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

### **Formal Complaint Form**

Bonnie K. Bishop Customer Name (Please Print)	11316 Marlette Drive
Customer Name (Please Print)	Customer Address
	Cincinnati Ohio 45249  City State Zip
Against	2790-0179-22-2 Account Number
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TO:

**PUCO** 

FROM:

Bonnie Bishop

DATE:

July 10, 2015

RE:

Scheduling

At this time I am providing a schedule of my commitments and appointments that are already on my calendar. I hope this would be helpful. On the following dates I have appointments, events, commitments already on my calendar.

July 17, 21, 24, 28

August 1, 3, 18, 19, 24

September 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21

October 15

Since I am not familiar with Columbus and am 68 years old I will need time to get to Columbus. I would appreciate any meeting with Duke Energy to begin no earlier than ten o'clock if that could be arranged. I thank you for your consideration.

COMPLAINT:

of Bonnie K. Bishop

ADDRESS:

11316 Marlette Drive

Cincinnati, Ohio 45249

PHONE NUMBER:

1-513-469-0445

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

2790-0179-22-2

I am the homeowner and have been a customer of Duke Energy (at the above address) for Approximately 13 years.

COMPLAINT:

against Duke Energy

This complaint concerns Duke Energy surging my home once to twice a day for a period of five weeks starting around December. The voltage spikes were higher and longer in length and made a ZZZZZZZZZZZ Sound as the lights changed in brightness. I continually called Duke Energy with my concerns and I felt as though I was basically ignored. They failed to diagnose the problem, did not solve the issue within the 10 day time frame and never ever provided an every five day status report. Because I was in fear for my very safety I had to hire outside electric testing companies which resulted in \$2,241.00 expense and the diagnosis was that Duke Energy was continuously surging my home which caused the circuit boards of my appliances and heating system to burn up. When Duke heard the diagnosis they did their own quality meter testing and acknowledged the continuous surging (attached printouts) as well as the times and dates that I gave them for when I heard the ZZZZZZZZ sound were accurate and matched their testing results. I have not received quality, safe, and adequate service. The surges caused my furnace to fail in the coldest of weather. Duke Energy should have shown care and diligence in the diagnosis, they were negligent in their duty. I have had various appliances fail and have been told my other appliances will have a shortened lifespan.

### What I Would Like The Commission To Do:

I have attached a damages listing in my narrative that details the cost to replacement. There are also the reports of the electrical companies and heating company. Duke said that I should file for damages through Strikestop and Sedgewick which I promptly did. Strikestop wanted Duke to pay half but Duke's Sedgewick Claims denied they have any responsibility. Strikestop did pay only \$1,500 which is the maximum they could pay per incident. However, there were five weeks of incidents. I would like my damage listing sheet (have receipts) paid. I also need monetary consideration for the refrigerator, dish washer, dryer, TV, and air conditioner. I was told that these rather new appliances will also have a much shorter lifespan due to the strength, length, and time frame of the surges.

As an Ohio consumer I allege that Duke Energy has not provided quality, safe and reliable electric services to my home at 11316 Marlette Drive. I further allege that my rights have been ignored while I have demonstrated responsibility as the consumer in contrast to Duke Energy who has not taken responsibility for their actions, but in fact have been negligent in regards to my safety as well as the destruction of numerous appliances due to their once to twice a day high powered electrial surges to my home. For approximately five weeks Duke Energy had surged my home between one to two times a day, with the surges being more powerful and longer in length than a surge should have ever been. The damages have been into the thousands of dollars. Duke feels that they could not have forseen or expected the surges. However, B. Bishop called them continuously during the five weeks, because she was hearing a loud ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ sound as the lights would change in brightness, and she was in fear that her home could possibly burn down. According to PUCO online guidelines "The company is required to investigate every customer complaint received and the complaint should be resolved within 10 business days. If the company is unable to resolve your complaint within 10 business days, they must provide you with a status report every five business days following the initial period. If your complaint is not resolved to your satisfaction, ask to speak to a supervisor. If this still does not help, contact PUCO and request a complaint. Duke not only did not resolve the issue within ten business days but they also never provided the every five day status report. Because Duke could not or would not find the daily problem outside electric companies had to diagnose what was causing these continual issues.

Because of B Bishops numerous calls to Duke, with a few visits to her home by Duke technicians provided no relief, B. Bishop was forced to first hire Cooper Electric to examine everything electric in the kitchen and family room which generated a \$357 bill on January 13, 2015. The examination provided that the problem was not in any outlet, light fixture in either the family room, kitchen, or laundry room where the problem was first noted. On January 22, 2015 B. Bishop had to hire Bertke Electric. Bertke Electrical and Testing Services did a one and a half day electrical testing by two electricians which cost \$1882.00. This testing consisted of ground wire and wire resistant testing, GFCI outdoor testing, light fixture testing, electrical panel testing, neutral wire testing, voltage testing, light switch testing, receptacle outlet testing, and ceiling fan testing. The electrical inspectors used infrared imaging (which could detect heat or loose connections), ultrasonic testing (looks for arcing and loose connections), and metering (which looks for millivolt drops) also if there could be any bad breakers. My entire home checked out as normal, nothing in the home was the cause. Bertke then attached a quality meter to the inside electrical panel which confirmed this was a Duke external issue. The Bertke Electric computer print outs (attached) proved that Duke Energy was electrically surging my home once to twice a day with electric surges that were very high and long lasting. The Bertke report stated that customer has had multiple surges caused by Duke Energy power provider. She has lost multiple appliances due to the surges.

I was relieved to know the problem but confused at this diagnosis because several years ago I had paid approximately \$138 dollars to have Duke install a surge meter on the outside of my home. They had sent a flyer offering surge protection, I had previously never had any surges. I have been charged approximately \$4.70 monthly for this service for several years. I called Duke and told them what the Bertke report said and my appliances have been failing because for all these weeks they have been surged several times a day. Duke said they wanted to put their own meter on the outside of my home to check. When Mr. McMahon (Duke representative) removed the quality meter and ran off the computer print- out, it showed the same result as Bertke Electric that one to two times a day my home was being

surged with a high powered voltage for a sustained period of time. Previously I had provided Duke with the time and date when I heard the ZZZZZZZZZ sound and the lights when up and down in brightness. When Bertke did their testing and Duke completed their testing, Kelly McMahan said the times you have provided for when you heard the ZZZZZZZZZ are almost exactly as you said on our computer print-out. You will note that on Duke's sheet they wrote when I said I heard the ZZZZZZZZZZ of the surge occurred and what their results were. I had been telling them for five weeks this was happening and their actions showed they did not take these issues seriously. At my kitchen table, as Mr. McMahan reviewed the information with Duke Engineer Mike Simms via teleconference they felt a capacitor by a church was the issue. There also was some talk that some facility had requested extra power but that project was over. I also explained that some wiring work had been done by Duke and the work stopped right to the left side of my house.

I now felt that we know why I am hearing these ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ (like sizzling wire sound) and why the lights are changing, and why the appliances are failing (burnt circuit boards). I had been very proactive calling Duke continually (because I was scared) when they couldn't find a cause I was proactive to have my home tested. I even had Duke install a surge protector years ago. Whatever Duke did from around that time it appeared to slow down the surges so I didn't notice them anymore. I then inquired of various Duke representatives, "What is the procedure to be reimbursed for my appliances?" Because I am approximately 68 years old my appliances were rather new. I had bought them in retirement so they would hopefully carry me through my retirement years. Now I was in a crisis- upright Amana freezer with food ruined. A GE self- cleaning oven a little over a year old not working, a three year old Whirlpool Cabriole wash machine gone, my computer system gone, etc. I had just paid out a total of \$2,239.00 to two electric companies when Duke themselves could have and should have found what was causing the issue by attaching the quality meter to my electric meter. Now I was faced with all these ruined appliance issues. Duke's first suggestion was contact Strikestop of Clearwater Florida who attached your surge meter. I called them and they said it would be seven to ten days to receive the paperwork. As the consumer I had to provide proof of the model number, age and cost of each lost appliance. Therefore I immediately had to go to numerous stores and request copies of said information which took time. I filled out all requested paperwork with said receipts, attached appliance receipts, electrical bills of Bertke/Cooper, wrote my narrative etc. and then Xeroxed copies at Fedex. The copy of paperwork sent to Strike stop in February is attached. Of course I couldn't type anything because I lost my computer. I made numerous calls to Strikestop in Clearwater and they were trying to get Duke to share some of the cost.

I continued to call the engineers of Duke- Engineer Mike Simms and Engineer Tom Geiman as well as the Tech Kelly McMahan they all said we cannot help you-go through the claims process which I was in and which little to nothing was happening. How was I expected to replace all these failed appliances that failed at the same time?

It was suggested I next file a claim with Sedgwick Claims Management Services in Lexington, Kentucky which also does claims for Duke. I called and requested the paperwork and they said 7 to 10 days. I wondered why wouldn't the paperwork be the same? Why should I have to fill out all new forms and recopy everything? I promptly completed all the paperwork and also addressed the seven statements of the cover letter when my claim was denied. I designated a number to each statement of their coverletter (attached). This document is a running history of the situation with names, dates, etc. Once again no computer so I had to write in long hand. When I was waiting for a reply because nothing was

happening I called Wendy Geiger of Sedgewick. She said, "Well you send your paperwork to our PO BOX number 14151 and it might be a week or two until it is picked up and then it goes to a building to be scanned before it comes to me and then I give it to the people that decide. I thought 7 to 10 days to get the paperwork and a week or two until they may pick it up and then it goes to her and she sends it to the decision maker, then they say no responsibility. On another call to Wendy Geiger she said I had been turned down by Sedgewick and I would receive a letter saying it was unforeseeable equipment failure. I said one surge could have been unforeseeable but when it is happening daily once to twice a day and I am continually calling it is not unforeseeable. Duke had not followed the protocol of correcting the issue within 10 days and providing status reports every five days—this was never done. They could have and should have attached the quality meter to my outside electric meter and would have quickly and efficiently solved the problem and the chance of appliance failure would have been much lower.

Duke also suggested that I talk to Alisha. By phone I explained what I had been through and how I lost all these appliances through no negligence on my part. There was nothing I could do to stop the surges, I felt scared and helpless. For five weeks I had been calling Duke. One day as I talked to Lawrence of PUCO, he said Alisha in Cincinnati had turned down the idea of reimbursement saying unforeseeable. I called Alisha and said I sent materials to Lexington and Clearwater but nothing ever went to you, how could you have said this when you haven't seen the materials? I asked if I could please send her copies and she said, "No, not necessary."

On February 28<sup>th</sup> a Saturday my furnace quit working. Apollo Heating sent a person to my house that afternoon. The technician said "Your furnace circuit board is damaged, burn up, and you will need a whole new circuit board, the supplier won't be open until Monday." The surges burnt up the circuit boards of my other appliances. The Apollo Heating report states completed replacement of control board damaged by power surges to home. After inspection found board was not passing voltage to gas valve to open (Copy attached). I spent Saturday night in my home, temperature outside of 20 degrees. By morning I knew I could no longer stay in this cold home so I went to a nearby hotel. I first had to clear enough snow so I could even get my car out and then went to the nearby motel with my dog. My home had no heat for three days and I am fortunate the pipes did not break. I am also fortunate that the burnt circuit board costing \$1,085 was covered by my warranty. I wondered did anyone at Duke ever realize what I have been through or even care?

A Cincinnati Enquirer article dated April 15, 2015 on page 3A told the story of a man who was injured by an electrical surge that ripped through his home, burning sockets and damaging appliances. He had one really bad surge but I had five weeks of them. Hulen Lunsford told how he was knocked off his feet, was injured from electrical shock which resulted in muscle soreness and a burn. In the above referenced newspaper article a Duke representative said they paid for an inspection, rewiring of the home, and all new appliances. In this Cincinnati newspaper article Lunsford disagreed, said his total damages were \$91,000 and Duke has only paid \$12,590 for partial rewiring and a check for \$4,139 for damages to appliances. His story was very different than what the Duke representative had said to the newspaper. His mother Helen Lunsford was also injured and later died but the surges were not linked to her death. Duke acted in bad faith. Story attached. I have been told that my other appliances that have not failed at this time but will have a much shorter lifespan due to the five weeks of continuous high powered surges. As previously noted all my appliances are rather new because they were to take me through much of retirement. When Kelly McMahan, Duke Tech was in my home he said you really have a nice house and we discussed how I take very good care of my home. Of all the Duke representatives that I have dealt

with he is the only one that seemed to show a concern and who I feel was the best representative for Duke.

On May 5, 2015 Duke Energy put the attached letter in my door stating, "We're upgrading service in your neighborhood to assure that your service remains **Safe and reliable**. During the day we would not have power (notice attached). I feel this was possibly precipitated by all my home surge issues and possibly the publicity of the Lunsford case. Note in this Duke letter they use the words Safe in capital letters. During this episode I did not feel safe, everything was failing and Duke was negligent in not immediately getting to the bottom of what is happening here!

On April 7, 2015 Strikestop the company that handles some of Duke's cases sent a check for \$1,500. However, Sedgewick the other claims department for Duke has paid nothing just saying unforeseeable. The Strikestop program can only pay \$1500 per incident but I pointed out to a Strikestop rep that it wasn't a one issue event, but a daily five week event. I did everything in my power to prevent surges by installing Dukes own surge company and continually paying the monthly fee for years. When they would not find the cause I was forced into hiring electrical companies that would find the cause of the continuous strikes. When Duke themselves found their high powered surges were the cause they have not stepped up to pay for their damages to my home and the expenses.

Duke through their actions has provided inadequate service because I was not in a safe home, failed to provide service when it did not diagnose and correct the problem thus burning circuit boards in appliances which caused them to fail. They did not follow the guidelines of resolving the issue within ten days and never provided an update every five business days, thus inadequate service. When your home is being surged twice a day for five weeks this is not quality, safe service.

To show that I once had a good opinion of Duke and believed in supporting our hometown people Duke Energy might know that through the years I have purchased 458 shares of Duke Energy stock for my retirement account (this they could find on record). But, I no longer can respect them. In my May 2015 "Duke Energy Report of My Home" which is sent to all Duke customers by mail it shows my energy consumption and states you are among the most efficient homes in your area. In the back of this mailing I noted a paragraph that is titled "Where our Heart Is". The paragraph states "Our company and employees are part of your community. We contribute time and resources for the welfare of our communities and neighbors. We continuously look at needs and find ways to say "we care". Last year, Duke Energy donated over \$26 million through grants, assistance programs, and giving, in addition to the volunteerism of employees." Referencing the above statement, I had a critical need that Duke replace the damages and it would have been nice to show some caring which was totally absent.

In good faith I had a surge protector put on my home, in good faith I called continually for five weeks for Duke to stop surging my home (this was frightening,) in good faith I spent numerous hours providing documents so my appliances and the electricians bills could be paid, in the coldest of weather I spent one of the three days in a motel when my heat failed. I have done everything I could and should have done. Replacing these appliances, facing the possibility that more will fail, has been a financial disaster for me. Duke taking no responsibility reminds me of a father who neglects to take care of the direct needs of his family (food-need a working stove, clothing-need a working washer, and shelter —a safe shelter free of electric surges) but instead donates his money to charities and these contributions are highlighted in the paper so the father or entity Duke can show-----WE CARE! As a father or corporation you take care of your own first to see they have their basic needs met {I

was a responsible paying customer all those years. Like a family member relies on a father, I have no other choice but to rely on Duke as my provider and Duke has failed me! The thousands of dollars I have had to spend so I can just live in this household are a lot of money to a 68 year old woman but Duke has 26 million they can give away. I appreciate that Duke can assist their communities by grants, commendable, but they should be focused on safe, reliable, service for their paying customers that provide the money through paying utility bills so that Duke can provide the 26 million. Duke you should be ashamed! Would you want your own grandma to go through what I have had to endure? Step up and make it right.

### **DAMAGES**

Bertke Electric Bill	\$1	,882.00
Cooper Electric Bill	\$	357.00
Same GE range and comparable wash machine	\$1	,612.14
Edenpure	\$	249.00
Freezer	\$	450.00
Food in large Amana	\$	400.00
Computer	\$	500.00
Apollo new circuit board (cost was \$1,085 but under warranty thus \$0)	\$	0.00
Comfort Inn Northeast (one night stayed but no heat three days)	\$	86.01
Postage to Strikestop in Clearwater Florida 2/17/2015	\$	12.15
FedEx Faxes and copying to Geiger of Sedgewick, Lawrence of PUCO, Joe of Strikestop	\$	27.85
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Postage to Geiger, Sedgewick, 3/04/2015	\$	11.75
Postage to Columbus PUCO 3/04/2015	\$	19.65
FedEx Copies to file this appeal 7/01/15	\$	36.96
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Still being charged for Strikestop failed meter \$4.70 times 8 months	\$	37.60
Total	\$	5,682.11
Minus Strikestop Payment		
	\$	1,500.00
TOTAL	\$	4,182.11

I also will not have what it cost to send the copies until they are sent.

I have had Apollo out to my home two times where they have spent many hours working now with the air conditioning system because it also stopped working. I don't know if it will fail also in the very near future. I have been told that my other appliances which include refrigerator, dryer, dishwasher will have a much shorter life due to the power and length of the surges. I feel this situation also needs to be considered.

I have spent a considerable amount of time and money just trying to have Duke pay for what they have destroyed by burning up the appliance circuit boards and I don't know the future of my current appliances.

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3. Who diagnosed this surge/ lightning damage?

I immediately called Duke about the Surge incidents and they sent their first representative who didn't find the issue; I hirea Bertke Electric and they sent two electricians who spent 11/2 days doing ground wine and wire resistant testing GFCI outdoor testing, light fixture testing, electrical panel testing, neutral wine testing, voltage tests light switch testing, receptacle outlet testing and ceiling fan testing. The inspectors used infrared imaging (which would detect heat or loose connections) teims sonic testing (looks for aring and loose connections), and mekning (which looks our milliont drops) also if them could be any bac brakers. My home checked out a normal, nothing in my home was the cause.

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## 4. What is Claimea?

- a) all of my appliances were working perfectly until the surge incidents, my appliances were basically new because as I retired I replaced appliances So that these newer appliances would carry me through the retirement years. Therefore I purchased the most reliable brands often reccomendately consumer Reports. I take care of my house because I want things to last and not incur any extra expenses as a retiree.
  - b) attached you will fine the receipts which provide the date purchased cost and model number. I returned to the various businesses to be ask to provide these details.

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### Lee & Jack's TV & Appliances LLC

681 College Dr Batavia, OH 45103 513-732-1162

Bill To: BONNIE BISHOP 11316 MARLETTE DRIVE CINCINNATI, OHIO 45249 513-469-0753

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Subtotal: Hamilton 6.5 % Tax: \$579.00

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RECEIPT TOTAL:

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Check: \$816.64 639

\$40.00 charge for all returned checks. 15% Restocking Fee on all canceled orders Used Appliances can not be returned all returns must be made within 30 days. Parts are non-returnable.



MAJOR APPLIANCES
CENTRAL AIR/HEATING
WATER CONDITIONING

Order Number 997373

RANSPORTATION WAY NATI, OHIO 45246 (513) 942-9663

### Mike Rhoten

(513) 942-9663 Ext. 7104

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### WELCOME TO BEST BUY #494 CINCINNATI, OH 45249 (513)683-7777

Keep your receipt!



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Bill To: BONNIE BISHOP 11316 MARLETTE DRIVE CINCINNATI, OHIO 45249

513-469-0445 Description 1 Description 2 **Ext Price Tax** WHIRLPOOL WASHER WTW5700XW \$499.00 T Delivery \$10.00 T

\$509.00 Subtotal:

Hamilton 6.5 % Tax: \$542.09

RECEPT TOTAL:

Credit Card: \$542.09 Visa

\$40.00 charge for all returned checks. 15% Restocking Fee on all canceled orders Used Appliances can not be returned all returns must be made within 30 days. Parts are non-returnable.

# Replacement To make whole Before Surge Issues

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Phone: (615)874-7195 Fax: (866)221-5757

February 26, 2015

**BONNIE BISHOP** 11316 MARLETTE DRIVE CINCINNATI, OH 45249

Client:

**Duke Energy** 

Claimant Name:

**Bonnie Bishop** 

Date of Loss:

01/22/2015

Claim Number:

30153548437-0001

Dear Ms. Bishop:

On behalf of Duke Energy, our company is handling your claim. We are writing to update you on the investigation recently completed by Duke Energy.

Our information indicates that a random unforeseeable equipment failure occurred on Duke Energy's electric distribution system? We see no negligence on the part of Duke Energy that could have caused or contributed to this equipment failure and subsequent damage to your property.

 $\gamma$ The Duke Energy service regulations state that Duke Energy does not guarantee continuous, uninterrupted electric service, but shall use reasonable diligence to provide uninterrupted electric service and to remove the cause or causes in the event of failure, interruption or suspension of service these regulations further provide that Duke is not liable for any loss or damage to a customer resulting from such failure, interruption, reduction or suspension of service that is due to any accident or other causes beyond its control.

In view of the above, it is our opinion that Duke Energy is not liable for your loss and we must respectfully deny your claim.

We sincerely regret your loss and the inconvenience that you incurred. If you have questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at the numbers listed above.

Sincerely,

'iteroug bein Wendy Geiger

Claims Representative



# Claim 301 53 548437-001

# appeal of Duke Energy's Claim Denial by Bonnie Bishop

I shall provide background information, what I observed my fears of a home fire, my numerous attempts asking Duke my fears of a home fire, my numerous attempts asking Duke energy to find and correct the cause the findings of Bertke energy to find and confirmation of their continuous high powered Electric, Duke's confirmation of their continuous high powered surging of my nouse, and the resultant damages, You will surging of my nouse, and the Strike stop, the quality meter's find the report I sent to Strike stop, the quality meter's recording show the numerous power of the strikes, and the Bertke bill in this document. This appeal is hardwritten due to the destruction of my computer.

Background Information: as a retired school administrator I purchased new appliances around the time of retirement, as a fixed income retirec these appliances as well as furnace were Supposed to carry me through much of my retirement. as a retire it is vital to not have surprises of the expense of larger purchases. I live in a subdivision where people really Keep up meir properties. as the 2 Duke representations who Came to my home can attest my appliances are newer and I totally keep up my property. When Duke Energy offered
the Strike Stop program I paid the approximate \$138 to have it installed on my electric box outside because this device was supposed to stop! deter electric surges. For the last sew years I have paid the charge of about \$4,50 a month for this supposed stopping of electric surges, I also am in a program for my furnar where I pay to have it serviced twice a year which I always do. I have lived in my home approximately 12 years and have prepared it for the notinement years. Before these continuous, powerful and long lasting surges everything in my none was working quite well. I have never complained to Duke Energy or filled any complaint, No problems!

I first noticed that in the evening my lights in the family room and a Kitchen light would go up and down in brightness and I actually heard a Lan zah zah zah zah zah Zah zan zan sourt, It remindel me of a burning electric wire Sound. Some Friends Sugastie that could be direing. So I researched arcing and found it was cause a fire. I was scared because I mought will my house cafen on fire? I called the various Duke nombers and filed reports and the first Duke representative care to my home. He looked at the outside box Surge proketor, and even at the site of puker new wiring area, I explained to him that our subdivision received a letter stating our underground wirds were older and Duke was going to be replacing them. They stopped at the home to the left of my house. Dukes first representative found nothing, I next called Cooper Electric to replace my outdoor lights (not acting right)
and look for the reason why my kitchin and family room lights brighter and him and why I hear the long 2nd sound. They replaced the two lights on the sides of my front door and Spent several hours testing my family room and Kitchen. They fourt nothing wany inside my home. In the evening thats where I am in the Kitchen and family non so that's where I first observed the issue. However on another morning as I was getting dressed in my belown the long zin noise happened and bedroom lights frickered. On January 14th I had guests around my diving room tube and once again around 5:40 the lights dimmed + brightened which Rlarmed from, I Continually Called Duke energy all of January. I gave reports to the 24 help line at 1-800-543-5599, I talked with Circinati Duki Engineer Tom German thru Timo at 513-419-1325. He told me to contact Power Averity Dake Service at 877-700-3853, So I continually Called all these humbers

Dike next sent out kelly momahan who seemed to م بتبله Show generic concern and wanted to resolve what was happering. He also witnessed one suge while at my home. Because the surgo continued I begon to write the times on my Chlendar and provide these to Duke Energy and Bertke Blectric. On January 9,2015 Bertke Electric did extension testing to See if the problem was inside my home. They completed ground Wire and Wire resistant testing, GFCI outdoor testing, light fixture testing, electrical panel testing, neutral wire testing, Voltage tests, light switch testing, neutral wire testing, Voltage, light switch testing, receptacle outlet testing and calling fur testing. The two inspectors used infrared imaging (which would defeat heat or loose conrections) with sonic testing Clooks for accoming and loose connections ) are meen (which looker for millivoit and drops) also if it could be a back breakers, my house checked out as normal, nothing in My home was the cause, Next, Bertice attacked a quality motor to my inside electric pand which demonstrated this was an external Issue. The quality meter recorded the exact time of the Surges, the length, and power of the surges. It was found that my house was being continuously surgen up to one or two times a day by high voltage, lasting longer than a righter Surge. The Berthe bill was \$1,884.00. I contracted Duke Engy again. Duke wanted to do their own testing with a quality mater so they hooked it to the outside electric panel. I also gave trem av Index Care of times I heard + saw the sogs. When Duke Tenegy rep kelly memanen returned, he suggested we do a Conference Call From my dining room table to Commont Duk Engineer Simml. In our confinence Call Duk is reps said my time I gave them were quite accurate

the power of the Surgo higher and the length was as I said. Generally I was told Surges are one sixticte of a minute. While at my home they discussed the issue was the Capacitor on the pole outside a block away on another Street. They did a switch testing as we sat at my table. They said the capacitor would most probably be replaced within a month and with this swifth through off I should not have Continued issues. The Bertke report demonstrates that from the time frame of January 22nd through February 2, 2015 (twelve deget there were ten major Suger. Duker chart also shows how close the time I recorded were to their, January 21st I reported 5:45 - their time 5:48. January 25th I reported 6:41 they 5kw 6:42, and January 27 at 10:49, all along I was telling Duke of the surger (throughout January). The result was somfailed appliances.

Duke's Suggestions

Offer their own testing they saw the surge times I provided were accurate. The Intersity was high voltage and the length of surge was long. By simply flipping the switch on their part the surge ender. But my house was continuity surget for over a month, It was next suggested I file with First Stop. I called 1-800-787-2505 to ask for the Claim paperwork. This paperwork arrived in about 6 days. To properly complete the paperco-k It Involved visiting the Various storis wire I purchased appliances to show what I Originally paid and the by it said appliance. Then I gathered Information, wrote a nerrative for the Section, and sent the claim via a card where they signed for the mailing.

Obviously the device attacked to my electric meter did not Stop any striker. Joe from Strike Stop Called (1-866-252-4071), He said they were trying to get Duke to pay half and they would pay half of the claim. He also added that he did full up with an investigation and talked to various people (engineers) and found out my claim was as I wrote. He sain we'll try to get this taken care of as soon as we can. He told me that Sedgewick is Duke's claims department and he wanted me to call themat 855-398-2370, So on the 24m of February I called. The first lady either horg up or We were disconnected. So on my secone Call I got the have of Brak M. Brat M listened and said what was the date of the Incident. I Kept emphasizing that it wasn't one incident but a month of incidents. It kept saying give the a date. I said its not one dark many many. He said "OK, lets just pick a date," and I think he selected January 21st. He asked for the Duk accord number and I said Till get it upstairs. He said "No, it can be looked up." I called Joe of Strike Stop and told him I talked to Brus but he used one dark. Joe Said, "Someon will call and ask more questions within 5 days." No on else called.

### Furnace

On February 25M a Saturday my furnace quit working. I called may HUAC Company and They said they would have some to my hour toy afternoon. Concinnate has had unusuing cold weather. My furnace is rather new and I have a plan that it is served toric ageor. When the Servicemen arrived he said, "your conceit board is damaged and you will need a work new circuit board. He added

Our supplier is closed until morelay." He was at my the house lak afternoon. The temperature on the 28th Was in the does at night. I dressed and slept in a hart, and many layer at clothing. By morning we had 21/2 inches of new snow, So on Sorday I had to go to a hotel (Confut Inn), On Sundy I called to say I will be here Until 11:10 checkout time, a cincuit board was obtained on March 2, 2015. For 3 days there was no heat at my house due to a bornt up circuit board. At about 4;00 they installed the new board. Currently, it appears because of my plan I wasn't charge for the service visits are the furnece was new enough that it hopefully locks like the warranty will Cover it. They are sending the paperwork to me via mail due to a rainer computer. On Mondy I call for again at Strike Stop. I also found out that Windy Geiger (615-274-7195) was in charge of my Sedgewick Duke Claim. I Called Wendy Geiger because this has how got on 2 months. Geiger told me my claim was deried. The engineers at another location had decided it wasnet Dukers Fuelt. She said I could

Of this time I shall Further add to what I have explained that far, Please note I have placed numbers by Sedgwick's statements to show whoever reviewed my case probably did not have accurate information given to themin which to make a decision.

O Concerning the investigation how can an investigation be completed when the decision maker of my claim never controll me. Ous a former administrator I had to invistigate many matters and I went to even person in volve to ascertain the FACTS to make the decision.

Number 2 a States our information indicates that a random Un forsciable failure occurred on Duke Energy's relectic distribution system. This statement refers to a once Occurence which is totally incorrect. These high voltage long latting sugge were occurring over a month, I told Bred in that and he was only interested in picking one date. I also suggested to Brown that a more Complete writter report was sent to Strill Stop and they had already investigated the mather by phone calls back to Duke in Cincinnati, you may wish to review the tape of Brad my and my conversation. These were longer Man Usual higher voiting suggs that continued for a month. Number 2B states this was an unforseenbe equipment failure. This is stalso because the First surge might possibly be could unforsecable but I was continuity calling Durce for a morth and they knew this was happering almost daily because I was calling - so it wasn't that they diant know, They could have put a quality meter on my outside outlet after the first call and covid have flipper the switch on the Capitator but ignored my continuous Calls. Statement 3 a says Duk feels there is no negligine on Their part. There was negligere and lack of Care to investigate the source of these suges and correct the issue. a ster a month I was tild a switch was turnel off So I Shouldn't have any more surges. This Switch Could have been turned off any time during that month so that my house would not have had They damigo Duky Fulled to act.

Statement for generally supp Dulle Cannot always guarantee uninterrapted service, this statement does not apply because this was not a case of utility interrapted service but surger. My service was not interrapted until the furner totally failed due to the continuous mantage surgin of the circuit board.

Surging of the circuit board. Statement 5 is incorrect because the damage and loss were not due to fullure, interruption, reduction or suspension of Service. also, the domogen Causes were not beyond their control because they could and should have determined the cause and could have turned off the switch anytime during the month. Statement 6 sags it is Dukes opinion it is not liable for the loss. The power quality report by Berties and Dukes own quality reports shows The domages were the direct relate of higher than usual, longer than would power surge which continued for a month. Better electric Conclusion was "Custome has had multiple surges caused by due Duje Fenergy, power provider. Has lost multiple appliant to Surges. My Suggestion is that Strike Stop and Duke Sedgwick Split the Cost, I also will be adding a \$74 motel bill, I staged in the Cold house the first right.

I also will be submitting half of the \$350 I paid Cooper Electric. Hopefully, the furnow will be covered by my plans. Stakment 7 that you sincerely regret the loss and Inconvenience. I have not seen anything in Dukers actions to show that there is any sincerity or realization of what L'us gon through, I highly suggest you re-evaluate what has happined. I feel my requests are very reasonable furnacio factore posses were I receice H by mail.



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Apollo Heating Cooling Plumbing 1730 Tennessee Ave Cincinnati OH 45229 513-271-3600 www.ApolloHome.com

BONNIE BISHOP 11316 MARLETTE CINCINNATI, OH 45249 3/10/2015 Proposal# 379977

Contact: BONNIE BISHOP Phone: (513) 469-0445

Your technician today is Andrew Cash

Proposed Work:

Quantity	Description		Ext. Price
1	Trip Charge SRV_SRV_A		0.00
		Total	0.00
Declined Items			
Quantity	Description		Ext. Price
1	Circuit Board 90 Plus Gas Furnace Two Stage SSC_SSC_D12030		1,076.00

### **OBSERVATIONS**

On arrival unit was cycling but gas valve was not opening. After inspection found board was not passing voltage to gas valve to open. Need to order control board. System is not heating at this time. Thank you for choosing Apollo!

### Terms and Conditions of Sale

I hereby authorize the work described above and agree to the terms and conditions as stated on this form. I recognize that aged and deteriorated plumbing fixtures, piping, and appurtenances may no longer be serviceable, and I agree to hold Apollo Heating And Cooling Company blameless for any demage or destruction to those items as a result of these conventional repair efforts. I agree to pay for all work, goods, and services received, and hereby further authorize Apollo Heating And Cooling Company to bill any of my credit card(s) for the goods and/or services being provided, and I agree to perform the obligations set forth in the applicable card holder agreement with the credit card user. A service charge of 1-1/2% per month (18% per annum) will be charged on all belances 30 days or more past due. PARTS WARRANTY - All parts as recorded are warranted as per manufacturer specifications. LABOR GUARANTY - The labor charge as recorded here relative to the equipment serviced as noted, is guaranteed for a period of 30 days. We do not, of course, guaranty other parts than those we install. If repairs later become necessary due to other defective parts, they will be charged

NOTICE TO OWNER: FAILURE OF THIS CONTRACTOR TO PAY THOSE PERSONS SUPPLYING MATERIAL OR SERVICES TO COMPLETE THIS CONTRACT CAN RESULT IN THE FILING OF A MECHANIC'S LIEN ON THE PROPERTY WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS CONTRACT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 429, RSMO. TO AVOID THIS RESULT YOU MAY ASK THIS CONTRACTOR FOR THE WAIVERS FROM ALL PERSONS SUPPLYING MATERIAL OR SERVICES FOR THE WORK DESCRIBED IN THIS CONTRACT, FAILURE TO SECURE LIEN WAIVERS MAY RESULT IN YOUR PAYING FOR LABOR AND MATERIAL TWICE.

I have reviewed the proposal and agree to the terms and conditions.

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### Remit to:

Apollo Heating Cooling Plumbing 1730 Tennessee Ave Cincinnati OH 45229 513-271-3600 www.ApolloHome.com

BONNIE BISHOP 11316 MARLETTE CINCINNATI, OH 45249 3/02/15 Ticket# 379998

Contact: BONNIE BISHOP

Your technician today is Andrew Cash

### **AUTHORIZED WORK**

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	Balance Due	0.00

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Thank you for your business
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BISHOP, BONNIE 11316 MARLETTE RD

Cincinnati, OH 45249

### Comfort Inn Northeast (OH459)

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gm.OH459@choicehotels.com

Account: 385118584

Date: 3/2/15

Room: 241

Arrival Date: 3/1/15

Departure Date: 3/2/15

Check In Time: 3/1/15 9:13 AM

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# Union couple sucs Duke Energy over power-surge injuries

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A Union man who claims he was injured as an electrical surge ripped through his house, burning sockets and damaging appliances, wants a judge to order Duke Energy to pay his medical and home-damage costs.

Hulen "J.R." Lunsford and his wife, Debbie Lunsford, filed a lawsuit in federal court Thursday in Covington that claims Duke Energy is financially responsible for a power surge in their Union home April 11, 2013, that knocked Lunsford off his feet.

In the suit,Lunsford, 64, claims he and his mother were home when the current went through his home. He claims he was knocked off his feet, was injured and still suffers as a result, according to the lawsuit.

Philip Tallaferro, a lawyer for the Lunsfords, said Lunsford saw his doctor several days after the incident and was diagnosed with having suffered electrical shock. "He had muscle soreness and a burn on the inside of his mouth."

Duke Energy spokeswoman Sally Thelen said Duke wasn't immediately informed of the injuries. "Despite requests, we have received no docu-

mentation supporting any injury claim," she said.

"We generally do not comment on pending litigation, "Thelen said. But she added that "in this case, we promptly paid for a house inspection, rewiring of 80 percent of the house, and new appliances."

She added, "We extend our deepest sympathies to the Lunsford family on their loss."

The Lunsfords claim Duke's payments weren't nearly enough to cover damages and medical costs.

"The total damages to the house are \$91,060," Taliaferro said. "Duke only paid \$12,590 for partial rewiring

of the house. Duke then offered a check for \$4,139 for damage to the Lunsfords' appliances; however, that check was marked 'full and final settlement of any and all claims."

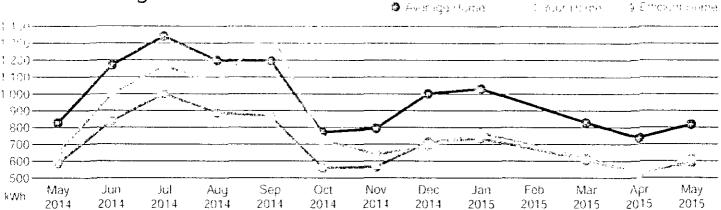
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Hulen Lunsford's mother, Margaret Lunsford, according to the lawsuit, also suffered injuries. She died in September 2013, although the suit doesn't link her death to the injuries.

The Lunsfords' suit alleges Duke is responsible for all costs, claims unfair settlement practices and alleges Duke acted in bad faith. It also seeks unspecified punitive damages.

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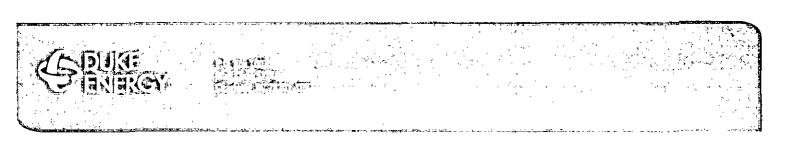
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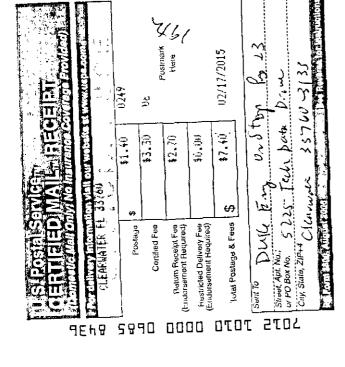
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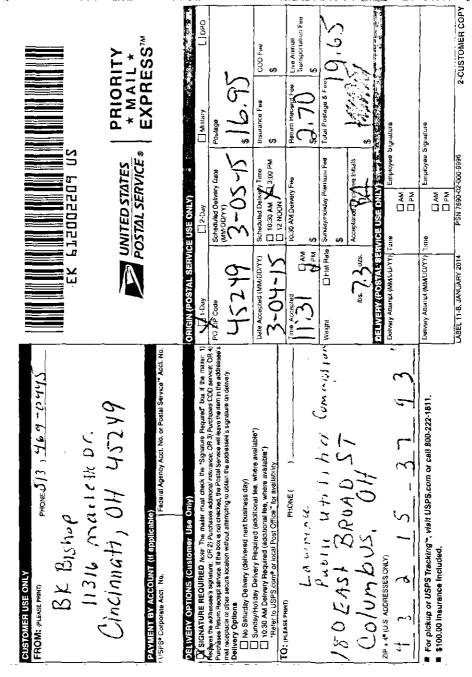
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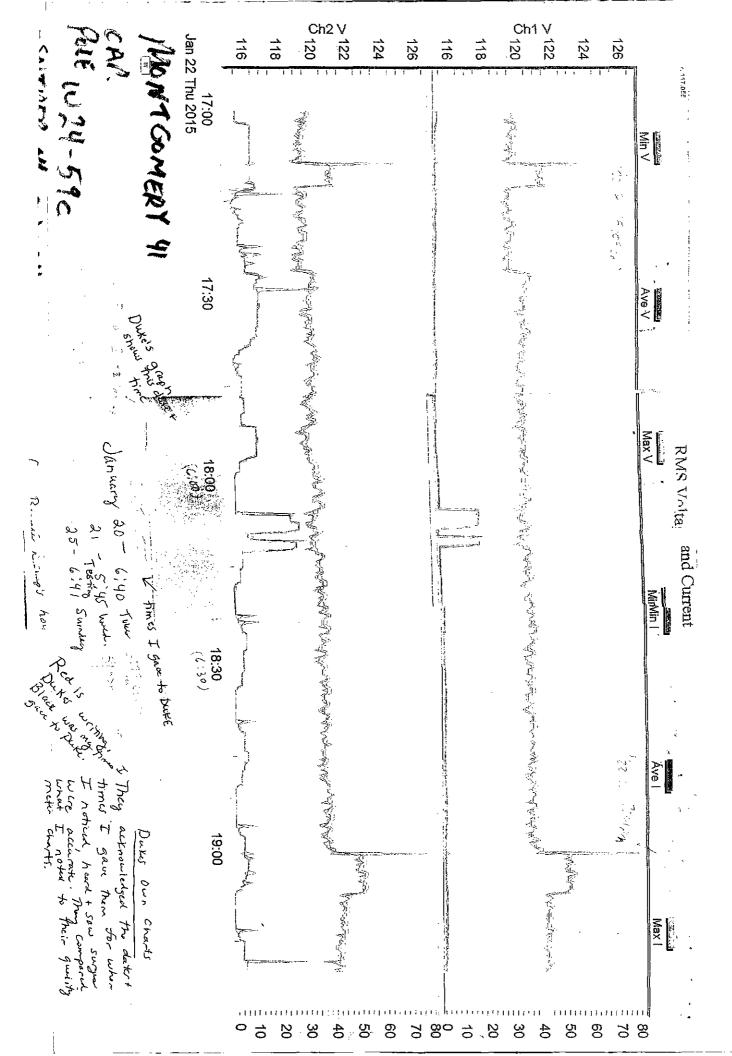
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