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

**RE: COLUMBIA GAS - PRE-FILING NOTICE / REQUEST TO RAISE BASE
RATES TO BE FILED IN MARCH, 2008
CASE NO. 08-0072-GA-AIR**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the Law Director for the City of Sandusky. I have been directed by the City Commission of the City to write this letter of objection to the proposed, to be filed, base rate increase by Columbia Gas of Ohio.

It is the intention of Columbia Gas to request from you approval to replace its current delivery rate with a flat monthly fee which they state in their pre-filing notice will provide them with an annual base rate revenue of approximately \$82,400,000. This will cost the average residential customer \$5.64 per month or approximately \$67.68 per year. The City Commission of the City of Sandusky feels this is unacceptable and intolerable.

The City Commission realizes that there are months of administrative procedures and hearings as you consider this request but the citizens of this community and many other citizens in similar communities are already struggling with increased heating costs. The fact that Columbia Gas has failed its corporate responsibilities to operate this monopoly in a prudent manner by neglecting their system's infrastructure, the replacement costs should not be placed on the backs of the poor and middle class citizens.


Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to our opportunity to participate in the administrative process to help protect Ohio consumers.

Very truly yours,


Donald C. Icsman
Law Director

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cc: Dennis E. Murray, Jr., City Commission President
Craig H. Stahl, City Commission Vice-President
City Commissioners
Matthew D. Kline, City Manager

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