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Public Utilities Commission

Please do not raise the customer charge on my energy bill. As a single hardworking mother I can barely make ends meet for my family + me. Each week is a struggle until the next paycheck. Life is expensive. Please don't raise our rates!

Deborah Ash
DEBORAH ASH
1336 Wafarget Rd
Cinti OH 45255

CASE #
17-0032-
EL-AIR

Duke

Please figure out how to
adjust your business
model to incorporate
a heavier reliance
on innovation in the
clean energy space
rather than how to
squeeze your customers
a four-fold increase?!!
This can only be
viewed as a money
grab.

NOT COOL DUKE!

The people who will be hurt
the most are lower income
and you know it. Shame.

- Tracy Stankach

1945 Lehigh

Dear whom it may concern,

By including huge fixed fees
you take away our choice for
saving. And is the opposite
direction we should be going for
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from,
a concern citizen

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17-0032-EL-AIR

To whom it may concern at Duke Energy,

Residents in the Cincinnati area are already reaching out to other providers giving lower rates. If you continue to raise the price it will only ~~allow~~ force what loyal customers you have left to look else where for service. I am a teacher with a Masters living in a small two bedroom house living pay check to pay check. All raising rates will do is force me to buy less supplies for my students one of which could be yours!!

I'm already having issue with your company as the damaged my house, and refuse to fix it. would you pay for a lawn service the cuts your flower beds down? Rather than raising rates work on your customer service.

Mae Felt

6014 Stanhill

Cincinnati, OH Case# 17-0032-
45230

EL-AR

Public Utilities Commission:

It is unthinkable that

customer distribution charge
will be increased.

We suggest you spend
more money on sustainable
eco-friendly energy for
everyone.

As your rates increase
our cost of living remains
stagnant. Please don't
reduce us into using
candles.

We already see and
employ energy efficiencies
in our home.

11/10/2014

to continue making this
our choice by utilizing
solar panels, open rate
increases prevent us
from going more green.

Stop the price increases.
provide cleaner air and
more sustainable options

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Davis

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMM OF OHIO
180 EAST BROAD STREET
COLUMBUS, OH 43215

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

PLEASE KEEP THE D.C.C.
AT ITS CURRENT LEVEL
OF \$6.00 / ENOUGH IS
ENOUGH. CONSIDER RE-
DUCING YOUR PAYROLL
AT THE TOP SO THE
CUSTOMER CAN ENJOY
A BETTER LIFE.

James R. Roth

616 WOODLARK DR
CINTI, OH 45230

RE: CASE # 17-0032-EL-AIR
5/6/17

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

I'm seriously concerned about the increase you plan (Drake). 1st, I'm a senior. Price increases affect me. There's already so many imbedded costs that even decreasing our heat/air can only decrease our bill to a certain amt., a mandatory increase, though it may not be so big for you, certainly hurts me.

We try to use energy efficiency appliances and replaced just recently washer + dryer accordingly we use new light bulbs. But we have limited income.

But in a world I'm concerned is being hurt by overuse of coal, I feel a need to be more efficient - besides the cost, I'm concerned about my grandbabies - what world I will leave behind. I want to try.

So I'm asking so I don't have to set thermostat below 60 in winter and simply avoid air in the summer, I'm asking you to reconsider this mandatory increase!

Thank you - Cindy Haverhill

Case # 17-0032-EL-AIR

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Yer Ave

0 45230

2001 SUTTON AVE

Duke Energy;

YOUR PROPOSAL TO
RAISE THE FIXED RATES
FROM \$6.00 TO \$23.88
IS VERY UNFAIR TO
THE CONSUMER. I
SUGGEST YOU DENY
THE PROPOSAL.

William H. Hyma
CASE NUMBER
17-0032-EL-AIR

Please stop fixed rate charges.
Do not increase customer
charge.

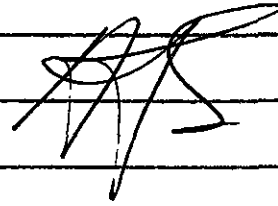
- Cincinnati Resident



5/16/17

Case # 17-0032-EL-AIR

I support keeping the customer charge at the current rate of \$6.00, as illustrated on the sample sheet enclosed.

A handwritten signature, possibly reading 'AS', is written in dark ink. It consists of a large, stylized capital 'A' followed by a capital 'S'.

COMMISSION),

IT IS COMPLETELY UNREASONABLE & UNJUSTIFIED
TO INCREASE THE ENERGY DISTRIBUTION
CHARGE ON HARD-WORKING FAMILIES
WHO ARE STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS
MEET. WITH COST OF LIVING ON THE
RISE AND WAGES STAGNANT, IT WILL
BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR FAMILIES TO
AFFORD INCREASES SUCH AS THESE.

SINCERELY,

CJ

CASE # 17-0032-EL-AIR

TO: Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

5/17/2017

CASE NO. 17-0032-EL-AIR

Dear Madame/Les:

I am adamantly opposed to Duke Energy's proposal to raise ~~the~~ "customer charge" which provides me no benefit whatsoever. Fixed charges serve no purpose other than to increase

the profits of Duke Energy without any justification of higher energy costs.

I buy a product from Duke Energy. It is electricity and natural gas. I don't pay a customer penalty when I buy groceries or a car. Why should I pay a penalty to Duke for being their customer?

Tacking on a "customer charge" is ludicrous and egregious.

Please deny this absurd request from Duke.
Sincerely,

Jonnie Crook
LONNIE C. CROOK
DUKE CUSTOMER
HAMILTON COUNTY

Dear Public Utilities Commission

I am very disappointed to hear of the proposed 300+70 increase in the Duke Energy customer distribution charge. More is tight for many families these days and such an increase in a mandatory fixed cost on a monthly basis without any specific associated increase in quality of service is completely unreasonable.

I'd rather use that money for purchasing more energy efficient appliances for my house but additional yearly ~~per~~ charges of \$275 would require the delay of such expenditures.

Please reconsider the value and effects of such a proposal.

Thank you,

Trent Hershenov
8341 Jenette Lane
Cincinnati, OH 45249

Registered voter

Case #17-0032-EL-AIR

Utilities Commission # 17-0032-E1-Air

I think about my family and
how hard I work for my
monthly Budget and I can't
have a increase in my utilities.
I am having Trouble making it now.

Thank you,
Mrs Scott

I am against fixed rate charges.

Re. Case number: 17-0032-EL-AIR

SANG KIM

8374 Jeanette Lane

Cincinnati OH 45249

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

I am case number 17-0032-EL- AIR

I recently switched jobs for a minor pay increase. It seems like every step forward I take, I get pushed back two. I get paid bi weekly, and as mentioned above not alot considering house payment, car payment and insurance. Also the cost of food rises every year, not to mention gas to run our cars. Any increase in payment would be a great disservice to me and many there in my area.

Thank you

May 16, 2017

Dear Public Utilities Commission,

In regards to CASE #

17-0032-EL-AIR, please vote

No! This fixed rate charge

hike will be very detrimental

to mine and other families.

Ohio families want cleaner

energy and energy companies need

to stop delaying and make the

transition.

Sincerely,

The Castle Family
6024 Colter Ave
Cincinnati, Ohio
45230

Public Utilities Commission

I am writing to you about the proposed increase of Duke Energy's "customer charge." Our family of 5 (3 boys 20y.o., 18y.o. & 16y.o.) with one in college & 2 boys soon to follow we are on a fixed budget with very little to spare. We work hard to live within our means making cuts as we see necessary.

Charge increases like this one with Duke Energy is beyond our budget & is not within our control & is unfair to a hardworking family like ours.

Over the last 8 years, we have put in new windows and changed our heat from oil to an electric furnace. This increase is a slap in the face to our more efficient efforts and attempts to decrease our costs. This charge takes away our choice and is the wrong direction that we should be going on efficiency and clean energy. Thanks for listening.

Cathy Huffer

Case # 17-0032-EL-AIR

We are a family who does not
want to be priced out of our
home. We think about our power
usage and truly try to make
smart decisions but we need
a power policy that works for
the pocket books of the community!

please work with us and
don't allow massive rate hikes!

Bring in other possibilities
and with other options, a sustainable
system -

Thanks for your time -

Ben Clark &

Milo Clark (sands montessori)

this is mainly in reference to case #

17-0032-EL-AIR

6245 Dawes Ave

Cincinnati, OH 45230

Dear Senator Wilson,

Raising the distribution charge through Duke Energy to an unreasonable \$23.00 monthly puts a hardship on families who live on a very tight budget. Never have I seen a 300% increase on any ~~cost~~ cost of living product. Would you buy your groceries if your apple a day went from 99¢ per pound \$3 per pound? Probably not. Electricity is an essential need to all humans, increasing these rates will only hurt our economy. People will spend less to stimulate the economy especially if every ~~conglomerate~~ conglomerate jumps on board. Recall the gas prices from 5/6 years ago and how bad our economy was. People were being more frugal because an essential need was just too expensive. This too will happen if Duke is allowed to do this.

CAR #
17-0032-EL-AIR

Thank you
J. Maloney

Duke Energy,

A flat fee increase almost four times is outrageous. How will it be possible for those barely making the current bills? Families that already on a tight budget trying to make ends meet cannot afford any more increases. I hope you reconsider this increase.

Case number 17-0032-EL-AIR

Cincinnati Customer barely making budget
6154 Glade Ave
Cincinnati, OH 45230

Public Utilities Commission,

I am writing to ask for your help in building a strong community with continued possibilities for our youth and families.

In order for Cincinnati to remain a destination city and one that keeps young professionals, we need to make it affordable and give several energy options to the population.

We want and need solar options! It's a simple fact that our current way of life and power sources cannot be sustained. Why aren't we making the correct choices as a city right now! We are a world leader in how we deal with water reclamation so why aren't we striving for the same excellence in our power grid?

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

Case # 17-0032-EL-AIR

May 17, 2017

The purpose of this letter is to ask that you deny Duke Energy's proposal to significantly increase their mandatory residential fixed fees. The increase represents no improvement in service, is not affordable for families, and funnels money away from potential energy saving purchases such as energy efficient appliances windows, doors etc. Large, fixed fees take away consumer freedoms. Please reject Duke's proposal.

Sincerely,
Lesley PucP
Ancinnat, OH

Public Utilities Commission Ohio,

I am writing in reference to 17-0032-EZ-AIR. I am adamantly opposed to any new charges that will significantly increase my family's utility bill.

I have been exploring ways that I can personally invest in my home's ability to use renewable energy. This decision is much more difficult when my resources are further drained by an archaic fuel source.

Our community depends on you to steer us ~~us~~ in the direction of the future: obviously renewable energy. This is nothing short of a tax or subsidy for a failing fossil fuel business and I expect to be protected from it.

Respectfully,
for Wolf
Joe Wolf

1772 Rusticwood Ln
Cint., OH 45255

EVERY YEAR, EVERYTHING GOES UP IN PRICE
AND THERE COMES A POINT WHEN PEOPLE
ARE FED UP AND HAVE SAID ENOUGH IS
ENOUGH. THIS IS ONE OF THOSE TIMES
WHEN AGAIN A LARGE COMPANY WANTS TO
STICK ^{IT} TO THE PEOPLE. NOT EVERYBODY
CAN AFFORD TO KEEP PAYING HIGHER PRICES
STOP RAISING FEES

I am writing in opposition of the increase to customers from \$16.00 to \$22.77 per month. Saving and planning on a budget are already hard with small children. We work hard to conserve energy and controlling costs are our incentives to continue to do so. Duke Energy makes enough profit & we should not have an increase for the same service or without a choice in the matter. We want to continue to speak in favor of Duke, so please consider putting the customer first so we can continue to respectfully talk about Duke.

Sincerely,
Anderson Township paying resident

Case# 17-0032-EL-AIR

We all should be making improvements in our energy efficiency & reducing consumption. For instance, I choose to drive a hybrid car. But acquiring more efficient appliances is not the solution to ^{reducing} a utility bill as its effect would be marginal. (Yes, there would be some decline in consumption, but this fixed cost would not be reduced.)

We need to find ways to provide incentives for all of us - even the utility companies - to increase efficiency & develop / use clean energy.

Please decline Duke's request for an increase in the fixed "customer charge."

Sincerely,

Amy L. Cheney

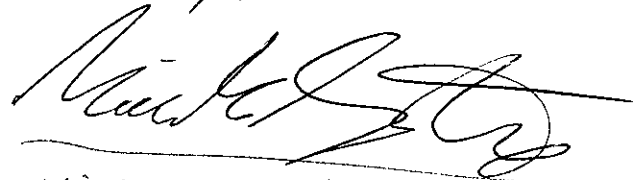
8143 Nagelwoods Dr.

Cincinnati, OH 45255

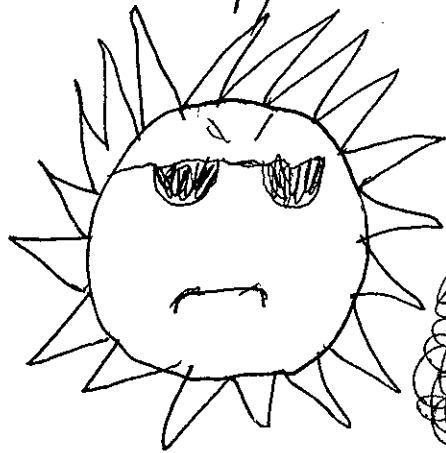
Public Utility Commission of Ohio

I do not agree or condone the raise in Duke energies standard ~~for~~ monthly fee by more than 4x the amount. If they were improving my service, it would be somewhat excusable, however they are doing this as a decievable method of revenue to try and show they are more profitable than they ~~are~~ actually are. I am a preety poor college kid so this hurts my finances and adds \$3 to my monthly fixed costs. Please do not allow duke to do this! I have no ability to ~~so~~ change this except by writing to you. Please say no! This is the opposite direction we should be going ~~in~~ with regards to energy ~~minimize~~ efficiency.

Sincerely,



Michael Gladstone



Not Cool!



17-0032-E1-Air

2014 Hudson Ave, Cincinnati

45212

I've worked in the alternative energy business for 33 yrs
We can use wind and solar power generation to save
citizens \$ and keep the water clean.

Clean water is important and I know a lot has been
done to clean up the Ohio river. We need
systems to monitor and improve water systems.

Dave Pendergast
158 Riverside Pkwy
Ft Thomas KY 41075

RaRajnikant
Sharma



8692 Twilight Tear Ln, Cincinnati, OH
8013689144
Raj.drdo@gmail.com

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Public Utilities Commissions of Ohio

180 East Broad Street,

Columbus, OH43215

We have been made aware that the Duke Energy is planning a significant price hike in electricity usage. This hike will affect our day to life. I am the only earning member in my family and bought our first house. Also we have a 8 month old kid to take care of. We request you not to let this happen.

Warm regards,
Rajnikant Sharma



Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

180 East Broad Street

Columbus, Ohio 43215

In Re: Case # 17-0032-El-Air

To whom it may concern:

I understand that Duke Energy is proposing to increase mandatory residential fixed fees, i.e., "the customer charge," from \$6 to \$22.77. You should reject this proposal.

At a time when my/our energy usage is decreasing owing to the use of LED's and other responsible behaviors and investments, we/customers are being rewarded by corporate gouging by Duke to artificially maintain their revenue levels in the face of decreasing demand traceable to our conservation efforts.

Their actions to increase fees almost 4 fold demonstrate a callous disregard for their customers at a time when the financial stresses on the average American are known to be near critical.

At some point, our officials should do something to intervene on behalf of American citizens to maintain at least some semblance of fundamental fairness.

W. Stanley Morton

8429 Preakness Lane

Cincinnati, OH 45249

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8692 Twilight Tear Ln, Cincinnati, OH
8013689144
Raj.drdo@gmail.com

05/17/2017: Case Number 17-0032-EL-AIR

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Columbus, OH43215

We have been made aware that the Duke Energy is planning a significant price hike in electricity usage. This hike will affect our day to life I am not working and my husband is only earning member in my family and bought our first house. Also we have a 8 month old kid to take care of. We request you not to let this happen.

Warm regards,
Suruchi



Dear Public Utilities Commission -

I am NOT in favor of Duke Energy increasing our fixed rates. Many families and young home owners already struggle with supporting themselves + their family due to the ~~already~~ high costs of living. Increasing our energy bill will make it that much harder to get ahead (or get by) and also ~~harder~~ keep us from investing in more renewable sources like solar + wind. Duke has made some poor business decisions in the past and their customers should not have to pay more for it. As a young adult I already struggle with getting ahead in this capitalist society and an increase on my rates would drastically impact my way of living, and I know I'm not alone. Listen to the working class, NOT Big Business! Keep Duke's hands off our hard earnings!

Regarding

Case # 17-0032-EL-AIR

Sincerely,

Alana G. Peters
4210 Langland Street
Cincinnati, OH 45223

Case number: 17-0032-EL-AIR
To the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,

If you move to a fixed customer charge for our energy bills, this means it doesn't matter how much energy we use. Our priorities should be to conserve energy, and we can do this and also save consumers money through energy efficiency programs and clean forms of energy for our state. If profit (instead of people) is what you're concerned about - Invest in clean energy! I guess

E = energy

R = return

O = on

I = investments.

Wind energy has the highest ROI, meaning what you invest is way smaller than the energy you receive. Why would you not want this? If it's because "it harms bird populations" then you must also get rid of house cats and windows who contribute to this issue way more than wind energy. I just took a road trip from Ohio through Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin - they have moved to clean energy. Our state is lacking!

Stop making bad business decisions, it is your job to invest in people - stop making us pay - literally. Poverty kills, and increasing your customer charge to a fixed rate contributes to this. I'm writing because I care. You should too.

Thanks,

Allison Warner
59 Saint Andrews Drive
North Bend, OH 45052

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P. U. C.,

I'm writing to ~~voice~~ voice my concern surrounding the possible raise in fixed rates by Duke energy. With rates skyrocketing ~~from~~ ^{to} almost \$24 a month (\$300 a year) my family budget will be effected pretty heavily. With my dad being unemployed & my mom working a minimum wage job it will make our standard of living harder to maintain as my younger siblings need to save for college & we need to ~~also~~ cover medical bills, as my mom has breast cancer. Additionally, we would, as a family, like to invest in energy saving upgrades such as solar & wind. With big fixed fees that makes it difficult to save in long term (as investing in clean energy does) if my family is paying wild fixed rates. Being forced to pay fixed rates takes my choice as a citizen of Ohio away and allows Duke to cover costs to now expensive coal. With Ohio being #3 in the nation for most toxic air pollution & the Ohio River being the dirtiest body of water in the US I don't want to be forced to pay more money to a polluter who put us in this situation. So as an Ohio citizen who cares about public health & consumer rights, I am telling you I do not support Duke's request to raise our fixed rates and I hope my representatives & you accurately represent your citizens / constituents choices!

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Thanks,

Nina

6600 Drake Road 95243
Cincinnati OH

Case number 17-0032-EL-AIR

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

As if people don't have enough problems...

My medical bills total over 600,000 \$ a year. I wouldn't be alive if it weren't for my insurance which is likely to be taken away. Because of my unexpected illness, I can no longer work, leaving it to my girlfriend to solely pay the bills. It has taken two years to find a balance of not paying the water one month to keep the electric on, and not paying the electric the next month so we can take a shower. People like me cannot afford your current rates, let alone an increase because of bad management. I need my electric at all time. I have 5 animals, all adopted from shelters, and it can get very cold. You are threatening people's lives living on a fixed income and an electric breathing machine.

And there is also the issue of clean renewable energy. The most I can do, is put in Energy saving bulbs. Broke, remember? I have 38 light bulbs in use in my home. The cheapest energy saving bulbs like the "GE Energy Smart Spiral 10 watt Bulbs" cost \$13.05 per 3 pack, and it was on sale. That means it would cost me a minimum of \$156 to light my house and save energy. How can I afford clean bulbs if I can't afford the electric to turn them? Your lack of commitment to your customers and the conservation of our planet is disgusting. I will support any legislation forcing change. But then again, you could just fix all of this couldn't you? Take a pay cut. And don't mess with my family. We're broke remember.



Sincerely,
Donovan -
Dawnelle -
BobuFett -
Maro -
Duffy -
BLUE -
Sphiny -

I am denying Duke Energy's
appeal. I don't want my
electric bill raised...

Julia Booth
6288 Glade Ave
Cincinnati, OH 45230

Case # 17-0032 - EL-AIR

May 16, 2017

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO
180 EAST BROAD STREET
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215**

CASE NUMBER: 17-0032-EL-AIR

As you know the families of the majority of the world live according to the monthly budget that is generated among the members of the house. There is no other possibility to get increase the economic resources. But if in the family, like mine, that is only maintained with the income of a single person, the problem is bigger.

Therefore, it is a real tragedy to be able to cover the monthly bills of light as they rise without control and without any governmental entity that can put a stop to this abusive energy system.

It seems appropriate to implement all possible non-conventional projects, with the aim of having a lower cost and above all the power to obtain fairer prices for the residents of the different cities of Cincinnati.

We hope that you can correct all these irregularities that are presented on a monthly basis and that they "suffocate" the family economy.

In advance thanks for your support and help,

Best Regards,



FERNANDO CHAPPELL
1421 Dyer Ave.
Cincinnati OHIO 45230
513-302-8843

May 16, 2017

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO
180 EAST BROAD STREET
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

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Best Regards,



DANIA CHAPPELL

1421 Dyer Ave.
Cincinnati OHIO 45230

May 16, 2017

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO
180 EAST BROAD STREET
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

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Best Regards,



NELLY CHAPPELL

1421 Dyer Ave.
Cincinnati OHIO 45230

6020 Stanhill
Cincinnati, OH 45230

TO UTILITIES COMMISSION

I AM A SENIOR CITIZEN (86 YEARS OLD)

A NAVY VETERAN (20 YEARS)

I REQUEST YOU DO NOT GRANT DUE

ENERGY INCREASE RATE FOR DISTRIBUTION

CUSTOMER CHARGE (FROM \$6.00 NOW TO \$24.00)

I AM ON A FIXED INCOME AND CANNOT

AFFORD ANY MORE UTILITY RAISES

James Lewis

15 MAY 2017

Larry Harte
11365 Avant Lane
Cincinnati, OH 45249

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

RE: Case Number 17-0032-EL-AIR


May 17, 2017

Dear Public Utilities Commission:

Please do not approve the Duke Energy request to increase rates.

Also, please increase support of different types of energy - especially renewables.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Harte', with a stylized, cursive script.

Larry Harte

May 15, 2017

Amy Miller
6802 Calumet Way
Cincinnati, Ohio 45249

Dear Public Utilities Commission,

I am writing to you in the hopes that you do not permit Duke Energy from increasing their current \$6.00 Distribution Charge to \$22.77 a month. That is almost a 400 % increase that will devastate most families, mine included. As a customer I would like to think that I have some control of the cost of my bill. That would not be the case if this increase were to occur.

Thank you,
Amy Miller

Public Utilities Commission

Please don't raise my rates I'm retired
and its hard

David Donoran
6029 Lockard AVE
Cen OH 45230

To Whom it May Concern:

May 15th 2017

I am writing this letter in opposition to the rate hike proposed by Duke Energy. I feel that our energy cost is high enough. Please take this in consideration when deciding what to do.

Thank you,

Trish Cuzzone

Duke energy customer.

5-15-17

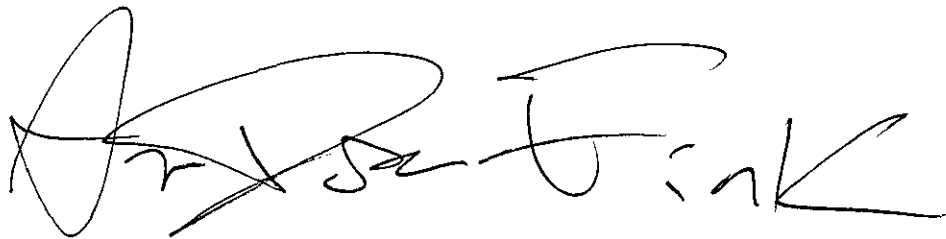
Dear Ohio Public Utilities Commission,

As a customer of Duke Energy and a resident of Cincinnati Ohio, I ask that reject Duke energy's request to raise the subscriber fee from \$6 to \$24 per month. This raise will hurt the viability of the public utilities in the long term.

I am actively exploring options to generate my own electricity with solar panels. I guarantee that within 5 years, I will have my own power generation capabilities. With a subscriber fee of \$6, I would gladly consider a grid tied system, and continue to pay duke for services I rarely use. If the monthly subscriber fee is increased to \$24, I will have more incentive to design an off-grid system, potentially with a battery backup. The economics of my decision will be altered further in favor of rooftop solar + energy storage. If Duke energy continues to raise it base rates, thousands of other customers will have the same option as me. More and more each year will choose to leave Duke. They are inadvertently triggering their own death spiral without even realizing it. They are attempting to use the PUCO to bolster their competitiveness in the face of a changing utilities landscape. They don't realize that they are accelerating their demise. As the PUBLIC Utilities Commission of Ohio it is your responsibility to ensure the continued survival of a valuable public service. Don't let Duke energy go the way of Blockbuster, Sears, Newspapers or Kodak. Help save them from destroying themselves. While well-off people like me, can consider leaving the grid, the less prosperous in our community do not have the same options. It is your responsibility to protect these vulnerable people. Both in the short term and the long term.

Thank you

Andrew Fink
6144 Cambridge Ave
Cincinnati OH 45230

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Fink". The signature is stylized with large, sweeping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

151 Bennetville

Case Number 17-0032-EL-AIR

I do Not want my electric bill to go up.
I work on a tight budget and any increase will
create a strain on my finances

Sincerely
Angela Bell

Charlene Rundo

1922 MEARS AVENUE • CINCINNATI, OHIO 45230 • PHONE: 513-232-1794

March 15, 2017

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

Re: Case number 17-0032-EL-AIR

Dear Public Utilities Commission:

I strongly oppose Duke Energy's proposal to increase its electricity "customer charge" from \$6 per month to \$22.77 per month. Duke's electricity distribution charges are already higher than my electricity supply charges. For example, last month:

<i>Duke</i>	\$32.97	distribution customer charge + delivery charges + generation riders
<i>IGS</i>	\$26.86	electric supplier
<i>Total</i>	\$59.83	

My electric generation charges per KWh for the coming year will be less than they were last year. It seems to me that while generators of electricity become more efficient, Duke Energy becomes less efficient.

As things stand, because I'm on a fixed income, I'm already cold in winter and hot in summer. I cannot afford to set my thermostat at a comfortable level. Please don't make things worse for me.

Sincerely,



Charlene Rundo

6109 Morrow

RE: Case number 17-0032-EL-AIR

Duke Energy,

I, along with my spouse, are on a fixed income, and are on Budget-Billing to begin with, and basically live one month to the next, with no room for what I see as being an unnecessary, and unneeded rate increase.

We've been replacing appliances with energy efficient ones, and are considering adding solar panels, all in the interest of lowering our monthly energy bill. And along you all come, basically demanding a \$22.77 per month, and our hopes of making our home as energy efficient as possible, the changes will be put on the back burner for an indefinite length of time, and any incentive to pursue this avenue is trashed. Big fixed fees will keep us from making investments in energy saving improvements in the future and 1) takes away our being able to make a choice, and 2) it's in the wrong direction we should be going.

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Sheila R. Howie

6/09 Morrow

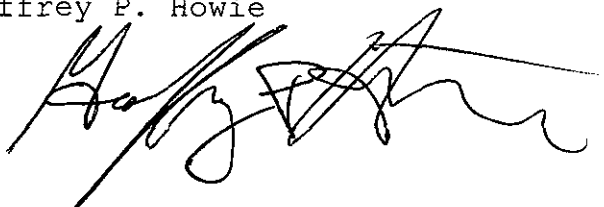
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Geoffrey P. Howie

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Woss Colter
Case number

17-0032-EL-Air

May 15, 2017

Dear Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,

Our goal is to increase the efficiency of the energy we use, and to have the option of choosing clean energy. This is the ideal; it's beneficial to us, and to our nation at large. Your "customer charge" increase will deprive us, and many others, of having the financial resources upon which we exercise our freedom to make beneficial choices in terms of energy-saving. If we end up paying \$273.24 a year, as per your monthly fixed charges, then we can forget about investing in more sustainable appliances. Not that you care, really. There is, however, one form of energy you might not be aware of: Karma. If you go through with this, I would hope that Karma Justice finds its way to Duke Energy. Only when your fat wallets are at stake will you care. In any case, I hope that at least one of your men actually cares about the future, cares about the prosperity of families in Ohio. Please rescind on this "brilliant" "get-rich via oppression" scam, which primarily hurts lower-income families (again, like you care. When the meek inherit the earth, you will care. I'll bet \$10.00 a Christian is leading this. Blow the dust off your Bible. You're hurting people, and damaging the planet).

Love,
Don Peteroy

1939 Sutton

Case Number: 17-0032-EL-AIR

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

180 East Broad Street

Columbus, OH 43215

To whom it may concern,

I do not support raising the fixed costs of providing energy to consumers.

Please focus resources on discovering and implementing new methods of clean renewable energy that will benefit the earth and all its inhabitants.

Casper Nichols

May 15, 2017

1939 Sutton

* Case number 17-0032-EL-AIR *

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

Dear Fellow energy user,

Summer heat is not pleasant. We've gone through several days of sitting in the dark watching TV on a tablet just so we can avoid turning on the AC to combat the excess heat generated by electronics. I can't imagine what we would resort to - should fixed charges be increased. What do I gain from continued service? Just extra charges? I would love to see more attempts to lower my energy bill, especially if it means moving towards renewable energy that is less harmful to the planet. ~~More~~

~~More~~ More education and incentives revolving around decreased energy consumption would be appreciated. A permanent ~~practical~~ solution (or at least progress) ^{involving} ~~involving~~ sustainable renewable energy programs will be required at some point, so why not put Ohio at the forefront of clean energy. Others could follow our example and initiative. We could stop throwing around percentages and just be 100% clean renewable energy.

I do not support the decision to increase fixed distribution charges that would negatively impact the lives of myself, Daisy Dog, Penny Dog, Big Piggie, Little Piggie, and Buddy Cat.

Amy Brady 5-15-17

5-15-17

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,

Case number 17-0032 -EL-AIR

Both my husband and I work in order to support our two children. We do a weekly and monthly budget which we follow. Increasing the customer charge from 6 dollars a month to 22.77 dollars will affect our budget. Please take that into consideration when making this change.

Sincerely,

Margo Smith Joseph

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

180 East Broad St

Columbus, Ohio 43215

Duke Energy's Unfair Cost Increase

Case number 17-0032-EL-AIR

Dear Commissioner,

It has come to my attention that Duke energy is trying to raise the cost of the fixed portion of our bill by four times. There is no reason to make the entire community suffer just to ease the suffering of Duke Energy! If Duke Energy wants the company to be booming once again, they will have to make better corporate decision, and not rely on a consumer bail out. I am unwilling to pay \$200 more as a fixed cost. I believe in clean energy and conservation, and am working hard to conserve energy and reduce my usage. This is an outrage. I am a member of the Geeding family and I cannot afford to have this unjust raise!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denny Geeding". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Denny" and last name "Geeding" clearly legible.

5/15/17

I am writing in protest against Duke Energy's proposal to increase up front mandatory residential fixed fees, called the "customer charge" from a current \$6 to 22.77 per month. As a retired person on a fixed income I am unable to pay this increase.

Gayle Latorro

Case # 17-0032-EL-AIR

Regarding Rate Increase

I'm totally against any rate increase at
this time. It's way too high already.
Seems like Duke is asking for more money
everytime you turn around since they
bought Cin & Electric.

Where does it stop! I think it
should stop NOW!

Jon Fisher

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,
so many Ohio families will face
quite a hardship if the if the
statement fee is increased.

Donna Deimling

State Energy Commission,

A very polite and well-informed citizen came to my door this evening. His message was a wake-up call to my family and me.

Regarding case number 17-0032-EL-AR I protest the increase from \$6 to \$24 on the electric bill.

From the literature, I gather that with this customer increase ~~with~~ we will have no ability to reduce and control the power we use. It seems that this would take away our choice to be "consciously energy ^{efficient} ~~efficient~~" and it hinders our goal of clean energy.

I can see no reason for the increase laid on customer charges. Please reconsider this drastic measure.

Debby Aubrey

15 MAY 2017

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: CASE 17-0032-FL-AIR

A LARGE INCREASE IN OUR POWER BILL WILL TAKE A FAMILY THAT IS MOSTLY JUST SCRAPING BY & MAKE OUR LIVES THAT MUCH HARDER.

IT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BUYING THE FRUITS & VEGETABLES OUR KIDS LOVE (BERRIES, AVOCADOS, CHERRIES) AND HAVING TO TELL THEM WE CAN ONLY AFFORD BANANAS.

IT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING ABLE TO AFFORD NEW CLOTHES FOR OUR YOUNGEST & TRYING TO STRETCH THE WORN CLOTHES THAT TWO OTHER KIDS HAVE ALREADY WORN.

MOST OF ALL, IT TURNS THE SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT WE FEEL WHEN WE PAY OUR BILLS AND HAVE EVEN A LITTLE BIT LEFT & TURNS IT INTO PANIC WHEN WE REALIZE WE HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN PAYING THE ENERGY BILL OR FILLING THE CAR WITH GAS.

PLEASE DON'T RAISE OUR DISTRIBUTION CHARGES,
IT MAKES OUR FAMILY'S LIVES HARDER.

THE KEARNEYS.

To whom it may concern at the Public Utilities Commission—

As a resident of Cincinnati, I've seen the diversity of our community. While I am fortunate to have a full time job with a steady income, I know so many people in our community fight and struggle just to make end's meet. Increasing the fixed rates on our energy bills is going to force families that are already struggling to have to choose between having lights and heat or food. This increase is a money-grab, not a sustainable solution. We need to diversify our energy consumption- we need renewable energy - but we also need our representatives to be accountable to their community.

Please reject this increase and choose to support our neighbors - we need to band together as a community to create change.

CASE # - 17-0032-EL-AIR

Maggie Center
4210 Langland St #2
Cincinnati OH 45223

Dear Duke Energy

I am highly opposed to your proposed new Flat rate monthly billing. It is not only unfair but cheats you of money you owe from customers. If I have my lights on all day I should not pay the same amount as a neighbor who is off at work all day and has a far lower electric use. More so imposing this new form of payment would be bad business for you as a company because you would lose money to people that use above average amounts of electricity. I plead with you to keep with a pay as you use payment plan and not implement this idiotic new form.

- Keegan Courtney
Keegan Courtney
1587 Meers Ave
Cincinnati, OH 45230

Case number 17-0032-EL-AIR :

To Whom It May Concern:

I am against an increase in fees charged by Duke Energy. Our family lives on a budget & this results in less money for us to buy more efficient appliances, as well as ^{for} the many other maintenance costs needed for our home.

I support a transition to cleaner energy & more efficient energy use!

Sincerely,

Maureen T. Niemeier

5/16/17

Dear Public Utilities Commission,

This is to inform you that
I am not in favor of Duke Energy
increasing rates to fixed rates.

This is not an attempt to help
anyone, ~~but~~ ^{rather} to fill the pockets
of the CEO's of Duke. People
like me will inevitably pay more!

Rebecca Schrand

Rebecca Schrand
6249 Dawes Ln.
Cincinnati OH 45230

Dear Duke Energy,

Please do NOT increase the customer charge to \$22.77 per month.

Please MAKE transitions to cleaner energy AND more efficient energy use.

Greg Courtney

Greg Courtney

1587 Mears Ave

Cincinnati, OH 45230

Dear Duke energy

I find your actions grievous, you would have the audacity to change rates on your customers. In such a way that fixes rates for people of all income classes, not only is this despicable and discriminatory against lower-income individuals who do not have the means to pay an extra six or \$27 a month. Now, most people would say six to \$27 is nothing but pocket change but to a low-income individuals or family, it may be the difference between whether their children eat at the end of today or go a night hungry. As consumers in a capitalistic society, you would think we would have the freedom to choose our energy provider. But alas given duke energy being the only provider of energy in the tri-state area. How can we practice in a free market economy and switch to a different provider when there simply is no other choice but to choose your company. I say we look back on the history of American industry to the gilded age and the monopolies of the late 19th century. Look at the impact they had on our society but not only our society but also the impact on our way of life and quality of service. For when you make choice impossible, discontent will follow.

-Connor Courtney

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Connor Courtney', with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

1587 mears Ave
Cincinnati, OH 45230

Dear public utilities

I have been made aware of Duke Energy's proposal to change it's fixed monthly charge from 6 dollars to almost twenty three. I can not believe that a customer is using less energy that they can be punished. I really have a hard time believing these steps are needed from an industry that already makes an unreal profit. I am writing in support of an increase in energy efficiency and renewable energy programs in Ohio. Ohio should be a leader in this area and not fall behind other states across the country
thank you for your time.

Seth Runyan 6285 Dawes
Cincinnati, Ohio LN
45230

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Thank you for your time

Lance Remy
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May 16, 2017

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

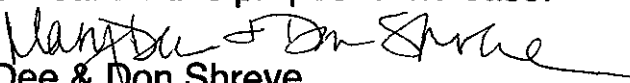
To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Case number 17-0032-EL-AIR

Please consider denying the request by Duke Energy for a proposed increase in the mandatory residential fixed fees.

Duke energy is enjoying the low cost of coal and should be utilizing more alternative energy solutions such as solar and wind.

Please disallow this proposed increase.


Mary Dee & Don Shreve
6146 Mariwood Lane
Cincinnati, OH 45230

Case number 17-0032-EL-AIR
TO Whom it may concern,

I am very upset that Duke Energy is increasing their charges. I am a school teacher and get paid very little - not enough to keep on paying higher bills such as these. I live on a tight budget and this kind of increase will cause a serious dent in our family lifestyle. We will have to scrape to pay for our food - eliminate any entertainment, and give less to our church.

Please stop Duke!

Dear commissioners

I oppose case number 17-0032-EL-AIR. Duke Energy already has sufficient profit at the present rate.

Yours truly

Jerry Smith

1621 Raglan

Cincinnati, OH

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

Dear Sirs,

It has recently come to my attention of Duke Energy's intention to raise its monthly customer charge from \$6.00 to \$22.77. I find this to be absolutely outrageous!

I work for a local non-profit and while it is a job I love, it does not pay a lot. I have to maintain a strict budget and as such am always looking for expenses to cut. Unfortunately, energy is not a place in the budget I can cut. I can cut back on dinner out. I cannot cut back on my energy consumption any more than I already do.

This is why I am writing to you. I am writing to demand that Duke Energy in Cincinnati not be allowed to raise this charge. Not only is it unnecessary, it is totally excessive!

Sincerely,
John H. G.
1650 Sathon Ave
Cincinnati, OH 45230

May 15, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

I do not want my standard fee increased from \$6.⁰⁰ monthly to \$24.⁰⁰ monthly. This is 4 times more than I am currently paying a month. As a Ohio residential customer, I am against fixed rate charges.

Sincerely,
Karyn Russell
Karyn Russell
1745 Marquette Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45230
513-231-3140

Public Utilities Commission

May 12, 2017

180 East Broad Street

Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Commission,

I am writing to express my opposition to the Duke Energy request for a massive increase in the Distribution Customer Charge. Ohio's energy distribution companies provide an important service delivering and maintaining power distribution to Ohio citizens and business.

I expect the commission to fulfill its' obligation to us by forcing a detailed explanation justifying an almost fourfold increase in the rate. Surely their business model of the distribution costs could not have been so miscalculated.

Consumers like myself expect cost of living rate increases and even minor changes in rates do to changes in market forces, but, this increase is merely an attempt to have the commission save face by granting "only" a portion of the asked for rate hike.

Please consider the effects of this on people like myself who are on a fixed income. My Social Security increase this year was one half of one percent (0.5%).

Duke Energy is only truly beholden to its' share holders. Please do due diligence in protect us "little" people against this big conglomerate.

Thank you,

Richard W Herrick

2534 Moorman Avenue

Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

5/11/2017

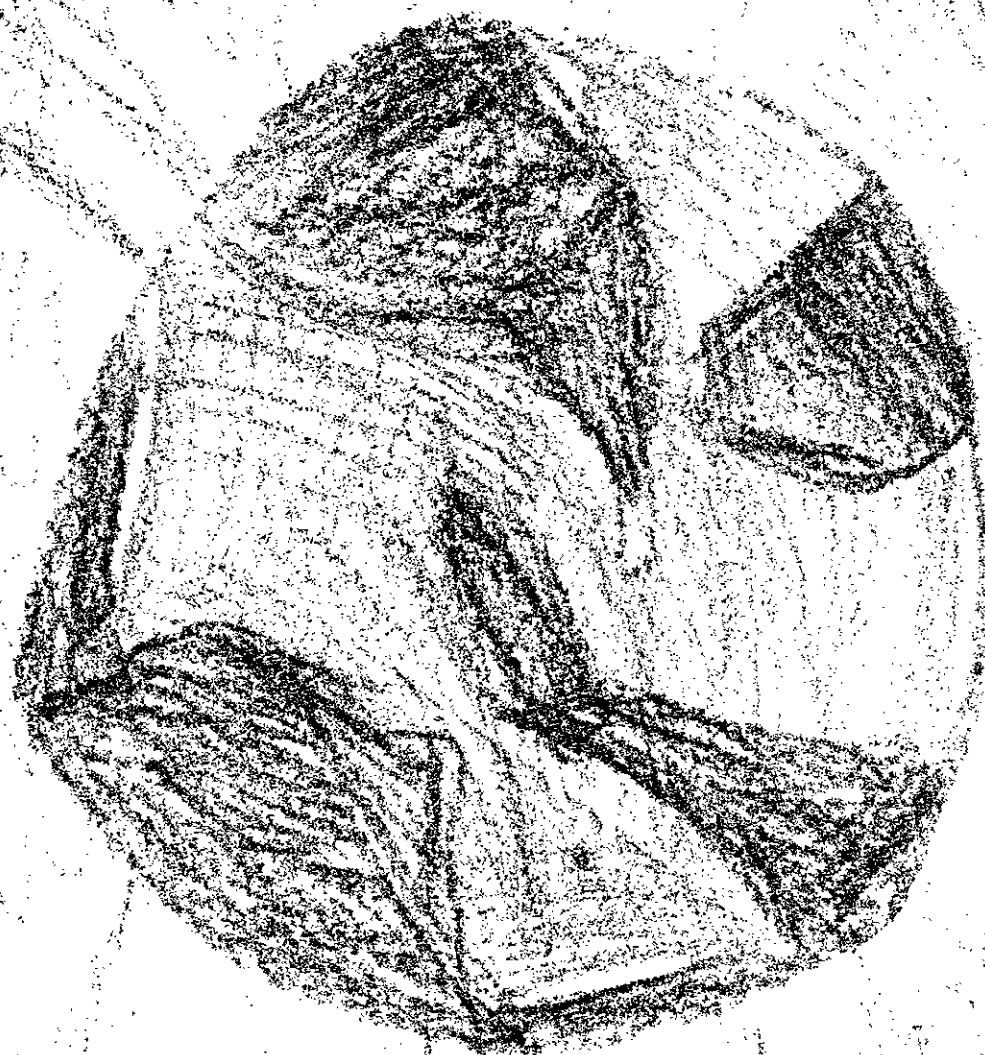
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,

I am writing to let you know that an increase in my family's power bill from Duke Energy is a great concern. With an increase, our monthly budget will be diminished. We will have a more difficult time with groceries and education costs. Also, we are very interested in investing in new energy efficiency appliances and solar energy. In order to do this we need to save. We have to plan ahead for purchases of this size. Having to pay more each month to Duke Energy will make it harder to achieve solar panels/energy and efficient appliances. Help us move in the right direction please.

Thank you,

Brian Georgetown

Case number 17-0032-EL-AIR



I do not agree with Duke Energy raising prices without the consumers consent. These costs prevent me & my family from being able to buy energy efficient appliances and other things to help our clean energy.

Romya Jiri

17 MAY 2017

PUC,

Because Duke Energy lost in their attempt to get a subsidy for their lack of foresight, they now want to increase our Distribution Customer Charge more than FOUR times the current charge.

Why should the public have to pay for their bad management decisions?

Ohio needs to move on (like many other states have) to promoting clean, more efficient, renewable energy. The sooner we do this, the better off our environment and pocketbooks will be.

If Duke cannot see that, let the market forces determine their fate. The public should NOT have to "bail them out".

This letter refers to Case number 17-0032-EL-AIR

I urge a NO vote.

Joe Zukor 

Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Duke Energy,

It saddens me that Ohio has one of the worst polluted states in America. I believe we can do better. And that we HAVE TO do better for our children and their children. We try to do our part by only using the minimum energy we need to. We open our windows every night to cool down the house then close them in the morning to help keep out the heat. We care about the environment but we also care about our finances. We are a 5 person family living on one person's income right now. It's not easy. Some nights we eat ramen and PB&Js for dinner. So it really saddens me to hear you are wanting to increase our power bill. I'm not even sure why we already pay a customer charge (since we already pay you for the energy bill) but to think you have the audacity to increase it even higher is terrible. I'd much rather put our hard earned money into energy efficiency appliances such as solar panels to help both the environment and our pockets. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

respects, Jennifer

5/17/17

Dear Public Utilities Commission,

Please consider families on
a budget when you increase
~~a~~^a part of the bill 4x the
rate. Think about how much
extra this is a year. I
may have to think about
changing my service.

Terrie Odugre

a Duke
customer
for over 15
years.

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Don't Increase

My Energy Bill!!!

Case # 17-0032-EL-AIR

Eric L
1646 Raylan St.

May 15, 2017

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

Dear PUCO,

I'm very concerned about Duke Energy's proposed increase in fixed fees. This approach seems to ensure they bring in more revenue without being incentivized to operate efficiently and in the best interest of the consumer.

As a family, we are struggling to make ends meet already. We've cut back in several spending areas since my wife lost her job last year. Things are tight for us. Allowing Duke this increase will negatively impact our family. I'm troubled that they would need this large of an increase in their revenues to sustain their business. Have they been mismanaging their assets and revenue?

One other area of interest for us is potential energy saving upgrades. We've discussed solar panels for our home but can't afford them in the short term due to job loss. But, we are hopeful for the future as we see 'clean' choices as the way to go. If this increase goes through our ability to save for any type of upgrades will be severely impacted.

Thank you for thoughtful consideration of my family's concerns. I trust that the Commission will make a decision in the best interest consumers.



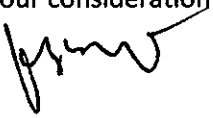
Erich Switzer
6290 Dawes Lane
Cincinnati, OH 45230

Case number 17-0032-EL-AIR

Dear Public Utilities Commission,

Our family disputes the increase in the customer charge on electric bills. Our family lives on a budget each month and will not be able to afford this charge. In addition, our family likes to invest in energy saving upgrades and the fees prevent us the ability to save for these investments.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not increase the customer charge.

Narayan Family 

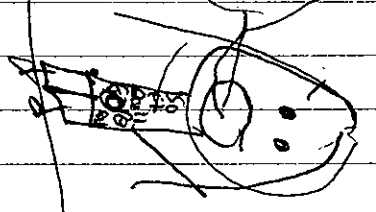
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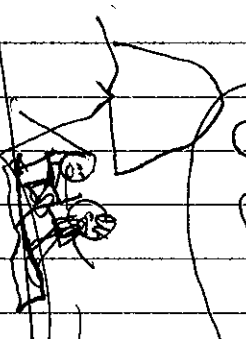


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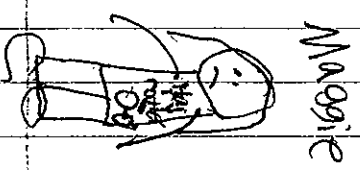
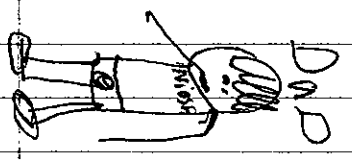
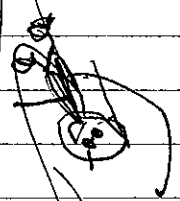
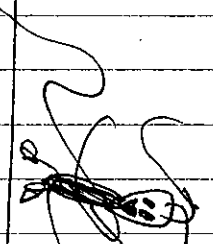
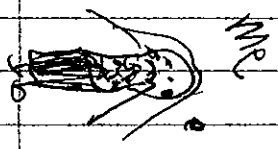
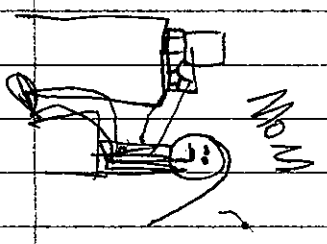
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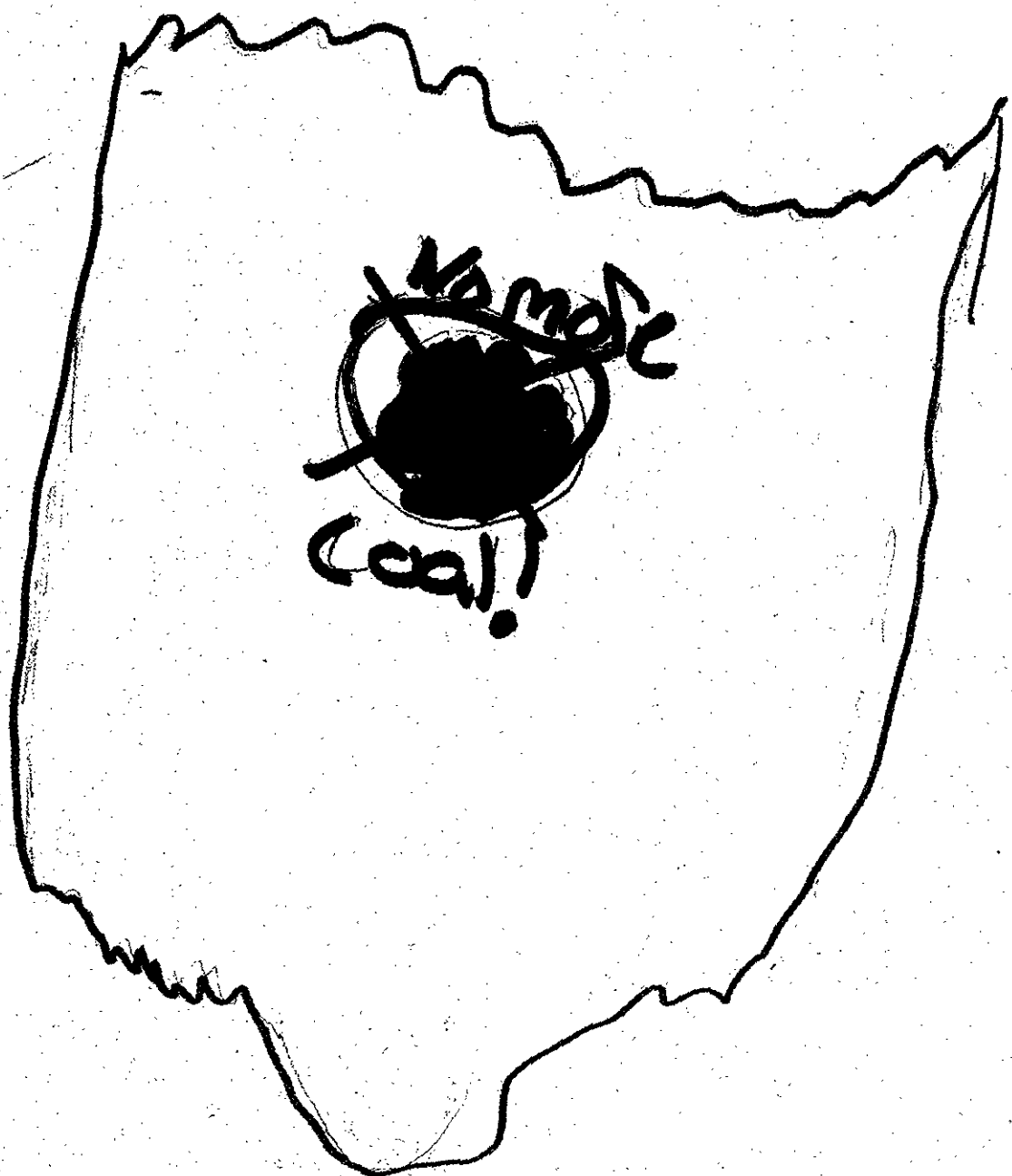
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Ohio



We prefer clean energy and lower rates! We need more focus on energy efficiency, more regulations and less burden on consumers.

17-0032-EL-AIR

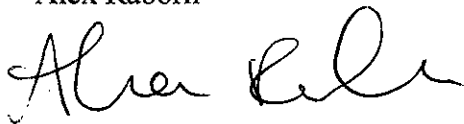
Lisa Devine
1633 n

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43125
RE: Case number 17-0032-EL-AIR

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to appeal against the rate increase in Duke Energy's service charges. I feel this is unfair and unnecessary to burden its customers with superfluous charges. We as users of their service are already subject to the current rates that cost families such an exorbitant amount for what is almost a necessity in today's society. Forcing families like ours and many others is asking us to give up many other parts of our lives because we simply can't pay for them. While electricity is a precious resource, families should not have to face financial hardship in order to enjoy it.

Thank you,
Alex Raborn

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Raborn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alex" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Raborn".

Dear Public Utilities Commission

5/15/17

We have been informed about proposed increases on energy rates that would greatly affect our households budget. We work hard and care about our families quality of life, and even a small increase in our monthly utility bill would be a large burden on us.

Sarah R.

Case # 17-0032-EL-AIR

1637 Winchester
Ave.
Mt. Washington, OH
45230

I'm going to keep this short
& sweet

Go Green! Ohio

Our representatives should be
hearing our messages!"

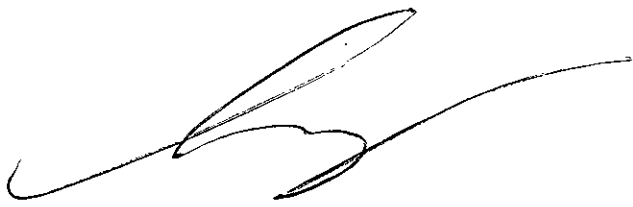
The companies are doing fine w/
the transfer + viability of
the change.



Krystan Krailler
1641 Sutton Ave
Mt. Washington OH 45230

RE: 17-0032-EL-AIR

I am in favor of renewable
energy + I don't want my
electric bill to increase.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'B' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

8865 Chesney Ln.
Cincinnati OH. 45249

5/18/17

To the Public Utilities Commission —

I am the mother of four - soon to be five - children. As you can imagine, our ~~big~~ budget month to month is very tight. If Duke Energy increased their Customer Charge, it would affect us greatly. We are already weighing the costs of ~~basic~~ basic necessities such as groceries and clothing - an increase of this magnitude would mean we'd have to choose between meat at dinner and a pair of new shoes for the kids. Please do not support this increase.

Thank you.

Lindsay Anderson

Case number - 17-0032-EL-AIR

Case # 17-0032-EL-AIR

To whom it may concern,

The raising of energy bills would have a large impact on our family and the families around us. We all have personal issues that we deal with and one thing we do not want to worry about is our electricity. We do a lot to keep our electric on and pay for our bills and it would be unfair to many to raise these rates. It is time for Ohio to push to have cleaner and more renewable energy. This is lower bills for many families in Ohio and will provide a much happier and cleaner environment. Please look into newer more efficient sources of energy! We appreciate our world and want it to stay clean for our children and their children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Cah' followed by a large, stylized flourish that extends to the right.

8027 Blackthorn
45255

Dear Utilities Commission-

Raising the monthly customer charge by almost four times the current rate seems excessive. A slight increase is palatable but to increase an average bill from \$72 a year to \$273.24 with no increase in services or in customer-value seems excessive.

Bryan Horn

PUCO:

Duke Energy should not be allowed to raise their "fixed rate."

If granted, then a fixed rate doesn't exist. Their request for an increase was denied once. Please deny them again.

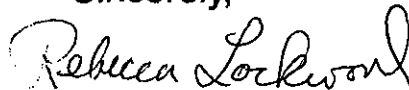
Gloria Wogan
7901 Sunview Ct
Cin. Ohio 45255

Rebecca Lockwood
1605 Mears Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45230
May 16, 2017

To the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and Duke Energy,

I am concerned about the increase in the 'delivery charge' from your company. I am well aware that a huge company like yours has to make a profit but I understand that this increased cost of distribution is significant. I hope your company will re-consider the implications for citizens like me who live on a 'fixed' income as a retired teacher. Cost increases that double, triple or even quadruple make it very difficult for us to meet our personal budgets. I know there is a lot of public pressure to do many things with your company...and all the demands can not be met. I am simply asking that a reasonable increase be made as opposed to a very large increase. Informing the public in clear, simple, 'apples to apples' terms would certainly help your image in the eyes of the public. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Lockwood".

Rebecca Lockwood

Case # 17-0032-EL-AIR

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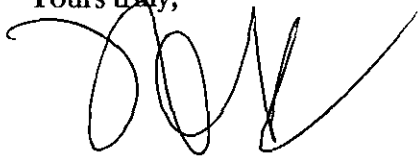
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Case #17-0032-EL-AIR

Dear Public Utilities Commission,

I do NOT support the Duke Energy customer charge increase. Such a drastic change is adding another utility bill to my budget. I cannot afford this increase, and neither can my neighbors. I serve as a guardian and payee for people with disabilities - trust me when I say they cannot afford this. Why do we budget and make sure to save every watt of energy we can, only to be given this increase? Please tell Duke Energy the citizens of Ohio do not support this increase.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JH' followed by a long, sweeping flourish.

Jennifer Hosler

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

May 15, 2017

Dear PUCO Commissioners,

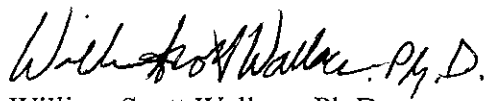
Duke Energy recently brought forth a proposal to increase upfront, residential mandatory fixed fees from approximately \$6.00 to \$22.77 per month. Duke's self-admitted rationale for this increase is simply to increase profits. Since there is no given benefit to the residential consumers, Duke Energy needs to use organizational development methods, and engineering improvements to improve profits, not seek to add or increase nebulous charges to the residential customers through suspect surcharges.

We are retirees living on a fixed income. Preventing the kind of cost increases to the residential customers will help us to purchase energy efficient appliances when our refrigerator, stove, and other appliances finally need replacing.

Energy providers need to assess their organizational designs, structures, and implementation of technology to reduce costs and improve efficiencies.

Please encourage Duke and other generator/distributors to forgo an effort to petition for increasing mandatory residential fixed fees.

Best Regards,


William Scott Wallace, Ph.D.

1710 Sutton Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45230

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May 15, 2017

Dear PUCO Leadership,

My neighbors and I understand that Duke Energy made a recent proposal to increase upfront, residential fixed fees from approximately \$6.00 to \$22.77 per month. Why?

Because Duke Energy admittedly said the company needed to increase profits.

We are retired living on a fixed income. Having to pay for pure profits could impact our ability to buy energy efficient appliances when our refrigerator, stove, and other appliances finally need replacing.

Energy providers need to desist from pushing for rate increases just to expand their profit margin. What value do we get from this activity, as consumers?

Please encourage Duke and other generator/distributors to forgo an effort to petition for increasing mandatory residential fixed fees.

Best Regards,


Nancy Ann Wallace

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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

As an educator, a public health professional, and a community organizer, I can tell you that I have seen the negative impacts of policies ignorant of the experiences of everyday citizens. It is so important for policymakers such as yourselves to be in touch with the public and its vast variety. I hope that you will consider the opinions voiced in letters from the community as they come from places of experience and understanding.

Raising fixed rates for utilities would not only pose financial harm to many Ohioans, but may also cause further harm to our already polluted environment. We need to get on board with diverse energy options, especially renewables. It's time that we step forward, and invest in the future. As my family grows and I mature in my career, I am understanding the value of risk. While denying the Duke appeal is a weighty risk, it may yield incredible opportunity for the future. Please do what is best for citizens. Deny the appeal. Sincerely,
Deirdre Eifers