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Dear Sir:

I am writing in regard to case number 17-32-EL-AIR.

Apparently, Duke Energy wants to make a huge increase in the monthly fixed rate portion of customers' bills from \$6 to \$22.77, according to an article in the Cincinnati Enquirer. This proposed increase of \$16.77 every month is outrageous.

Duke is claiming this would be offset by the lowering of its charge for the volume of electricity used. This is baloney! The customers hit hardest would be the poor and elderly who are already cutting electricity use to the minimum, as we have done in our home.

My sister is about to be forced out of her home just from increased property taxes here, and Duke's price increase would be the straw that broke the camel's back. She is 79 and living on a very modest Social Security check, in a home that is greatly in need of maintenance.

Please say NO to Duke and its plan to gouge the customers with this greedy price increase.

Thank you!

Paul Welch

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