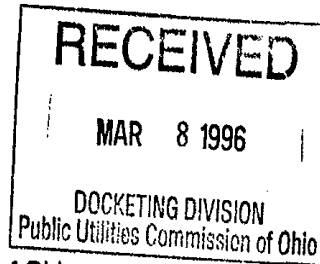




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Dear Chairman Glazer:

94-987-GA-AIR

Last month, the Lucas County Board of Commissioners informed us of a problem they had with Columbia Gas Company. It appears that due to an experimental billing procedure, Columbia Gas customers were overcharged at least five million dollars. What disturbs us even more about this situation is the fact that the new billing procedure was implemented without customer approval. Therefore, at the request of the citizens of Lucas County, the Mahoning County Board of Commissioners passed Resolution 96-046 on February 15, 1996. This resolution urges your commission to require Columbia Gas to refund the full amount of the overcharge. To prevent a situation like this from happening in the future, we also urge your commission to formalize the promise made by Columbia Gas not to re-implement a weather normalization billing system without consumer approval. A copy of the said resolution is enclosed.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

David Engler
County Commissioner

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Enclosure



**RESOLUTION
RES 96-046**

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT IN REQUESTING A REFUND OF ALL MONIES COLLECTED
UNDER THE COLUMBIA GAS WEATHER NORMALIZATION ADJUSTMENT**

WHEREAS, Columbia Gas implemented as experimental weather normalization adjustment during the 1994-95 heating season designed to even out cash flows caused by variable weather; and

WHEREAS, customers were not permitted to choose whether or not to be part of the weather normalization program; and

WHEREAS, mild weather caused Columbia Gas to collect as least five Million Dollars (5,000,000) more from its Ohio customers than would have been collected without the weather normalization adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mahoning County Commissioners believes the amount collected under the weather normalization program constitutes excess profits and should be refunded to Columbia Gas customers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Mahoning County Commissioners urges the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to issue an order requiring Columbia Gas to refund to customers the amounts collected under the weather normalization program during the 1994-95 heating season. The Board of Mahoning County Commissioners also urges the Public Commission of Ohio to issue an order formalizing the promise made by Columbia Gas no to re-implement a weather normalization adjustment in Northwest Ohio without Customer approval.

It was moved by Mr. Lordi, and seconded by Mr. Engler, that the foregoing Resolution be approved this 15th day of February, 1996.

Roll call voting resulted:	Mr. Engler:	aye
	Mr. Lordi:	aye
	Mr. Reese:	aye

WHEREUPON, the President of the Board declared the foregoing Resolution be duly adopted this 15th day of February, 1996.


EDWARD J. REESE,
PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

ATTEST:


ROBERT J. WASKO,
CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Robert J. Wasko, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, Mahoning County, State of Ohio, hereby certifies that this is a true and correct copy of the original now on file in the Mahoning County Commissioner's Office.

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