# Ohio <br> Public Utilities Commission 

Case Number
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Attn: Docketing 180 E. Broad St. Columbus, OH 43215

## Formal Complaint Form



## Against



Utility Company Name


Customer Service Address (if different from above)
$\overline{\text { City }}$ State Zip

Please describe your complaint. (Attach additional sheets if necessary)


Signature

Customer Telephone Number

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## Dear Maiden or Sir

## Name: Jennifer Hines

Address: 513 E. Paint Street Washington Court House, Ohio 43160
Telephone Number : Home 740-636-1373 Cell 740-572-1023
Account Number is 95402746655
Service address: Same as above
I am a customer of Dayton Power and Light and this is the company I am filing the complaint against.
On May 12nd I contacted DP\&L concerning my then current bill. The current charges were \$2522.77, and I was concerned why the bill was so high. I spoke with a representative at DP\&L and they explained that my bill had been estimated since my August read and the current bill reflected the must resent actual read. They said they could send out a representative the next day to check the meter. On May $13^{\text {th }}$ a DP\&L guy came out to my house and checked the meter. He told me he could not see anything wrong with the meter but he could go ahead and change the meter out to a digital meter. Explaining that Fayette County would be going to digital meters soon, that with a digital meter I would be able to read and understand the read more accurately and that with a digital meter there is no estimates as the meter can be read from a device. I asked if it would cost anything and was told no and he changed the meter right then. I contacted DP\&L after he left and they told me as nothing was wrong with my meter I would need to pay the bill. I asked to speak to a supervisor and was told one would call me back after five. I had some things to do and did not want to speak to a supervisor while at my granddaughters ballgame, so I called DP\&L back and asked to speak to a supervisor then. I was then told a supervisor would contact me back with 72 hours and one was not available to speak to me at that time. I told the representative I wanted to speak to a supervisor again and once again she told one was not available to talk to me and she hung up (this was around $4: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ ) At that time I contacted PUCO from the back of the bill and spoke to Lawerence. He advised me to call and let DP\&L know I had spoke to PUCO and I had a few questions (such as how they billed, and even though the winter was colder the usuage should have been higher but it should still be inline due to when estimating they should take last year's bill and current temperature to come up with an estimate, why there was so many estimates with the harsh winter and ask for a bill analysis.) I waited until Friday May $16^{\text {th }}$ with no word from a supervisor at DP\&L and called PUCO back at that time they opened a case and gave me a case number (Jhin051314QT). Over the weekend my mother was ill and was put into the hospital on Monday in ICU, and I am not sure when the Supervisor from DP\&L called back and left a message on my home phone. On Wednesday 5-21 I called the number left for supervisor Joyce and spoke to her about my account. I explained to her the things I already knew and did not need them repeated to me, and she told me they were working on a resolution. In the weeks to follow I have tried to contact Joyce once again with no answer and have spoke to representatives at PUCO and one supervisor there.

So now through all this I still have no resolution to explain the very high DP\&L bill I received in June for the May read. I know my meter was read in August with a read of 96228 and not read again until May with a read of 26512 . Therefore, causing the high bill. I understand it was a very cold winter and my bill should have been higher than was billed in the colder months. I understand they can only have to read my meter once a year. The things I do not understand are why they estimated it so low, why the neighbors on both side of me had their meter read in February and mine was still estimated (even though my meter is about three feet from the alley), I do not know if the meter skipped
something when it went from 99999 to 00000 , and I do not think anyone else can tell me this either. I also am confused why if this case was opened on May $13^{\text {th }}$ why the meter was recycled on May $30^{\text {th }}$ with no additional testing.

I am not saying that I do not owe some additional amount for the harsh winter but the extreme amount is not correct. I have lived at my current address for about ten or eleven years and have never used that much in electricity. I have a gas stove, dryer, hot water tank and heater. I have used electric heaters in a couple rooms of my house in the past as well as the period in question. I believe DP\&L provided me with inadequate service and being that I have no other option for electric I must pay their consequences. I believe they should not have recycled the meter in question until there was a resolution for this.

I would like the Commission to review what is on file with the PUCO and DP\&L and see if there is any way we can come to some kind of compromise for the June bill. I feel DP\&L should take on some of the responsibility for their inadequate service they provided me. If this cannot be done I would like DP\&L to explain to me how a household of one could use that much more electricity than others. I know you cannot compare other's bill but others had the same winter conditions as I did and their bills are no where this high.

I do apologize for the long winded complaint but I wanted to make sure I was able to explain what I already know but still have no answers. So any answers you may provide would be greatly appreciated. I have enclosed a copy of the two bills that was sent to me from DP\&L with no explanation of what they are and an email between PUCO and DP\&L, regarding the meter in question.

Thank you again for any help in the matter


Jennifer J Hines

From: DPL PUCO / OCC
To: PUCO ContactThePUCO
Subject: RE: Follow-up E-mail Case: JHIN051314QT
Received: 6/17/2014 3:10:51 PM
Message:

June 17, 2014

It was found that the meter was sent to recycling on May 30, 2014, and cannot be tested.
Thanks,
Jill Vice
Puco Department
Dayton Power and Light Company
Customer Service 937-331-3900

From: ContactThePUCO@puc,state,oh.us [mailto:ContactThePuco@puc.state.oh,us]
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 7:58 AM
To: DPL Consumer Services
Subject: Follow-up E-mail. Case: JHINO51314QT
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Investigation and Audit Division

Memorandum

Re: Jennifer Hines

513 E Paint St

Washington Court House, OH 43160
(740) 636-1373

CASE ID: JHIN051314QT

Notes:

Jill,

This customer may file a formal complaint.

Please have meter tested, if not already done so.
What is reason by month for estimations from Sept 2013 to May 2014 ?

From: Lawrence Hampton

Compliance Investigator PUCO/SMED/IAD

## ACCOUNT NUMBEA

## (1)RT, The Dayton Power and Light Company

95402746655

AMOUNT PAID


JENNIFER HINES
513 E PAINT ST WASH CH OH 43160

LATE PAYMENT
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT
$2,670.85$
PROMPTPAYMENT

DUE DATE FOR PROMPT PAYMENT

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BALANCE FORWARD
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PRICE-TO-COMPARE: IN ORDER FOR YOU TO SAVE MONEY, A NEW SUPPLIER MUST OFFER YOU A PRICE LOWER THAN DP\&L'S PRICE OF $\$ 42.27$, OR 10.3 CENTS PER KWH, FOR THE SAME USAGE THAT APPEARS ON THIS BILL. YOU MAY CONTACT DP\&L FOR A WRITTEN EXPLANATION OF THE PRICE-TO-COMPARE MESSAGE.

THE DUE DATE INDICATED ABOVE APPLIES TO YOUR CURRENT BILL. YOUR PAST DUE CHARIES MAY RESULT IN A DEPOSIT BEING CHARGED (IF A DEPOSIT DOES NOT CURRENTLY EXIST) AND ARE SUBJECT TO COLLECTION ACTIVITY WHICH COULD RESULT IN DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE.

TO REPORT OR GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT A POWER OUTAGE, CALL 877-40UTAGE (877-468-8243) OR REPORT VIA WEB OR SMARTPHONE AT DPANDL.COM/REPORT. YOU'LL USE THE PHONE NUMBER DN YOUR ACCOUNT OR YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER TO REPORT.

PAY YOUR BILL OVER THE PHONE OR INTERNET WITH SPEEDPAY. PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR A SMALL FEE BY CREDIT CARD (VISA, MASTERCARD, OR DISCOVER) OR FREE OF CHARGE WHEN PAYING BY CHECKING OR SAVING WHEN CALLING SPEEDPAY AT 866-305-3095 (DP\&L'S AUTHORIZED TELEPHONIC AGENT) OR BY VISITING OUR WEBSITE AT WWW. DPANDL.COM. PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE 7 DAYS A WEEK, 24 HOURS A DAY.

AN ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT TO THE TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY RIDER-NON-BYPASSABLE AND A SEMIANNUAL ADJUSTMENT TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RIDER ARE INCLUDED IN YOUR BILL. SEVERAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE QUARTERLY TRUE-UP RIDERS ARE INCLUDED IN YOUR BILL. THESE RATES CHANGE QUARTERLY TO REFLECT CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS.

THESE RIDERS INCLUDE THE RECONCILIATION RIDER NON-BYPASSABLE, FUEL RIDER, TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY RIDER BYPASSABLE, PJM RPM RIDER, ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RIDER, AND THE COMPETITIVE BID TRUE-UP RIDER. THESE CHANGES ARE EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014, AND THE NET EFFECT IS A $\$ 13.86$ INCREASE ON A RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER USING 750 KWH PER MONTH.

THE FOLLOWING DETAIL IS REQUIRED BY DHIO REGULATION.
DP\&L CHARGES: EL RATE 111 KWH 412
CUSTOMER CHARGE DISTRIBUTION CHARGE TRANSMISSION CHARGE GENERATION CHARGE NONBYPASSABLE CHARGE TOTAL


Bidet The Dayton Power and Light Company

## 95402746655

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JENNIFER HINES
513 E PAINT ST
WASH CH OH 43160


DUE DATE FOR PROMPT PAYMENT
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PREVIOUS PAYMENT

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PAY YOUR BILL OVER THE PHONE OR INTERNET WITH SPEEDPAY. FOR A SMALL FEE, PAID TO SPEEDPAY, OF $\$ 2.95$ FOR CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD OR ACH/ELECTRDNIC CHECK, YOU CAN MAKE A PAYMENT BY CALLING 866-305-3095 OR ON OUR WEB SITE AT WWW. DPANDL.COM.

A CHANGE TO THE FUEL RIDER HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE GENERATION PORTION OF YOUR BILL. THIS RIDER RECOVERS FUEL AND FUEL-RELATED COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH GENERATING ELECTRICITY. THE CHARGE IS ASSESSED ON ALL KILOWATT-HOURS (KWH) YOU USE AND CHANGES SEASONALLY. THE CHANGE RESULTS IN A DECREASE OF $\mathbf{~} 0.35$ PER MONTH FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS USING 750 KWH.

THE FOLLOWING DETAIL IS REQUIRED BY OHIO REGULATION.
DP\&L CHARGES: EL RATE 111 KWH 379 CUSTOMER CHARGE DISTRIBUTION CHARGE TRANSMISSION RELATED CHARGES generation charge GENERATION RIDER
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