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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Attn: Docketing Division
Case Number: 07-0829-GA-AIR
180 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Public Utilities Commission of Ohio:

I understand your staff has recommend raising the flat rate that Northeast Ohio gas customer pay to Dominion East Ohio from \$5.70 per month to \$17.50 per month and lowering the usage-based charge.

This change makes no sense to me. In about February 2009 if your current approvals persist, most current Dominion East Ohio gas subscribers will be forced to buy from another supplier. Lowering Dominion East Ohio's usage based charge will not offset the flat rate charge that all Northeast Ohio gas users must pay. Whether I buy gas from Dominion East Ohio (which I can't do after about February 2009) or another supplier, your online calculator tells me I will pay the flat rate charge. The proposed \$17.50 flat charge will be a windfall for a entity that will minimize its exposure to the change in natural gas prices since will only transport natural gas.

If you allow Dominion East Ohio to exit the supplier market and become a gas transportation company, I suggest that a **significant reduction not an increase** in the fixed rate charge make more sense.

If I am uninformed, please provide or direct me to reliable sources that may help me to better understand this issue.

Sincerely,

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flat-rate customer charge. The PUCO staff is recommending raising this charge to \$17.50 for all Dominion customers