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Dear Chairman Schriber,

As you are well aware the cost of natural gas across the country has risen for a variety of reasons including supply and demand, and natural disasters. Living in Northwest Ohio I have watched it climb at a higher rate than in most parts of the state and certainly higher than my neighboring state of Michigan.

The answers I've received so far are as unacceptable as is the huge jump in my current gas bill. As your mission statement says you are "to assure all residential and business consumers access to adequate, safe and reliable utility services at fair prices, while facilitating an environment that provides competitive choices." Recent news stories, television reports, and personal experience leave me wondering if the PUCO is doing all that it can.

Last year Commissioner Jones said that "as a matter of principle" she would not support any rate change until Columbia Gas services were audited. With that in mind I am asking that you support and call for a full audit of Columbia Gas' costs and expenses. In light of their current substantial profits it is the PUCO's responsibility under their mission statement to do no less.

Sincerely,



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