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Memorandum

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Re: James Clark  
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Powell, OH 43065

Docketing Case No.: 12-2637-GA-EXM

Notes:

I am strongly opposed to the Columbia Gas proposal to deregulate gas prices. Our current system provides the right mix of competition and controls to insure fair gas pricing to all consumers. The current pricing structure is not causing any problems for the gas companies or consumers. It works. It allows competition, it protects consumers. This proposal is just a Columbia Gas grab for power and increased profits at the expense of consumers under the guise of the misconception that totally free markets without any government regulations is always the best way. Deregulation of airlines has ruined air travel service, as anyone over the age of fifty can testify. Regulation of major industries and services through government is the only way average citizens can protect themselves against rich, powerful companies that history has shown will always trample on the rights of individuals when given the opportunity. Read any decent account of the history of labor and worker rights from the 1880's if you doubt me. This is one more chapter in that fight for the rights of the average American citizen against the powerful interests that would oppress him. I urge the PUCO to deny Columbia Gas' proposal to eliminate regulated gas pricing. Thank you for this opportunity to comment in the public record.

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