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COMMENT DESCRIPTION:

I would like to comment on the upcoming rate increase case # 07-829 involving Dominion East Ohio gas. I feel that several of the proposed increases are grossly inflated. Specifically, the Energy Choice Transportation Service (ECTS) and the automated meter reading (AMR) riders are particularly unfair. The proposed ECTS rider increase of 17.8% is ridiculous. This is simply a way to charge customers more for gas that is purchased through another supplier. If an increase is even warranted, it should certainly be more reasonable. Also, the AMR rider should be rejected completely. This automated

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equipment is intended to reduce DEO's costs by reducing or replacing personnel. This is a direct cost saving to DEO. They should not then be able to charge customers more for a service that will cost them less. If DEO wants to make a business decision to automate and reduce their costs, their shareholders should bear that cost not their customers.

I understand that DEO must remain profitable. However, this current round of increase requests seems to be much more than necessary.