for the case when AEP responds.

This type of unknown increase in our energy bills will unfortunately damage the engine the small business owner and ultimately our already struggling economy.

How has the PUCO addressed concerns over rates in regards to Duke Energy?

Please docket the attached in the case number above.

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