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COMMENT DESCRIPTION:

Regarding 17-32-EL-AIR. I have read the explanation behind Duke Electric most recent rate proposal. It states that Duke is requesting a distribution rate increase of less than 1%. Yet, when I look at how it will impact my business, it amounts to a 10.21% increase. My rate structure is Rate DS07. Duke Energy Ohio proposed to increase the fixed customer charge while reducing the volumetric portion of distribution rates. My Distribution-Demand Charge is not going down, but up by 10.21%. Once again, Duke's proposed rate structure looks to put the majority of the Distribution increase on small businesses while reducing this charge for the large business customers. I currently spend 9.38 cents per kilowatt hour in Distribution charges. This increase will take that to approximately 10.34 cents per kilowatt hour. I currently spend almost double my outside supplier charge for electricity on Distribution Charges to Duke. And these charges are going to go up further, making this difference even greater. I must infer that if the total Distribution rate adjustment is going up in total by less than 1% and my Distribution rate is going up by 10.21%, some other businesses must be netting a decrease. Residential customers are going to see an increase. So, who is seeing a decrease? Quite

simply, large electric customers(again). My question is simple. When is PUCO going to look out for the small businesses in Duke's service area? The Generation Riders that started back in 2012 put an additional burden on small businesses. The Rider was supposed to last 3 years, but was continued for 3 additional years with a phase out. It was structured to insulate the large business customer and in very large customers even reduce their charges. It is time to spread this increase, if it is truly necessary, equitably over Duke's customer base. PUCO will hear from big businesses about any increase. Unfortunately, small businesses do have the same ability to get PUCO's attention. No more insulating certain businesses from Duke's revenue increases. All Duke customers, residential and business, should see the SAME percentage increase. Not different by rate classification. If a less than 1% increase is too large for the large electric user, why is it not too large for the small customer? Again, simple question: When is PUCO going to make a stand for the small businesses in Ohio? Thank You for your time.

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