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8019 Hickory Hill Lane
Cincinnati
OH 45241

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March 23, 2017

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 E. Broad St.
Columbus
OH 43215

Re: Case 17-0032-EL-AIR

Dear Sirs,

Please deny Duke's request for this exorbitant customer charge increase. We are always looking for ways to decrease our energy usage, and these fee increases are not fair to consumers as there is no way to mitigate them.

Sincerely,

David and Christine Leachman

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RE: 17-0032-EL-AIR

To whom it may concern -

The planned increase
in customer care charge
is untenable. Pls reconsider

- John
Muley

Regarding Case number

17-0032-EL-AIR

Dear Public Utilities Commission -

I am extremely concerned about your plans to increase the Distribution Customer Charge. My husband and I are planning for retirement, and an increase over which we have no control would be severe. We prefer to moderate our usage in order to save costs.

Thank you,

Alice Finkelstein

As a recent graduate student
from Arizona state university money is
a top priority. Student loans are
controlling daily decisions due to financial
burden. A huge increase on my power bill
would only contribute to that burden. Efficiency
& clean energy for a better future!

-TY.



Case # 17-0032-EL-AIR

Our family is tightly budgeted.
We have two small kids, full-time good-paying
jobs — and still, every cent is accounted for.
Please consider halting your plans to raise the
energy charge. I don't want to have to
decide between AC/Heat/Lights vs. a tuition
payment for my kids.

Sincerely —
The Shrieks

Case #
17-0032-EL-AIR

Public Utilities Commission of OHIO
180 E. Broad St.
Columbus, Ohio
43215

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Case # 17-0032-EL-AIR

It is ignorant + absurd to think the people of Cincinnati can afford another mandatory residential fixed fee. Please explain the exact definition of "customer charge". Currently the "customer charge" is \$6.00. It is my understanding that Duke Energy has the intention of ~~increasing~~ nearly a ^{200%} ~~200%~~ increase on ^{the} so called "customer charge". Yearly the increase is approximately \$202 ^{xx/xx} which my fixed income cannot afford. The increase in ~~the charge~~ itself is unethical.

I ask the utilities commission to deny this proposal. It does nothing for the residents of Cincinnati, Ohio except drain our financial resources.

Thank you

Helen A. Payne

Helen A. Payne

May 8, 2017

To: Public Utilities Commission of Ohio -

I'm writing to address the raising of rates for a family living on a budget.

This is an opposite direction we should be going in efficiency.

Every time you think it's set, rates raise for charges that shouldn't come out of the taxpayer's pocket.

Thank you -
Jennifer

Case # 17-0032-EL-AIK

5/8/17

Dear Public Utilities
Commission of Ohio,

Think about how your family
lives on a budget every
month. Is a huge increase
on your power bill (that
you have no ability to
reduce or control) fair
or double for your family's
budget? If not, please
tell the commission the
kinds of choices it makes
difficult in your family's
life.

Thank you,
Jannie Warf

CASE # 17-0032 - EL - AIR

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Public Utilities Commission

If there is going to be an increase in the distribution customer charge from \$6 to \$22 or more, we ask that you consider an alternative to this. We are a family of 6, on a budget, and will suffer because of this.

Please consider renewables as a clean alternative to energy, for our future and our present. Change is hard, but the public should not pay for what is ultimately a failed, non-renewable form of energy. I think that if you embraced this idea, you would be surprised at the number of consumers that would support and even contribute to making the switch to renewables possible.

The ~~At~~
Family

May 10-17

To whom it may concern.

I am a Senior, and on one
pay a ~~fort~~ month. Everything goes
up, but wages. It's not fair.
Every one else should ^{be} that
to us. Cost of living goes up, but
not our little money we get.

I am happy to be older, but
let us live in peace & no harm way
with what we get. Let us live
in comfort & not in wages.

Thank you.

public utilities commission -

as a hardworking citizen, paying 4x the current "customer charge" for the same service is not something that i'm interested in paying for, but will soon have to as a duke energy customer. you could say that i could switch providers but that's not really feasible in our area - and i'm sure this is a ~~rate~~ rate.

our home is ~~an~~ 1,000 sq. ft., so it's not like we use an extraordinary amount of electricity on any given day. like trump's "grand" tax plans, maybe you charge per square foot based on a given rate so those with larger homes pay more.

duke has also not made this impending change known to its customers, which is shady.

sincerely,
a concerned customer

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

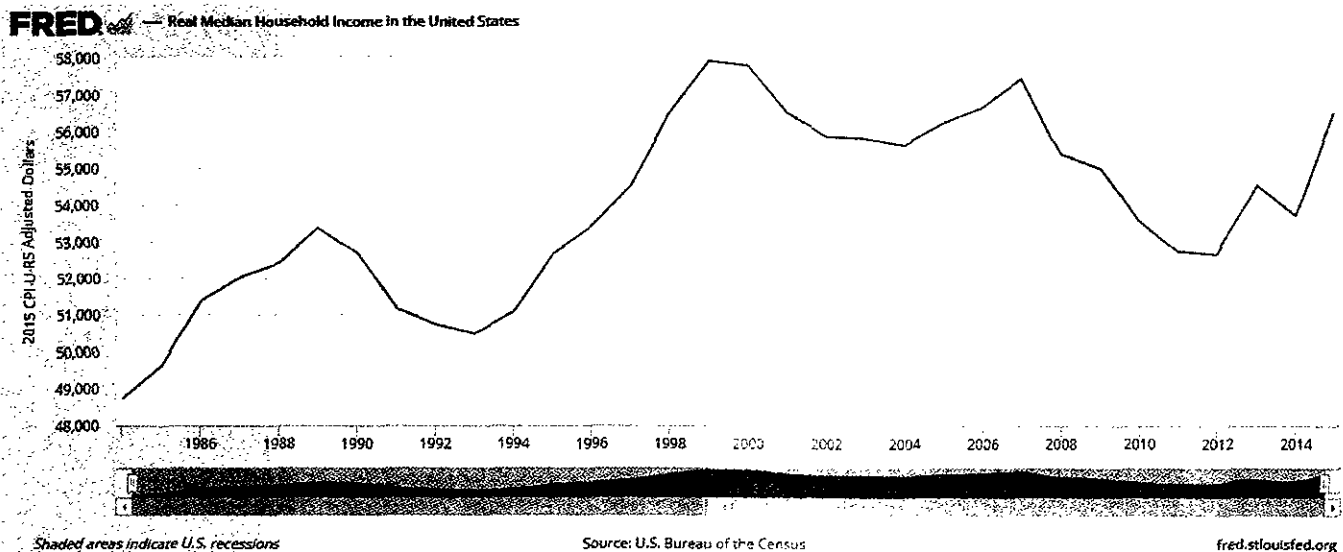
Case number 17-0032-EL-AIR

To whom it concerns

I received word that Duke Energy plans on raising our utility access fee, named Distribution Customer Charge from \$6 a month to \$24 a month, a **300% increase**.

As near as I can ascertain my wages have yet to go up 300% in a year, or frankly 300% since 1997, twenty years ago. Some investigation shows that real incomes have actually gone DOWN since 1997. Further research shows this \$6 a month to be a fairly recently added fee which Duke applied for back in 2013. Duke said that they needed the money to help make sure that they remain financially viable. Duke went on to make 3 BILLION dollars in 2015 after this passed so I guess they hit the mark.

Make no mistake here .. your office is charged with keeping these utilities in line and from abusing their area wide monopoly powers. DO THAT JOB. Because everyone likes to look at graphics here is one for you. It's an income graph all the way from 1984 to present. It shows not just my income situation but also the income situation of the other residents that Duke would like to charge more. **Do you see a 300% increase there, even all the way back to 1984?** Me either.



This appears to be a Duke Energy trick .. allowing third party power sales within their markets and then making their money on these "access fees". I guess it allows boards like yourselves to tell consumers like me that we will "benefit" from this third party "competition". Please cease with the tricks.

We are depending on you,

John A Whitling Corinne M Cahill 4648 Hamilton Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45223





DEAR DUKE,
VERY SUPPORTIVE OF
DUKE BUT WHERE WAS
NOTIFICATION OF INCREASE
AND AS FOR RENEWABLE
WHY AREN'T YOU
SUPPORTIVE. CAN NOT
UNDERSTAND HIGH
RATE INCREASE.
CASE NO. 17-0032-EL-AIR



Duke Energy wants you to pay more every month *before* you *even turn on your lights*

Duke Energy recently rolled out a proposal to increase upfront, mandatory residential fixed fees, called the "customer charge", from a current \$6 to \$22.77 per month — **which is almost four times more than the current charge.** This means instead of paying \$72 per year, customers would be paying \$273.24, which for many people is like adding a 13th-14th electric bill.

In states like Wisconsin, this approach has led to higher costs, particularly for low-use and — at times — low-income customers, by reducing customers' ability to control their bill. It eliminates the incentive to conserve energy and purchase more energy efficient appliances, for instance, because it's a flat charge you have to pay every month no matter how much energy you use.

In a desperate effort to cover costs in a rapidly changing energy landscape, utilities have proposed these fixed rate charges all over the nation. If they hadn't banked on coal remaining cheap, they wouldn't be in the position they're in.



The good news is, national resistance to these proposals began in 2014 and gained momentum in 2015, once public opposition grew. **We need to stop this in Ohio right now. All Ohio residential customers must speak out against fixed rate charges, or we'll see more utilities turn to them to compensate for their bad business decision to delay the transition to cleaner energy and more efficient energy use.**

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Explanation of Current Charges

Duke Energy

Rate RS Residential Svc Winter

Distribution Customer Chg \$ 6.00

Delivery Charges

Distribution Energy Chg

893 kWh @ \$ 0.02534200 22.63

Delivery Riders 22.98

Total Delivery Charges \$ 45.61

Generation Riders 0.66

Generation Charges

Rider RC 9.42

Rider RE 46.62

Rider AERR 0.40

Rider SCR 0.52 cr

Total Generation Charges \$ 55.92

**This
"customer charge"
will increase**

Please Write the Public Utilities Commission

Letters are most effective when they're written in your own words. Use these thoughts and questions to help craft the message you want to send to the commission:

1. Think about how your family lives on a budget every month. Is a huge increase on your power bill (that you have no ability to reduce or control) fair or doable for your family's budget? If not, please tell the commission the kinds of choices it makes difficult in your family's life.

2. If you'd like to be able to invest in energy saving upgrades, like new energy efficiency appliances or solar, tell the commission how big fixed fees reduce what you can save from making those investments. Tell them how that's both taking away your choice, and is the opposite of the direction we should be going on efficiency and clean energy.

Please include Case number 17-0032-EL-AIR in your letter

**Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215**

Please tape your letters to your door by 7:30 today. Have kids? Get them involved with their own letters or drawings. Thank you.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN;

WITH INCREASING COSTS AND MANY FIXED & VARIABLE
NEEDS, A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN EXPENSE FROM
DUE IS JUST ANOTHER OBSTACLE FOR FAMILIES.
MANY FAMILIES LIVE PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK
AND CANNOT AFFORD THESE INCREASES. YOUR
MONOPOLY ON THE MARKET MUST MAKE YOU
SLEEP WELL AT NIGHT. PLEASE CONSIDER
THE FAMILIES THAT MAY HAVE TO SKIP A MEAL
FOR YOUR PROPOSED "CUSTOMER CHARGE".

REGARDS,

Rj. H

Public Utilities Commission
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215
May 12, 2017

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to protest the proposed increase in your fixed customer service charge from \$6 to \$22 per month.

It eliminates the incentive to conserve energy. Ohio consumers cannot tolerate this short-term attempt to delay the transition to clean energy.

John G. Gush

Ref.: Duke Energy Rate Raises

To the Public Utilities Commission
of Ohio,

Our family lives on a budget every month. Additional raises in rates are not affordable for us.

We are, however, interested in investing in energy saving upgrades. This takes away our choice and is the opposite of where we should go in the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

A. Beler

Case #: 17-0032-EL-AIR

Public Utilities Commission
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

CASE NUMBER 17-0032-EL-AIR

To whom it may concern: As a newlywed, and a couple trying to build a savings account to start a family; an increase to our energy bill would ruin our budgeting. We are a young couple trying to make sound financial decisions, for our future. Many families struggle now to pay bills- let's not make it worse.

Cati Smith

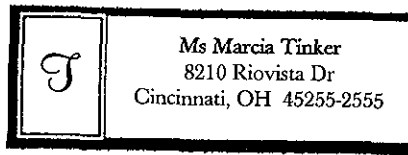
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180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

5/13/17

RE: Case number 17-0032-EL-AIR

Dear Public Utilities Commission,

I'm writing in regards to your proposed "custome charge" increase. I implore you to reconsider on behalf of the economically disadvantaged in our city (Cincinnati) and community (East Walnut Hills). The proposed increase to \$22.77 is a mere or break financial amount that can severely impact many families' household budget. Do you want to force a single mother to choose between keeping the power on and feeding her children. Please reconsider. Kind regards,
Sarah E. Laichas



May 8, 2017

Public Utilities Commission / Ohio

Dear Sirs,

~~We~~ not allow Duke Energy
to raise their rates.

I am a widow on social
security and struggle to meet
my financial obligations.

Thank you.

Marcia Tinker

Case # 17-0032-EH-AIR

Regarding Case Number 17-0032-EL-AIR

It is my belief that the proposed increase to customer charges is unnecessary. Although at the time of the filing, it may have seemed necessary, the current administration has stated its intention of removing regulations across the board. The deregulation will save the energy companies money than can then be used for (hopefully) further infrastructure and renewable investments. The proposed cost increase is putting unnecessary burden on families that need the money. It hurts people that put forth effort to conserve energy and it obfuscates what should be classified as a rate increase.

Thank you,

Tye Scott

#17-0032-EL-A
To whom it may concern,

I'm on a tight budget/
fixed income and to have
utility fees increased
is definitely will add
due hardship. I've
already upgraded my
appliances to energy efficient
adding any more fees
to my utility bills is
a hardship. Please
cut cost somewhere
else. Sincerely, [Signature]

Regarding Case # 17-0032-EL-AIR

Dear Public Utilities Commission of
Ohio,

- Our quality of air should
be of utmost importance. If there
are any methods we could take
to help renewable resources such
as solar then I would like to
see them taken. Thank you,

-Dan Keeton

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5/8/17

I am a widow with a small monthly budget. I do everything I can think of to keep all of my utilities as low as possible. I hardly go out for any social fun. I just bought a new refrigerator it will take me ~~8~~ about a year to pay for it. I am over 65 but I can't afford to retire so if you raise the rate on utilities it will be a big hardship on me.

Ellen McInnis
8190 Bonanza Ln.
Cin. Ohio 45255

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad St.
Columbus, OH 43215
Case number: 17-0032-EL-AIR

In this post-recessionary period, millions of Ohioans are still struggling. Wages remain stagnant, yet the cost of living keeps increasing. Raising our energy bills by \$273 a year is unjust, unfair and indefensible.

Instead, you should promote and encourage conservation efforts to achieve energy savings. There are a variety of ways to do this and you can get customers onboard with ideas that would save both energy and money.

Duke Energy should immediately begin the process of transitioning to cleaner, more efficient forms of energy. That is something Ohioans can back and will in partnership. Encourage and aid households to conserve energy and to purchase more energy efficient appliances and devices.

Higher utility costs are not the answer or the solution. Our financial burdens are already too heavy.

Please hear our voices and listen to us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Berger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Angela" and the last name "Berger" clearly distinguishable.

Angela Berger
2546 Cleinview Ave
Cincinnati, OH 45206

May 12, 2017

TO: Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

FR: Citizens in Cincinnati Ohio – Brigid O’Kane and Jason Franz
1610 East McMillan Street
Cincinnati, OH 45206

RE: Customer Charge Increase from \$6.00 to \$22.77 per month
CASE NUMBER: 17-0032-EL-AIR

To Whom It May Concern:

I am contacting you to oppose the customer charge increase from \$6.00 to \$22.77 per month. This increase is an outrage because it’s a flat charge that customers have to pay every month no matter how much energy we use. This is unethical! Especially when considering so many citizens in Ohio struggle to make payments overall to survive day-to-day. I have personally heard of families who have their water turned off because they cannot afford it. Do not implement any increases in this customer charge. If anything, it should be reduced.

Clean energy is the answer and I strongly encourage using only renewable energy sources and eliminate coal 100%. Coal is expensive, nasty, and contributes to pollution. Get with the ‘green’ movement. Dirty energy is trashing our planet and all of us need to do what we can to save our beloved Earth.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Brigid O’Kane

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Jason Franz

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Franz", written over a horizontal line.

May 12, 2017

Dear Public Utilities Commission,

I am writing to oppose the Duke Energy proposal to increase the customer charge from \$6 to \$22 (case 17-0032-EL-AIR). I see this proposed increase as a blatant attempt by Duke Energy to recoup losses to renewable energy sources. Furthermore, this proposal de-incentivizes energy conservation by making more of my monthly bill independent of energy usage. We are at a critical time in this country regarding global warming and wise decision making pertaining to appropriate energy sources. I see this proposal as a step in the wrong direction. I urge you to reject this proposal.

Thank You.

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Alison O. Dearden
2715 Hackberry St.
Cincinnati, OH 45206

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad St
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Commission,

I understand DUKE Energy wants to increase the "customer charge" from \$6 per month to \$22.77 per month. This amount has nothing to do with the amount of energy we use, it is a flat fee on everyone who has an account with DUKE. This is an unfair increase that will punish people who use less energy. People who use a lot of energy (large houses with air conditioning, lights on all night & day, extra appliances like freezers) will pay no more than \$22.77 and yet use much more energy. People who do not have or use those energy using appliances will be subsidizing those who can afford to pay for those appliances. This is unfair for people on strict budgets and limited income.

Please just say NO to DUKE Energy.

Barbara R Way
Cincinnati, OH. 45206

Case Number 17-0032-EL-AIR

2011 Hackberry Ave

Ohio Public Utilities Commission,

Please note my objection to Case # 17-0032-EL-A11
Duke's proposed increase for residential service
is outrageous. I work for myself and
would be unemployed if I raised my rates
by nearly 4 times my current rate.

However, Duke has a monopoly and
customers such as myself have no
other option. This increase will affect
my income and my discretionary spending.
Please tell Duke NO!

Sincerely,

Daniel Bracker Jr.

Public Utilities
Commission of Ohio

5/10/17

DUKE ENERGY,

FIXED RATE CHARGES HURT PEOPLE
WHO CAN LEAST AFFORD IT THE MOST,

\$200 DOLLARS EXTRA PER YEAR CAN BE
A MAKE OR BREAK SITUATION FOR A LOT
OF FAMILIES.

NO FIXED RATE CHARGE INCREASES
FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS!

SINCERELY,

TIMOTHY REEDER
4656 HAMILTON AVE
CINCINNATI, OH 45223

CASE # 17-0032 -EL -AIR

Public Utilities
Commission of Ohio

4734 Hamilton Ave
Cincinnati, Ohio
45232

- We are on a Very tight budget and have trouble paying our Duke bill on a monthly basis, even on a payment plan
- To spend 300 a year in a service charge takes clothes, food and gas (to get to work & school) away from our family - which we would struggle even more.
- My Wife has an illness and we have one income 30 a month could wipe out 3,4 meals for us a week.
- My family would suffer greatly if you raised the service charge to 30 a month, my Wife's medicine may not be bought if this increase happens.

Please consider our fears -

Thank You -
Northside Resident

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Re Case # 17-0032 - EL - AIR

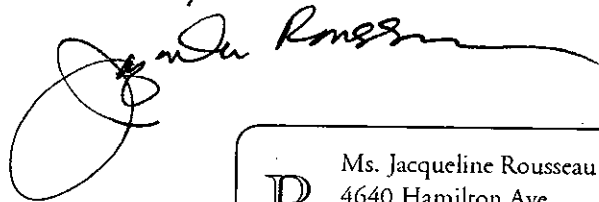
To Whom it may concern:

My husband and I are both retired and live on a fixed income. Our budget is tight and any increase in expenses has to be offset by cuts in other goods and services.

We are also supporters of clean energy and have made those changes we could afford to reduce our power use.

Please do not make us choose between our utilities and food and medical care.

Thank you,



R

Ms. Jacqueline Rousseau
4640 Hamilton Ave
Cincinnati, OH 45223

Public Utilities
Commission of Ohio

Duke Energy

To Whom it may concern:

Please, do not fatten your wallet to deflate ours even more. I barely can pay what you charge as it is! I barely turn lights on just to keep the bill down. I don't keep but a few things even plugged in, unless I'm using it. Winter I keep heat set on around 63 because I can't afford it. Companies that we rely on, can feel like a noose around some's neck, for me any way. Again, Please don't tighten the noose around my neck.

Thank

You
Mehna Dutcher
4722 Hamilton Ave

May 11, 2017

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Case # 17-0032-EL-Air

Dear Public Utilities Commission,

I am very concerned about the Duke Energy et al. proposed increase in the "customer fixed fee charge" from \$6.00 to \$22.77 per month. It is a disproportionate increase and I do not support it. It will bring a hardship on too many families' budgets. If it goes through, it will discourage me and I think many other Ohio families from supporting alternative fuels like solar & wind energy because we will not have the funds in our budgets to be able to do so. I strongly feel that this will hurt Ohio's future & my children's future in the long run.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Kasper

2252 Shimmering Bay Ln
Cincinnati, OH 45215

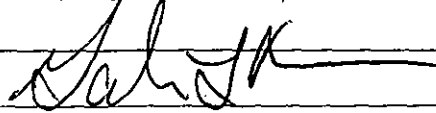
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To whom it may concern,

My name is Gabe Warner and as an active voter in Hamilton County, I am concerned with our lack of focus on clean air and water. Often, in the city, the air can be dangerous for those with respiratory ailments to breathe. Much of this is due to coal-fired power plants in the Ohio Valley. A shift to renewable energy sources would help to alleviate these problems for the people of Hamilton County. I hope my words are heard.

Please consider investing in clean, renewable energy sources for the financial benefit of my household, the medical benefit of the people of Hamilton County and the overall benefit of our world.

Thank You,

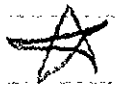




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Dear Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,

I am writing this letter to you out of concern for an increase in our Duke monthly energy charge. The new charge is going to make it difficult for us as a family with two young children.



We would like to be able to someday invest in cleaner energy options, but are unsure if we'll have the funds available to save up for this option.

Please help to stop the impending "customer charge" increases.

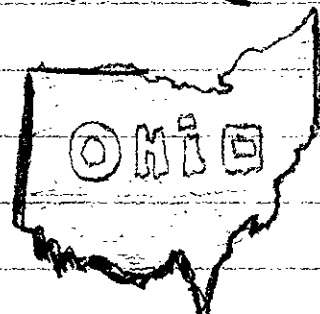
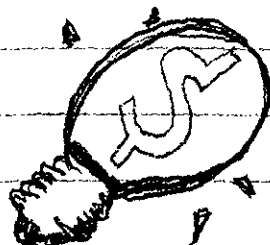
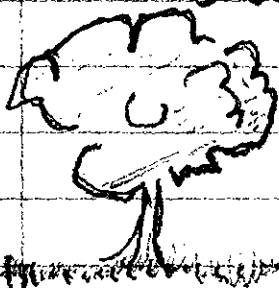


Sincerely,

1) Dan Rubin (x family) 2) Jon RAE
4632 Hamilton Ave. 3) Jonathan Rubin
Cincinnati, OH 45223 4) Michelle Merkert



re: Case Number: 17-0032-EL-AIR



2398 Shimmering Bay
Cincinnati, OH 45255

Case Number 17-0032-EL-AIR

05/11/17

Dear P.U.C.O.,

I'm writing this letter in response to the fact that Duke Energy is requesting an increase in the custom distribution charge. As a customer, I object to pulling money from my family budget in order to allow Duke Energy to increase their fees. Duke Energy has seen a steady increase in their profitability over the past 5 years. While I understand that they strive to continually increase their profits for their shareholders, I do not feel this should be at the expense of the consumer.

Duke Energy should understand that as an advocate of clean air and water I prefer to use my hard earned family income to upgrade to high efficiency appliances or investment in the community conservation goals. Duke Energy seems to be moving in the opposite direction of my goals. Increasing my energy bill takes away my freedom to choose and control what's best for my family. Fixed rate distribution charges are not the solution. Using my money to invest in efficient appliances will help my family manage and conserve energy. We do not want to pay a higher price for energy. Instead we need to be rewarded for conservation. Thank you.

Kind regards,

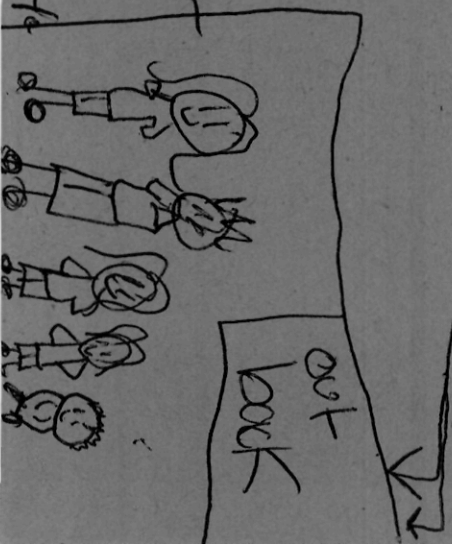
Bremon P. Gately

From: A 4th grade
Student.
-Calvin Ziegler

STOP

Please stop, we would really like it if you did. We want you to stop charging us more than we should be charged on electricity. If you don't stop, it will keep me and my family from going out to dinner.

Also if you don't stop me and my family will never use Duke Energy ever, ever, ever again. If you do stop we might consider - A 4th grade student using Duke Energy.



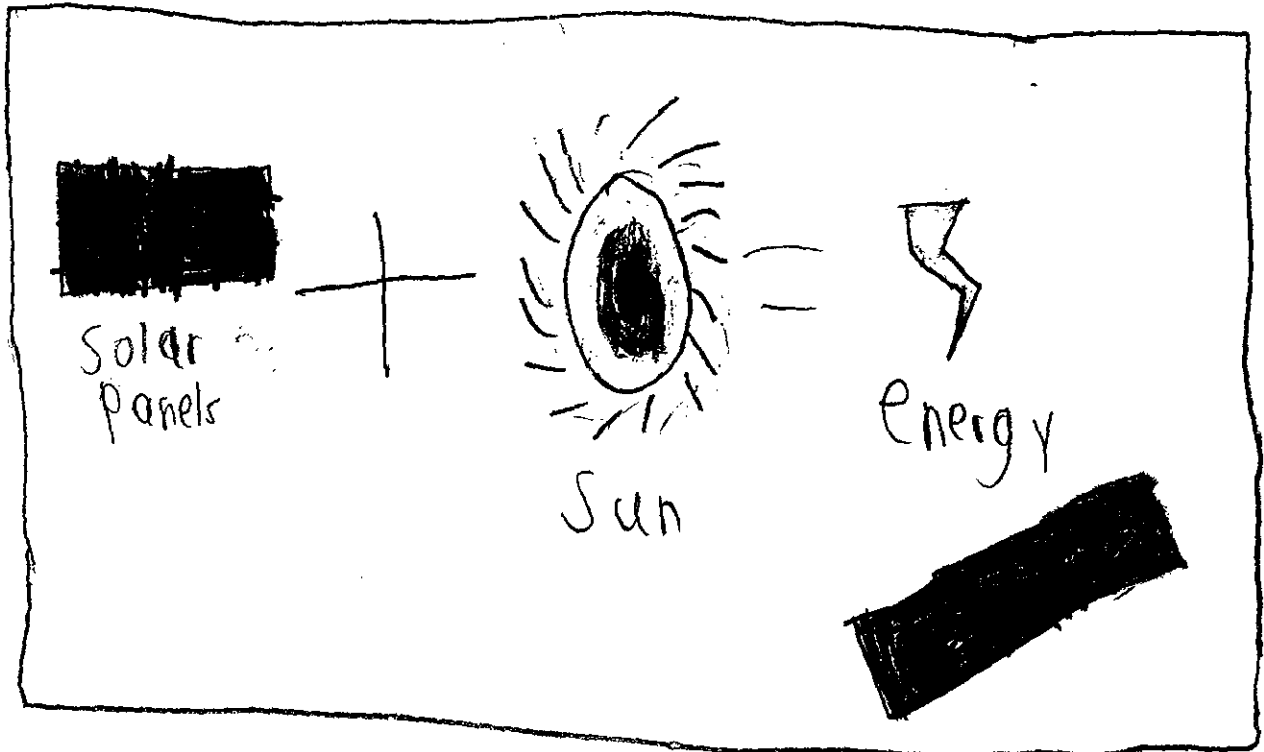
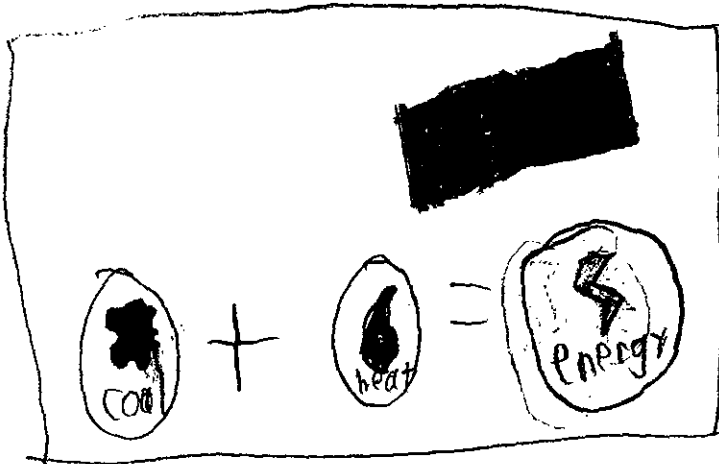
May 10, 2017

T Boykin
1641 Rockford Place
Cincinnati, Ohio 45223

To Duke - Public Utilities Commission

As a newly retired Ohio citizen, I am asking you to do everything in your power to reduce costs to your customers, and to rely on renewable sources of energy for any and all utility services. I am a loyal on-time paying customer and consider it your obligation to stop raising costs and to be a responsible company for our local environment.

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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

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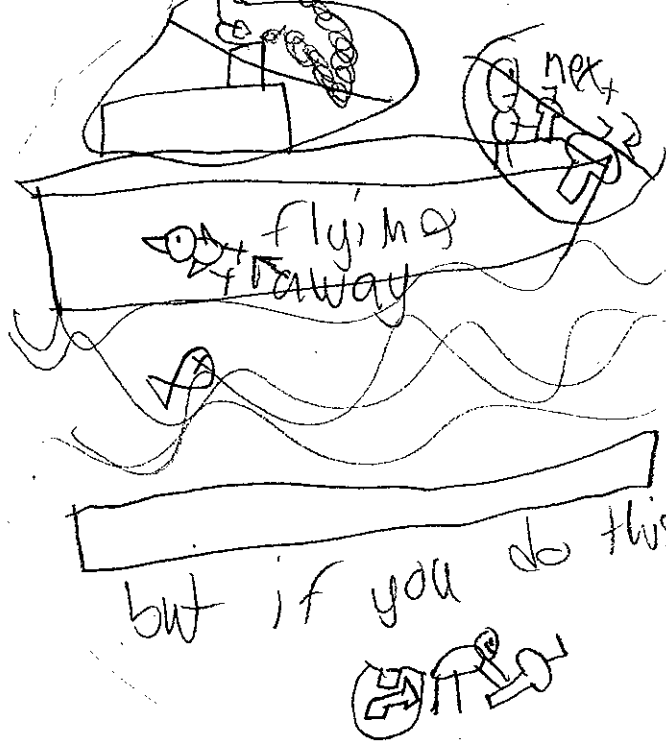


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05/10/17

Public Utilities Commission,

I am a young adult living in the Cincinnati area. My family already struggles to pay the electric bill every month, and increasing the customer charge would make that significantly more difficult.

Robert Battey

~~Robert Battey~~

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Duke energy should
NOT charge customer
an extra fee

NO FIXED RATE CHARGE
FOR OHIO RESIDENTIAL
CUSTOMERS!

Case # 17-0032-EL-AIR

1592 Tonopah Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45255
May 8, 2017

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear PUCO:

I am writing to express my opposition to increasing the \$6.00 customer charge on my residential Duke Energy bill. (Case # 17-0032-EL-AIR)

The proposed increase would nearly quadruple the customer charge to \$22.77, an unheard of rate increase.

Duke Energy should turn to cheaper and cleaner sources of energy rather than passing large rate increases onto their residential customers.

Sincerely,

Sara Hobson

CASE # 17-0032-EL-AIR

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

My Family can't afford this customer charge increase (Distribution Charge).
Are utilities are already so expensive.
Are family has already made as many cuts as possible.

Looking at my utility bill, there are so many different charges, please do not increase them!!

Duke Energy please find a way to use cleaner energy and more efficient energy use.

Thank you
Jeanette Brady
Cincinnati OH. 45223

1645 Summit Hills Dr.
Anderson Twp., OH 48255

It already cost a lot of money
to pay for electricity. Raising the
price would ~~be even harder~~ for people
to pay.

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Case # 17-0032-EL-AIR

Unit charges per kWh may fluctuate, but upping the fixed distribution charge by 4 times should never happen. In a time when renewable energy and conservation of energy are of utmost importance, we should be incentivizing responsible energy choices, not punishing people with higher charges before they even have the chance. Every family has a budget, and increasing the distribution charge by 400% is easily noticeable on family budgets. These budgets should be going to purchasing more efficient appliances or solar power instead of big fees.

Please consider going against this massive price hike.

- Kurt Hilfer
1630 Summit Hills Dr
Cincinnati, OH 45255

- I support greater energy efficiency.
- I support moving away from coal-fired power plants.
- I support clean ~~air~~ air initiatives.
- I do not support higher rates for electricity.

1665 Summit Hills Dr
Anderson Twp, OH 45255

1754 Summit Hills Dr
Anderson Twp, OH 45225

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in regards to Case number
17-0032-EL-ATR and the proposed increase to
the customer charge.

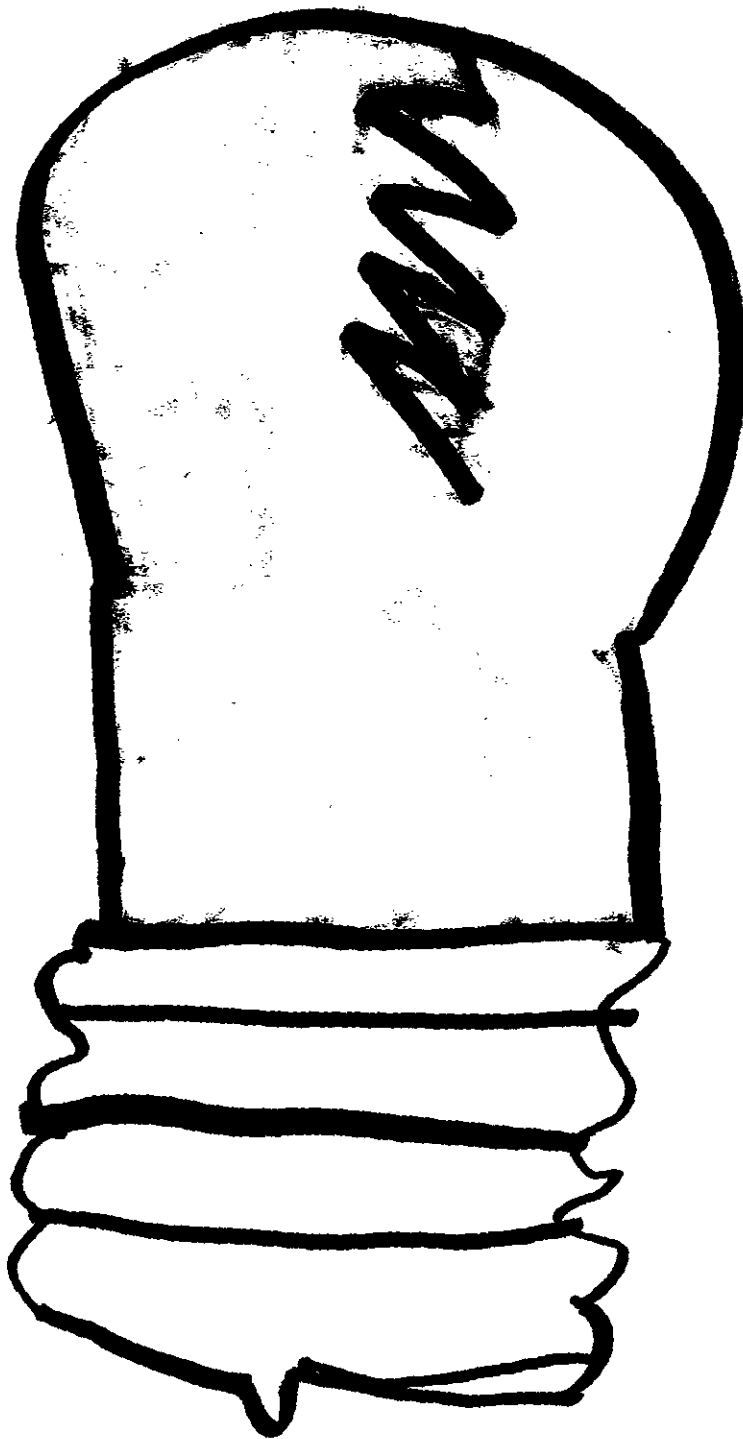
Most families, such as mine, live paycheck
to paycheck. Increases, such as these, make it
difficult for our family to make ends meet.
We rely on you to provide energy at an
reasonable fee. We trust that you are
Considering your customers and not just
your bottom line. If you follow through
with this increase, it could effect my
families ability to provide medication
for my daughter.

Please reconsider this increase to help
your customers stay your customers.

Thank you,

Gumpier Cook

1647 Summit Hills Dr.
Anderson Twp OH 4525



CASE # 17-0032-EL-AIR

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Dear ~~Duke Energy~~ Public utilities Commission of Ohio,

Raising the basic distribution charge is a terrible idea. I hope you decide to reject raising standard rates through case number 17-0032-EL-AIR

Steven Lawson
1660 Rockhurst lane
Cincinnati OH 45255

5/10/2017

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Public Utilities of Ohio,

This letter is a public comment on Duke Energy 17-0032-EL-APR. My husband and I have three children, we both work full time and recently purchased our home. Like most people I feel it is fair that I pay for what I use. For this reason I am opposed to an ^{increased} mandatory fee for power I am not using. A fee increase from \$6 to \$22 represents a more than 300% ^{increase} in my bill. Offsetting this fixed rate fee by charging less for use rates disincentivizes using more energy efficient appliances or ~~investing~~ in alternative home based energy ~~sources~~ capture technology like solar or wind power. Additionally, I have spent the last decade working to support ~~the~~ most vulnerable and disadvantaged members of our community. They rely on a safety net and consumer protections from our government agencies to maintain the ~~stability~~ ^{stability} that they have in their homes and their families. Please ~~be~~ ^{stand} against this proposed rate change.

Thank you

Molly Lyons J.D.
4676 Hamilton Ave
Cincinnati OH 45223

CASE NUMBER: 17-0032-EL-AIR

LEVON SILVER
4676 HAMILTON
CINCINNATI, OH 45209

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I AM WRITING IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED INCREASED CUSTOMER CHARGE BY DUKE ENERGY. THE INCREASE AMOUNTS TO OVER \$200/YEAR FOR MY FAMILY, WHICH IS MORE THAN OUR AVERAGE MONTHLY BILL OF AROUND \$150. BASICALLY, THIS INCREASE IS ADDING A 13TH MONTH TO EACH YEAR. I, UNFORTUNATELY, AM NOT GETTING A RAISE AT MY JOB EQUIVALENT TO AN EXTRA MONTH OF PAY.

THIS TYPE OF REGRESSIVE "TAX" IS NOT ONLY A PROBLEM FOR MY FAMILY, BUT IT IS PARTICULARLY BAD FOR THOSE ON FIXED INCOMES & THE ELDERLY. THIS INCLUDES MANY OF MY EXTENDED FAMILY. MAKE NO MISTAKE, THIS IS A TAX. IT IS A TAX THAT ALL USERS OF ELECTRICITY HAVE TO PAY TO COVER THE BAD DECISIONS AND INVESTMENTS OF DUKE ENERGY OVER THE YEARS. I DO NOT FEEL IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO PAY FOR THE MISTAKES OF AN ENERGY MONOPOLY.

FINALLY, THIS TYPE OF TAX MAKES IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR MY FAMILY TO MAKE ENERGY UPGRADES SUCH AS INSULATION & UPGRADING OUR CENTRAL A/C. EFFICIENCY IS MY GOAL TO LOWER MY ENERGY BILLS. THIS PROPOSED INCREASE IS A STEP IN THE WRONG DIRECTION.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION. SINCERELY,
LEVON SILVER

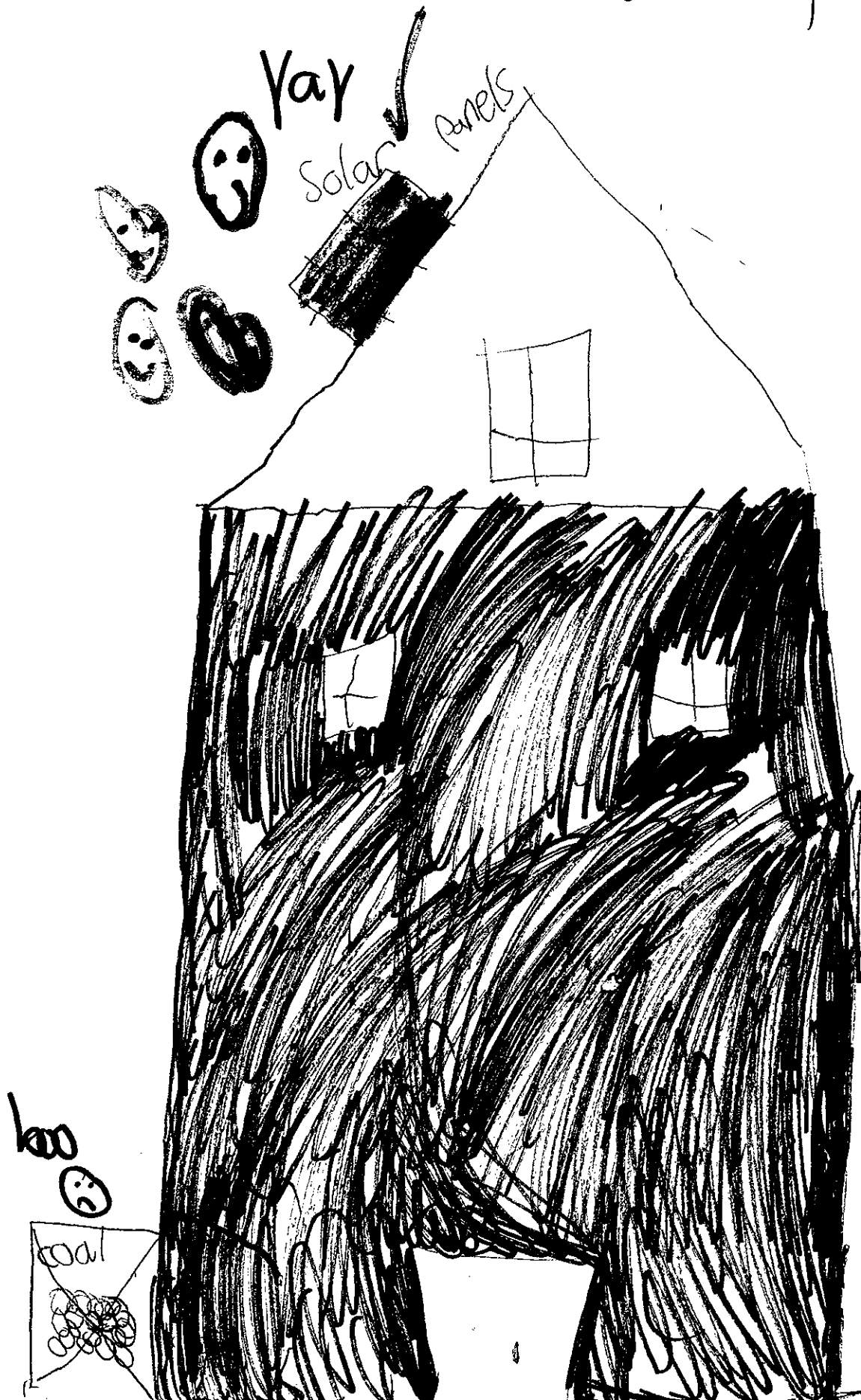
To Whom this May Concern:

I would like to see the cost of my electric Bill remain as low as possible. I would like Energy investments to go toward clean, Renewable Energy Sources.

* I also would like to see Smart Meters Remove from Residences because they are Negatively affecting our health.

Sincerely,
Bobby Ellis
Bobby Ellis
1681 Rockford Place
Cinti, Ohio 45227

Public Utilities
Commission of Ohio



Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,

Case #
17-0032-EL-AIR

Duke Energy's request to raise ~~the~~ my distribution customer charge from \$6 a month to over \$22 a month is completely unacceptable and inhumane. It will most impact those struggling to get by without letting households like mine save money by using less electricity or heat.

I recognize that Duke is heavily invested in coal for a majority of our energy and that the costs of that are going up even as jobs in that area decrease. However, Duke needs to get its act together and invest in renewable energy and energy efficiency. It's 2017 already, that is the future, and should really be the present already. It is not okay for them to drag their feet anymore on this issue.

Last but certainly not least is the impact of our health. As far as I know, burning coal in older, out-of-date plants is the leading source of heavy metals in our air in Ohio. I'm asthmatic, and every time I've moved back to Cincinnati, my health has worsened. Ohioans want clean, renewable energy and the jobs it brings, and we want them yesterday.

Meagan Lauer, 931 Dayton St, Cincinnati, OH 45214

Dear Public Utilities commission of Ohio,

The current proposed rate hikes are very unfair for consumers because they did not have a say when the energy companies were investing in coal. It's time for companies to invest in renewable energy, so we can be on par with other states. Clean air and water is ~~incredibly~~^{quite} important, and we should not be neglecting the environment.

The case # I'm referring to is 17-0032-EL-AVR. Duke Energy should be able to invest in renewable energy in Ohio without having to pass this unneeded burden on consumers.

Thanks! Let us on a greener path!

Shawn Karim

(630) 965-6088

4815 Musketier Dr, Cincinnati OH 45207

CASE # 17-0032-EL-AIR

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,

The attempted rate hikes proposed by Duke Energy are a direct assault on consumer rights. Citizens of Ohio DEMAND that you deny these proposals.

The future of energy is renewables. We need to double down on these investments. Because these increases are on the delivery charge and not volumetric charges, it de-incentivises energy efficiency efforts.

Please deny these rate hikes.

I can hardly afford my energy bill as it is. Raising this fixed rate from \$6 to over \$22 is going to really hurt me financially, and most people that I know.

Do not punish regular people for the bad investments that these utility companies have made. It is time to invest in renewables. Protect air and water. Protect Consumers. Protect PEOPLE, not corporate interest.

Again, the people of Ohio want you to deny this proposal.

Thank you! -Hali Greene
4210 Langland St. #4
Cincinnati, OH
45223

3.20.17

Dear Pucc

The Customer distribution charge hike from \$6 to \$22 is a bit excessive. This increase is a 72% increase.

No one gets a raise of 72%. How can such a great increase be justified?

Gas & Electric charges leave constantly rising, but not to this degree. Families on fixed or low incomes will have a hard time affording such an increase. Adding this increase to the already rising cost of other products is a hardship for many families.

Ellen Krumme

9709 Placid Dr

West Chester OH

45241

Dear Duco,

3/20/17

Over the years we have seen our energy bill rise along with other cost of living expenses. We are hard working parents who try to provide all we can for our two young children. We save and budget to enjoy a nice life and still be able to pay our bills. An increase in the mandatory residential "Customer Charge" is unreasonable. We are stretched already and it seems nonsense to add this fee with nothing to show. It's greedy and we will not support it. We do what we can to conserve so our bill is as low as possible. Simply adding a "fee" is not fair. I implore you to reconsider. Think of all the families this increase will affect in a very negative way. It doesn't have to happen.

Thank you for your consideration.

Betty King
1613 Windy Knoll Dr.
Cincinnati, OH 45241

Case # 17 0032 EL AIR

Dear Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,

I've recently learned that the State of Ohio is considering a Proposal from Duke Energy (case number 17-0032-EL-AIR) to increase Mandatory Residential Fixed Fees from its current \$6.00 to \$22.77 per Month. I'm from Florida, and I can survive with no power because where I live is hot. But I can't imagine living somewhere that gets as cold as Ohio does, and not being able to afford electricity because of a dramatically increased fixed rate. Living Paycheck to paycheck only works when there aren't any surprises. It's the little inconveniences that pull you under. Like a busted car engine, like a leak in the roof, like a raised fixed rate on your electricity bill. Making it a fixed rate changes the options from 'using less electricity' ~~or struggling~~ to 'not using any electricity' or 'paying more than twice the amount for electricity, no matter how much of it you use.' Not only that, but Ohio is ranked third in the nation for toxic air pollution, because it uses so much coal. If Ohio relied on a renewable/sustainable energy source such as wind turbines or solar panels it would reduce the cost of electricity/energy in the long run, benefit the environment, and reduce the financial stress on struggling Ohio citizens.

Best,

Miriam Carlson
4223 Virginia Ave,
Cincinnati, OH 45223

Dear PUCO,

I am a concerned Ohio citizen who does not support Duke Energy's proposal to increase everyone's utility costs. Rather than leaving their consumers essentially bail them out, Duke needs to be investing in sustainable forms of Energy. Coal is becoming out dated, and Duke would not sustain economically, and the environment would not begin to clean if we keep on burning fossil fuels at this rate. Coal is the number one contributor to pollution in Ohio - a state ranked to have the third worst air toxicity in the nation. We all need to do what we can to protect our air & water in Ohio - and for Duke it means they NEED to divest from coal, and begin providing folks clean forms of energy. We use less than 2.5% renewable energy in Ohio. We need to be using more renewables, and our shift in energy dependence. This begins with Duke, DP&L, AEP, and all of our other wonderful utility providers across the state.

Thank you,

Adam Dill

2145 Rose Meadow Lane,
Cincinnati OH, 45230

Case # 17-0032-EL-AIR

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It helps us see in the dark.

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♡ ZOE MELLER age 10

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To the, "Public Utilities of Ohio"

Regarding case number 17-0032-EL-AIR,
I first believe it is extremely important to have
clean water in Ohio because drinking the dirty
water and using the dirty water won't only effect
the direct people but the people of tomorrow.
I secondly believe the water and the air participate
in the effects and should be corrected.

Dear Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,

The Duke Energy is trying to increase the "Customer Charge" by 4 times and the bill also known as Case ~~AA~~ Number "17-0032-EC-AIR". Its ~~at~~ the Coals Fault and the Greed that flows thru the U.S. A government. Coal Plants damage the air and if you damage the air you damage everything around you. the water, the plants and the water.

Dear Public Utilities Commission of OHIO,

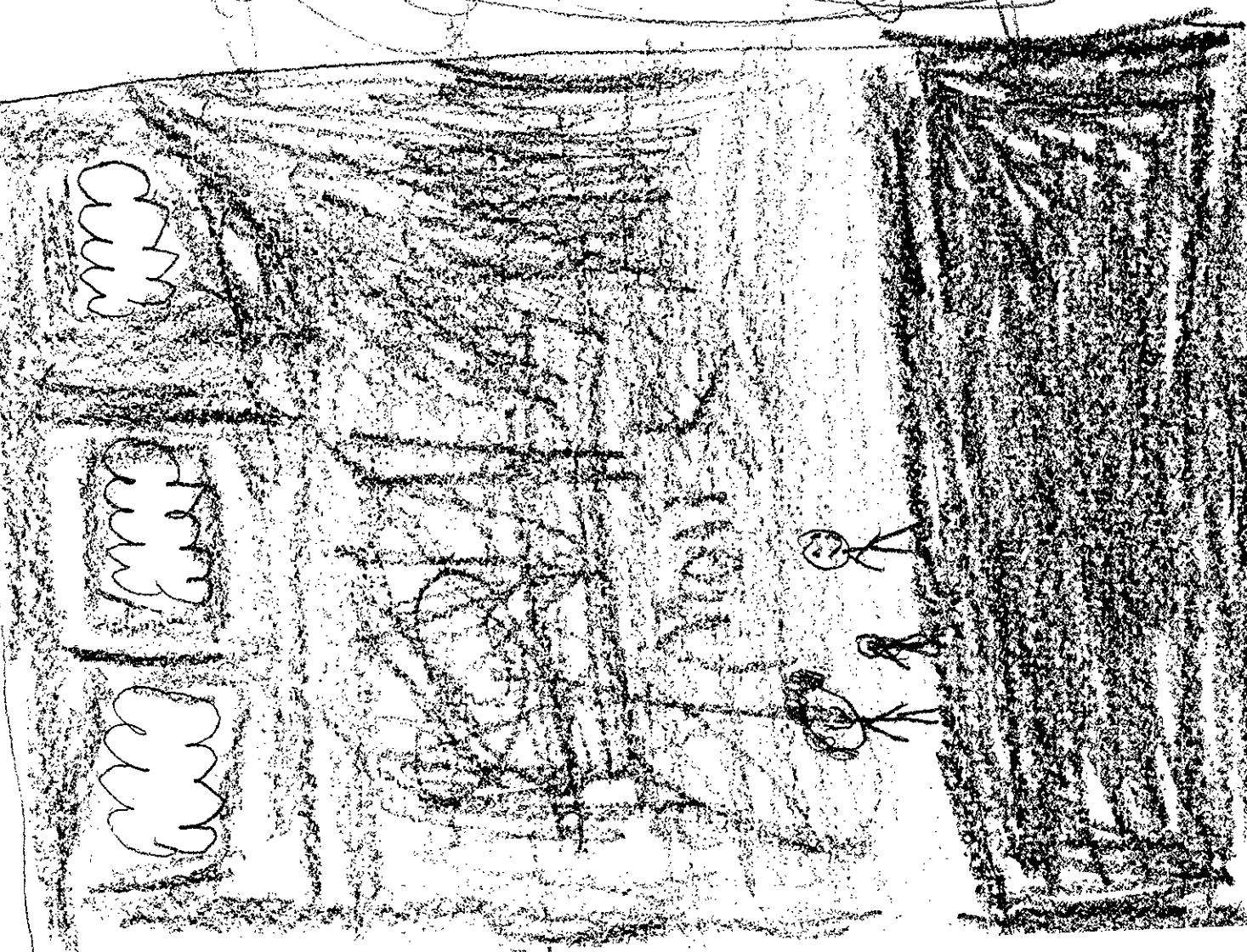
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The reason the price is going up because coal is getting more expensive and the coal also pollutes our air and our water both are very important to human beings and other living creatures. ~~It's not fair~~
Your ways in forcing people suck and as a citizen of OHIO do not approve of this nonsense.

dirty air



Fresh air



Dear PUCO

Case Number 17-0032-EL-AIR

Adjustments and Updates are a part of all Companies..... But they never seem care about the guy on disability, the fixed income guy. We are the ones who have already paid more than our fair share. The break should come for us not an increase of three or four times as much. The system does not work for the people. You always want it all at once. Not this time!!!

04/03/2017

Andrew Daniel
20 8 Summit Ave
Lebanon, OH 45032

this is for case # 17-0032-EL-AIR

before you raise the "customer charge" from 6 dollars to 22.77 dollars, which is more than 3 times the original amount, think about how you and your family would have to deal with it or what.

It will take a major toll on you financially, and some individuals might not be able to afford this high of a rate. Honestly, this is the exact opposite of the direction it should be moving in.

- Donovan
5304 Briarhill Drive
Delin, Ohio 45738.

To whom it may concern regarding case number
17-0032-EL-AIR,

I am an elderly woman living on a
fixed income and I can not afford a \$17 increase
in my duke bill every month. I already struggle to
pay the bills now.

Sincerely,

Jessam Ryan / Colleen Ryan
331 Brookforest Dr Cincinnati, OH
45238

Public Utilities Commission :

RE: Customer charge increase Duke Energy
CASE No. 17-0032-EL-AIR

We are customers living in our present home for thirty-five years. We are now retired and on a fixed income.

Over the years we have increased the efficiency of the energy used in our home with substantial upgrades. Such as whole house installation, and appliances.

How can other homeowners make that choice now with big fixed fees reducing what you can save from making those investments. That's both taking away your choice, and is the opposite of the direction we should be going on efficiency and clean energy.

Don't increase the Distribution Customer Chg. It is not fair to make residents pay more when these charges are already paying too much.

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Meister
335 Brookforest Dr
Cinti OH 45238

TO: PUCO

FROM: Stephen Niermann
4990 Troubador Ct.
Cincinnati, OH. 45238

DATE: March 14, 2017

REGARDING: Case Number 17-0032-EL-AIR

As a young family of 5 we struggle daily to meet our financial obligations. My wife and I both work just to provide for our 3 children ages 7, 5, and 2. It's a constant struggle trying to put them through school, provide constructive activities for them to learn and grow, and keep the roof over our heads while putting food on the table. Our money is planned to the penny with none to spare and often not enough to provide the basic costs of living. Each week we juggle what little we have to pick up the modest amount groceries to get us through until we do it again the next week. We have had to make deep sacrifices just to be able to have anything to juggle. We shop discount stores and off brand items just to stretch our money. We have cut out our landline, television service, and reduced our internet service to help. Any increase to our monthly expenses would have a severely adverse impact on ability to help foster a rich and loving environment to raise our children. It would force us to choose between providing rewarding and constructive activities for them and making sure they have heat to in the house to keep them warm through the long winter nights. We would love the opportunity to invest in energy saving upgrades like solar power for our house or even simply more energy efficient appliances. As it is right now though, we need to decide if we are buying milk for the week or vegetables. A fixed fee increase, such as the one currently proposed by Duke Energy, could have devastating consequences on our family and takes our financial planning in the wrong direction. We sincerely hope the proposed "customer charge" is reconsidered. We have been loyal customers but at a time when we are trying to build the foundations of our children's lives, which will be the future of our society, we are fearful of the lasting consequences this may have on our family, and our community. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stephen J. Niermann", is written over a horizontal line.

Stephen J. Niermann

To the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Re: Case # 17-0032-EL-AIR

Considering Duke Energy's proposal to raise the mandatory residential fixed fees to 4 times the current charge concerns me for many reasons.

The cost of living is becoming higher & higher every day. It is very worrisome to consider such a large jump for something that is leaving me no choice. It will cause me to be unable to do many things that I work hard for.

Please stop this from happening.

As we don't know what the future holds & we should not be taken advantage of

Thank You for your consideration

Cincy, OH 45238

Gale Adams
4970 TROUBADOR CT

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

REF: Case Number 17-0032-EL-AIR

Raising Energy costs affect many families across Ohio. I have seen the highest bills in my own home the last couple months. Living in this house the past 8 years, the energy bills have never been higher. These rising costs strap families financially.

Any cost increases that are out of our control do not help w/ budgeting & families struggling to make it pay check to pay check.

I urge you to help keep our energy costs down in whatever way is possible.

Regards,

Mark Hensl
290 Francisridge Dr
Cinc., OH 45238

Nicholas Corcoran 281 Francisridge Dr
Dear POCO,

I've heard of the plan to increase the power cost. Many families are living paycheck to paychecks. Even our family. My family decided to send me to a catholic High School which isn't cheap if Duke was to increase the amount it would put a big hurt on my family and we probably wouldn't be able to make our budget every month. It really sucks that we have no control over how much it cost. Just to have power at your house which is a necessity these days. We think that we would rather be spending the money on solar panels that will help save the earth while also saving many families money each month.

Case # 17-0032-EL-AIR

Dear PUCO,

I am a single mom with four children. I am currently working 80+ hrs a week to be able to support my family. If the current "customer charge" is raised to \$22.77 mo means I have to cut back even more than I currently do. To many people this may not be a large amount of money, but in my case, (and others) I am sure it will make living even more stressful than it already is by adding more financial stress.

Thank you for your attention
with case number 17-0032-EL-AIR

Kim Elliott
5014 Francis Valley Ct
Cinti, OH 45238

3/14/2017

Dear PUCO,

We desperately need clean energy alternatives to coal, and charging a higher fixed energy rate hurts families without addressing the real problems our society is facing. Please rethink the customer charge increase and work toward the development of cleaner, sustainable energy sources.

Sincerely,

Erin Hackmann

5072 Francisvalley Ct
Cinti, OH 45238

Case number: 17-0032-EL-AIR

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HOME AWAY

Dear Puco

I live from pay check to pay check like most Americans I know. So increase the amount of my bill will be hard on my family. I take care of my 90 year old mother & if the rates go to high I will not be able to afford to turn my heat or AC on. If I do turn it on it would have to be at a very low temp, so I would be able to pay the bill. Please reconsider these hikes. Everything is going up in price except my pay check.

Sincerely,
Jean Whistler
2857 Francisridge Dr.
Cinti Oh 45238

Case# 17-0032-EL-AIR

CINCINNATI REDS

Great American Ball Park ♦ 100 Joe Nuxhall Way ♦ Cincinnati, OH 45202-4109

22 March 17

Dear PUCO

I want to object to the
raise in rates in
Case #17-0032 EL-AIR

I am a widow living on
social security and a
jump in rates can cause
a hardship in my budget.

I am careful with my
usage, keep the heat low
and wear a down vest
to try and stay warm.

Please do not allow this
huge rate increase go
through.



Carol Kahn
8345 Arborcrest
Cincinnati, Oh
45236

March 22, 2017

8620 Arborcrest Dr
Cincinnati, Ohio 45236

Public Utilities
Commission of Ohio
180 E. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Re case # 17-0032-EL-AIR

To whom it may concern:

The proposed hike in the mandatory residential fixed fees ^{by Duke Energy} is quite extensive. For many years Duke consistently failed to read our meter and we received exstimated bills even though Duke had instructions about ^{how to} access our meter. More times than not, the estimation was over the amount used so our even billing was higher than necessary. With remote reading now available that issue has been resolved. However numerous times we were overcharged. Although not specifically related to service charges we have paid more than our fair share over time. Even billing is now consistent with our usage. Municipal Aggregation of costs has also help get our energy expenditure more in line with our budget. An increase of nearly 4 times the current amount is an unnecessary adjustment to our expenses.

Philip Moore

Dear Puro,

I am writing in regards to case number 17-0032-EL-AIR. Ohioans are already paying too much for energy. Duke Energy is trying to penalize us even more just because we are being more efficient. This increase is just another bailout for big energy.

Tim and Nikia McGraw
8730 Arborcrest Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45236

March 23

Dear PUCO

Please invest in clean energy like
wind and solar to help our environment
and keep costs down.

Case # 17-0032-EL-AIR,

Mary C Morrow

8061 Hickory Hill Lane

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Karl Munson
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March 23, 2017

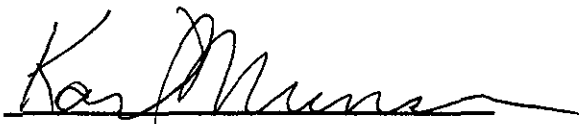
To: Public Utilities Commission

Reference Case 17-0032-EL-Air

You have the responsibility to the citizens of Ohio (like me) on a fixed income to prevent the energy companies from charging exorbitant rates. We need to work together to keep rates reasonable, and protect the environment.

Thanks to the information on the PUCO website, I have changed my power provider to be BOTH low cost and environmentally responsible. I expect you to deny Duke Energy's application for higher rates, and pressure Duke Energy to keep rates low for all of us, and replace the old coal burning plants with any of the environmentally better energy sources available.

Thanks for protecting our state.



Karl Munson

March 23rd, 2017
8021 Dimmick Rd
Cincinnati Ohio

Dear Peco,

To our family, I think our budget is just enough to pay all our bills and have a little left for ourselves. I honestly don't think a huge increase on our power bill wouldn't be doable unless my family works harder than they already have been. My family has to balance their job(s) with what their children need for school and stuff. The amount of money that my family is working for, is perfectly fine to balance everything and the bill. But if the bill goes uncontrollably high, it wouldn't be fair. My family fully supports anything for clean environments. Just the other day, we saw a truck squirt out a ~~HUGE~~ amount of dark gas into the air. I think everyone wouldn't want to see that on our Earth anymore.

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Love,
Rachel
DeLachy

3-23-17

PUCO -

To whom it may concern...

Many people in the U.S. are
on fixed incomes. My
husband & I are just two.
Our income does not go up
& we will have no ability to
control increases in our
Public Utilities.

Thank you

Linda Pitt

9638 Iris Dr.

45241

March 23, 2017

Dear PUCO,

It has been brought to my attention that Duke Energy proposes to put in place a mandatory residential fixed fee. The current charge is \$6.00 per month, but the rate will jump to \$22.77. This hardly seems fair to customers on a fixed income. Customers should be charged according to the amount of energy they use and can afford.

I cannot believe your customers approve this proposal. I suggest you rethink this proposal.

Bette Haynes in reference to Case number 17-0032-EL-AIR.

Dear PICO

Mar 23/17

Please do not approve
Duke Energy's request for
higher delivery fees. Each
month my family and I
do what we can to control
our expenses and find ways
to be more efficient. I
would expect Duke Energy
to be investing in more
efficient & environmentally
friendly choices for energy - not
coal!

Thank you for your
attention to this matter,

Sincerely,

Shayl Trudel

1658 Iris Drive

West Chester, OH 45241

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RE: Case #17-0032-EL-AIR

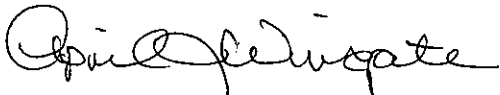
Dear PUCO,

I have recently learned that Duke Energy has proposed to increase my "customer charge" from \$6.00 to over \$22.00 per month. I feel this is an outrageous increase and pray that this increase is not allowed. I do what I can to save energy and spend my hard earned money wisely, only to be charged a fee by a company who cannot do the same.

A respectable corporation would find a way to work around rising costs without passing it on to their loyal customers.

Please deny Duke Energy's proposal.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "April J. Wingate". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "April" being more prominent.

April J. Wingate

9842 Timberoak Trl.

Cincinnati, OH 45241

March 16 2016

To increase my Duke bill
would make it very difficult
for me. I'm on a fixed income
and I'm 82 years old and my
husband is deceased. My monthly
budget could not handle an increase
on my Duke bill.

Thank You

Shirley Tallon
259 Beaulieu Court
Lebanon, Ohio

45036

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John O Dupoy
9702 Wopine Dr
PINTI OH 45241

3/20/2017

CASE # 17-0032

-EL-AIR

DEAR PUCO

My resources are limited and I will
not be able to pay any increase in
my gas & electric bills. I'm 74 yrs
old and working at a job that's pay
less than \$15.00 per hour.

As a disabled Veterans my Disability income
is less than \$400 per month.

John Dupoy

PLEASE DENY THE DUKE
ENERGY PROPOSAL TO INCREASE
THE UPFRONT MANDATORY
RESIDENTIAL FIXED FEES
FOR I LIVE ON A FIXED
INCOME AND ANY INCREASES
CUTS INTO MY BUDGET

EMMA K. STURM

CASE # 17-0032-EL-AIR

312 ANDERSON CT
CINCINNATI OHIO
45238.

Dear PUCO

I'm writing in reference to case # 17-0032-EL-
AIR

The proposal of Duke Energy to raise their customer charge from 6 to over 22 dollars per month is a clear violation of consumer rights. There is no justification for this increase to the fixed rate. It's clear that Duke is just trying to cover their loss of profits from a history of bad investment and the dying coal industry. It's no secret that coal can't hold its own in our current market. The only reason Ohio hasn't put more effort into utilizing renewable energy is because of the amount of money these huge coal electric companies have. If money is what is valued in this country, then switching to renewables makes sense. There are more jobs in the clean energy industry & the efficiency of these alternative energies saves consumers money. Now, if you're a decent human and money is not the paramount value in your life the answer is even ~~strongly~~ more obvious. Coal is disgusting. To continue using this dirty energy source causes tremendous destruction

to air & water. The people who are most exposed to this are low income & communities of color. Zoom out & the release of carbon from digging up & burning this stuff is ruining our entire planet. The wealthy coal CEOs don't get to ruin lives of the poor or anyone just to protect their wallet. Everyone benefits when we let coal go. Don't let them keep up this dirty business by charging their consumers over \$200 per year.

Thanks,

Lainey Lamm
1710 Blue Rock St #8
Cinti, OH 45223

937-573-1954

Sarah A. Weber
317 Brookforest Dr.
Cinti., OH 45238

I am against the huge increase
to my power bill proposed
by Duke Energy that
I have no ability to
reduce or control. Being
a new home owner I am
budgeting for home improvements
and the extra money
I would be paying Duke
could be saved.

Sarah A. Weber
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