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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad St.
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

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Re: Proposed Electric Rate Increase for Duke Energy

To Whom it May Concern:

Pursuant to Section 4909.19 of the Ohio Revised Code, I am registering an objection to the proposed electric rate increase filed by Duke Energy Ohio on 07/09/2012.

The proposed rate for DP has an increase for the customer charge from \$200.00 to \$273.21. This is a 36.6% increase. Likewise the demand charge per KW increases from \$3.77 to \$5.15. This is also a 36.6% increase.

Rate DS proposes an increase in the customer charge from \$40.00 to \$49.51 and the demand charge per KW from \$4.685 to \$5.7984. Both of these are a 23.8% increase.

These increases, along with several proposed additional riders, should surely be considered an unreasonably large increase. Even considering that usually 50% of the "proposed increases" are approved by the PUCO, the increase would be considered unreasonably high and far above the inflation rate particularly during a recessionary period.

Whatever happened to the normal "real life" increases that many people experience (1 ½ - 3%) in this economy.

In addition, Duke estimates the average real increase for that rate schedule to be 3.9%, exclusive of any new riders or increased riders. Our increase would average 13.1%, again an unreasonable overall increase.

As a Small Business, without representation before the PUCO in these matters, we ask that the commission consider how small enterprise is affected by even a small percentage of Duke's request. Also consider that a request was filed for the gas rates on the same date as this increase.

These increases, in necessary utilities, will greatly effect the economic recovery for small business particularly.

Sincerely,



Daniel J. Erhart
President

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