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Memorandum

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Re: Patricia James
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Docketing Case No.:12-2637-GA-EXM

Notes:

My comment concerns the present gas rate case that is possibly being voted on this week. Please enter my comments into the record for this case. Every year since the gas co. has been deregulated ,I have done the apples to apples comparison and changed my gas supplier based on the comparisons. I don't know how many years i have done this but I have changed suppliers at least 3 times. I finally realized that I couldn't save money this way because of the variability of the gas pricing and decided to stay with columbia gas and stop wasting my time. The gas company isn't making any money on this but the other suppliers are trying to so they tack on terms like 2 year contract, or a charge if you end contract before end of the term. Consequently it was in my best interest to go back to columbia after trying several of the different suppliers and their plans. A study was done since this was instituted and bore out my own findings that I didn't save any money by going to other suppliers and published in the Dispatch this year. My point is that I don't want you to entirely deregulate gas pricing because I will lose and end up paying more. People don't have time every year to do the apples to apples comparison. They are working two jobs ect. If we are paying for you (PUCO) to do this already then I want that to continue. The deregulation didn't work with the phone co. and it isn't going to work for the electric deregulation because these other providers must tack on money to the original cost they pay for gas to make money and stay in business and that is going to cost the consumer more in the long run. I refuse to play this game anymore. You don't have the consumers best interests in mind if you ok this deregulation case. I know my thoughts won't make a difference but I am telling you anyway.

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