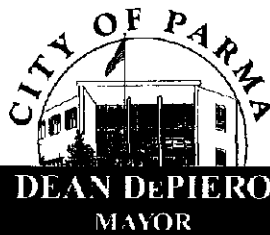


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Re: Columbia Gas of Ohio – Application to Increase Rates
Case Nos. 08-0072-GA-AIR and 08-0072-GA-ALT

Dear Public Utilities Commission:

On behalf of the City of Parma, we write to express our objection and outline concerns regarding Columbia Gas of Ohio's (COH) Application to Increase Rates and Charges filed March 3, 2008 (Case Nos. 08-0072-GA-AIR and 08-0072-GA-ALT). Rate payers in the City of Parma should not pay any increase without a demonstrated improvement in services, most notably pipeline constraints in the area.

COH proposes a 6% rate increase with the PUCO. This raises several questions for residents/businesses in the City of Parma that should be addressed prior to granting such an increase.

- How much of the proposed rate increase would be allocated to relieving pipeline constraints into market area 5-2?

COH also proposes a flat distribution fee.

- How will the distribution fee be calculated? Will the fee be equitable to all consumers? End users should be charged based on what they consume. Consumers making efforts to conserve energy should see that effort reflected on their bill.

COH also proposes to take responsibility for the service lines from the street to homes, as utilities in most other states already do, relieving homeowners from hiring contractors when the lines eventually fail. At least 350,000 such steel service lines would be replaced. (Source: Cleveland Business News)

- Will residents/businesses have to pay today for work that will not be completed until some time in the future?
- Where are the 350,000 steel service lines which need to be replaced located? What percentage is within the City of Parma?

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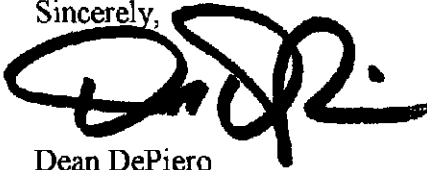
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COH also proposes to add radio-equipped meter reading devices.

- If radio-equipped meter reading devices are installed, would that eliminate estimated invoices (which tend to trend on the high side during winter months)?

Thank you for your consideration of the above mentioned concerns.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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Timothy Dobeck
Law Director