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**John P. Teschel
2315 Rockland Ave.
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CASE COMMENTS BY THE UNDERSIGNED.

AT A TIME WHEN OUR ECONOMY IS IN DIRE STRAIGHTS, WHEN THE AVERAGE HOME OWNER AS WELL AS RENTERS ARE HAVING TO COPE WITH RISING PRICES IN EVERY ASPECT OF LIFE; ie, GASOLINE, GROCERIES, NECESSITIES OF LIFE, IT IS UNTHINKABLE THAT UTILITIES HAVE CHOSEN THIS TIME TO ASK FOR INCREASES. ESPECIALLY NATURAL GAS AND OTHERS.

SURELY YOU MUST BE AWARE THAT ALL MAJOR INDUSTRIES ARE CUTTING BACK AND LAYING OFF THOUSANDS OF WORKERS TRYING TO COPE WITH THIS RECESSION AND INCREASING NATURAL GAS RATES ONLY MAKES THE SITUATION WORSE. NOT ONLY THE COMPANIES HAVE TO DEAL WITH THIS DOWN TURN BUT ALL THE THOUSANDS WITHOUT JOBS CAN NOT AFFORD ANY INCREASES WHEN THEY ARE TRYING TO PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE FOR THEIR FAMILIES. PARTICULARLY SINCE THE PRICE OF FOOD HAS SKY-ROCKETED. THIS IS NOT THE WAY TO BRING BACK A DRAGGING ECONOMY.

SINCE NATURAL GAS COMES TO HOMES AND FACTORIES THROUGH UNDERGROUND PIPELINES THEY HAVE NOT HAD THE ADDED EXPENSE OF DELIVERY AND HIGH GASOLINE PRICES.

I RESPECTLY ASK THAT YOU GIVE THIS YOUR DEEPEST CONSIDERATION AND MINDFULLY REMEMBER THAT YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS ARE ALREADY IN DEEP TROUBLE IN THESE HARD TIMES.

SINCERELY,

John P. Teschel

2315 Rockland Ave., Belpre, OH 45714-1036

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John P. Teschel".

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August 2, 2008

TO: Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Attn: Docketing Division

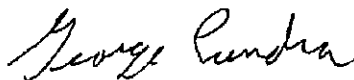
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Columbus, OH 43215

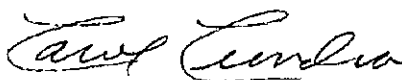
Re: Case Number 07-829-GA-AIR

We oppose the proposed rate increase from \$5.70 to \$17.50 per month for the Dominion East Ohio gas company:

Thank you for your consideration of our request.



George Cundra



Carol Cundra

AUG. 4TH, 2008

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN ^{2008 AUG - 5 PM 12: 03} PUCO;

LAST WEEK I READ ~~THE~~ ^{PUCO} THE NEWS PAPER THAT DOMINION GAS OF OHIO, AND AEP, BOTH WANT TO RAISE THEIR RATES BY AS MUCH AS 45 PER CENT OVER THREE YEARS!

MY WIFE AND I ARE BOTH RETIRED, AND OUR INCOME IS VERY LIMITED. OUR ^(SMALL) HOUSE IS WELL INSULATED, WITH ENERGY EFFICIENT WINDOWS AND A MODERN HEATING SYSTEM. WE TRY TO SAVE ENERGY IN EVERY WAY.

WE'RE JUST GETTING BY NOW. WE DO NOT RECEIVE ANY GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE WITH ANY BILLS. WE SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD THESE INCREASES. PERIOD! PLEASE, DO NOT ALLOW THESE INCREASES. ALSO, PLEASE SUPPORT ALL EFFORTS TO ALLOW MORE OIL DRILLING AND COAL MINING AND BURNING FOR ENERGY GENERATION.

THANK YOU FOR ANY HELP!

Richard and Norma Westrick

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Aug 1-08

To Whom it May Concern.

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I am writing about the rate increase **PUCCO** Dominion East Ohio wants.

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We cannot afford an increase. We are retired and on a fixed income.

They now charge 4.38 to read the meter. They only read it very three months. Two months are estimated.

During the summer months I only have a gas water heater set for vacation temp and it cost 26.08 a month.

I don't understand the transportation charge! Dominion was going to deal with gas and ask us to select another carrier. Direct Energy is what the City of Napakmita is with.

ask soon as Direct Energy
got it. we were charge the
transportation charge.

now if they raise the meter
charge to 17.50 a month, that will
be a real hardship.

we keep the thermo set at 67.
during the winter and 64 at night.
now A.C.P. also wants a rate
increase.

Seniors will soon have to
sell their homes because with
school taxes and the property
tax. and all the rate increases
with water, sewer, electric, gas
most of us will not be able to afford
food or medicines.

now Dominion East calls and
wants us to go back with them
and let them do the bidding
for us.

Why can't they leave well
enough alone.

Every month they send flyers in with the bill for 5.00 a month for water line, water heaters. Some people say that, that's all profit for them.

Please don't let them have these increases each year that they want. They even charge a sales tax.

Mrs. Patricia Waters
610 Maple St
Wapakoneta, Ohio
45895

Credits And Charges Since Your Last Bill

Balance from last bill \$167.07
 Payment on Mar 20, 2008 - Thank You 167.07 CR
Balance \$0.00

Current Charges

Dominion East Ohio Distribution Charges
 Monthly Service Charge \$4.38
 Gas Transportation Charge 28.33
Total Dominion East Ohio Charges \$32.71

For questions about transportation (delivery) charges, call Dominion East Ohio at 1-800-362-7557.

Direct Energy Services Llc Charges

Gas Cost 9.8 MCF @ \$9.97 \$97.71
 Sales Tax 6.84
Total Direct Energy Services Llc Charges \$104.55

For questions about gas supply costs, contact Direct Energy Services Llc at 1-888-566-9988 or Pmb #51, 7385 N State Route 3 Westerville, OH 43082 or www.directenergy.com.

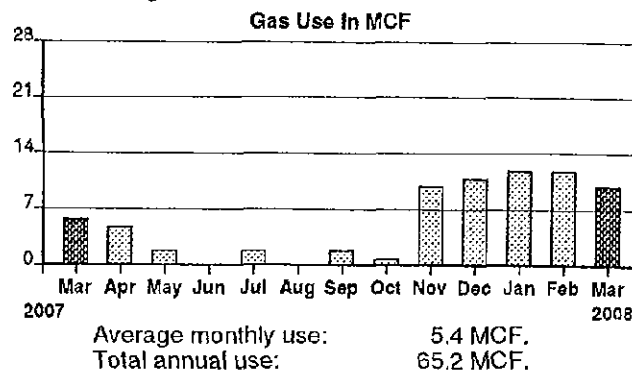
Total Current Charges
Total Account Balance

\$137.26
\$137.26

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 4/16-08

Monthly Usage Comparison

Average Daily Temperature For This Billing Period 2007 47°F 2008 37°F

**Billing Period And Meter Readings**

Date	Read Type	Reading	Difference
Meter Number	03938406		
Apr 7, 2008	Estimate	127.3	
Mar 7, 2008	Actual	117.5	9.8
MCF Used in 31 Days			9.8

Please Pay Account Balance of \$137.26 by April 25, 2008 to Avoid a Late Payment Charge of \$.49

Let Your Bank Pay Your Bills

Join our Automatic Bank Draft and stop writing checks, buying money orders, paying postage or standing in line to pay your bill. Your financial institution can deduct your payment directly from your checking account and forward it to Dominion East Ohio. Once you're on the plan, we still send you a bill each month that tells you how much to deduct from your checking account. To join, visit us at www.dom.com or call us at the number listed at the top of this bill. You also can pay this bill with an electronic check, ATM/debit card with a Pulse, Star, NYCE or Accell logo, or a Visa, MasterCard, or Discover credit card at www.dom.com or at 1-800-573-1153. BillMatrix provides this service. A service fee applies.

ENERGYSHARE: Help people without heat by donating to EnergyShare. Add \$1, \$2, \$6, \$12, \$18 or \$36 to your payment or mail a separate check payable to EnergyShare, Salvation Army, P.O. Box 5847, Cleveland, OH 44101.

Credits And Charges Since Your Last Bill

Balance from last bill \$22.00
 Payment on Jun 19, 2008 - Thank You 22.00 CR
Balance \$0.00

Current Charges

Dominion East Ohio Distribution Charges
 Monthly Service Charge \$4.38
 Gas Transportation Charge 4.63
Total Dominion East Ohio Charges \$9.01

For questions about transportation (delivery) charges, call Dominion East Ohio at 1-800-362-7557.

Direct Energy Services L L C Charges

Gas Cost 1.6 MCF @ \$9.97 \$15.95
 Sales Tax 1.12
Total Direct Energy Services L L C Charges \$17.07

For questions about gas supply costs, contact Direct Energy Services L L C at 1-888-566-9988 or P M B #51, 7385 N State Route 3 Westerville, OH 43082 or www.directenergy.com.

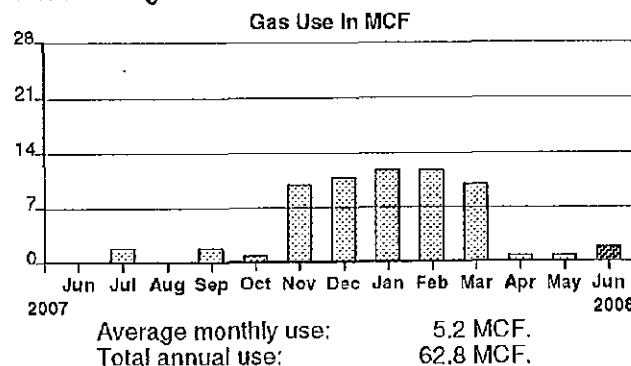
Total Current Charges
Total Account Balance

\$26.08
\$26.08

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Monthly Usage Comparison

Average Daily Temperature For This Billing Period 2007 70°F 2008 71°F

**Billing Period And Meter Readings**

Date	Read Type	Reading	Difference
Meter Number	03938406		
Jul 8, 2008	Actual	131.4	
Jun 5, 2008	Estimate	129.8	1.6
MCF Used in 33 Days			1.6

Please Pay Account Balance of \$26.08 or Budget Amount of \$73.00 by July 25, 2008

Budget Payment Plan Promotion Month

Take it easy on your household budget by taking advantage of our Budget Payment Plan. Many of our customers are already enjoying the convenience of paying a planned amount each month -- a feature which is especially helpful during the winter. If you join the Budget Plan, your monthly

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To Whom It May Concern,

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I am a teacher in a rural school district, my husband is a farmer with a small iron mill in Lima, OH. Over the past 34 years in teaching I have never received more than a 3% raise. My husband gets a 1% increase every other year. Our expenses are not large but we are thankful to have jobs. We live in a moderate house and have sent all three of our children to college paying their tuition ourselves. We have never carried a balance on a credit card, we tithe to our church & try to help those in need when we can. We live within our means.

Our utility bills continue to raise at an alarming rate. We understand that everything is more expensive, but at what percent? Would Alominion make a profit the last 5 years? Our budget bills for Alominion have more than doubled even though we have turned our heat back & rarely run our air conditioning. There is no basis for the raises that Alominion are asking for. Alominion is asking for an unreasonable profit level.

Do we do without gas for our cars, food or our families, while do we the American people cut back? We are living with it our means — We aren't asking for anything but that Alominion live as conservatively as we do —

I ask the PUCO^{DO} represent us! Most of us feel we have no voice in the policies that we are asked to pay for. Please say no to this raise in the rate increase —

Sincerely,
Laura Chavira

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FRANCES JUNANN SMITH
1100 CRESTWOOD DR, APT. #1
Lima, Ohio 45805



Frances J. Smith
#1
1100 Crestwood Dr.
Lima, OH 45805

August 2, 2008

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ATTN: Docketing Division

180 E. Broad St.

Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Case No. 07-829-GA-AIR

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am registering a complaint against Dominion East Ohio Gas request for a rate increase. I feel it is gouging their customers again.

This year I enrolled in East Ohio Energy to stabilize my monthly bill. I also requested I be placed on a budget plan to make budgeting easier for me. They complied with this request. However, Dominion East Ohio Gas distribution charges are double the East Ohio Energy charges. I feel I gained nothing by joining the East Ohio Energy plan.

I have been notified by Dominion East Ohio Gas starting in August they are increasing my budget \$20.00 a month. Obviously this is in anticipation of their pending rate increase. They anticipate a lot! At the rate of inflation everybody has learned to "tighten their belt," to change their way of living. I feel Dominion needs to make these adjustments too.

I am a Senior Citizen, trying to survive on a limited fixed income. I cannot afford another increase from Dominion. This builds on the increase they did

about 2½ years ago, that time they had my budget so high, at the end of the year I had a credit over \$400.00. That was money I could have used.

I was unable to attend your meeting in Lima July 29, to protest this increase.

I sincerely hope you will deny Dominion's request for this rate increase. It's too much.

Thank you,
Frances Junann Smith



Frances J. Smith
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1100 Crestwood Dr.
Lima, OH 45805

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Aug. 3, 2008
PUCO - re: Case # 07-829-GA-AIR

Dear Sirs:

Please reject the
rate hike that Dominion
East Ohio is requesting.

It is unfair to
consumers. How could it
be fair - to increase the
flat rate.

Please consider this
matter carefully & reject it.

Case # 07-829-GA-AIR

Sincerely -

Bill & Helen Strickman
1102 Glynnwood
Wapakoneta OH
45895

Am writing in regards of
increase in Gas Bills.
what need. When I
signed up. I was told
no increase. I am a
widow 83 years old. I
just about can pay
the budget. ~~Eight months~~
\$119. ~~eight months~~

Thank You.

Delia Kastelic

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Cleveland Ohio

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CASE NUMBER 07-829-GA-AIR

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To Whom It May Concern:

THIS LETTER IS IN RESPONSE TO DOMINION EAST OHIO'S DELIVERY RATE INCREASE, AND THEIR PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM ALONG WITH RETROFITTING AUTOMATED METER READING DEVICES.

(NO. 1) DELIVERY RATE INCREASE FROM \$5.70 PER MONTH TO \$17.50 PER CUSTOMER PER MONTH. HOW IN GOD'S GREEN EARTH CAN THESE CHOWNS JUSTIFY A 200% INCREASE ??? ARE THEY GOING TO REDUCE THE CORRESPONDING VOLUMETRIC CHARGE BY THAT AMOUNT? (I DON'T THINK SO!)

BASICALLY THEY ARE PUNISHING PEOPLE WHO ARE CONSERVING FUEL. SINCE PEOPLE HAVE SWITCHED TO ELECTRONIC APPLIANCES, STOVES, FURNACE'S AND WATER TANKS, THERE ARE NO MORE PILOT LIGHTS TO CONSUME FUEL THUS LESS FUEL TO PUSH THROUGH THE PIPES, AND THE UNDERLYING FACTOR, LESS

Revenue TO FATTEN The bottom Line:

Hence Dominion's Attempt TO MAKE UP FOR THAT lost Revenue. So we can CONSERVE ALL WE WANT, BUT they would still GET their monies WITH the \$17.50 Charge.

(No. #2) PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM FOR 25 YEARS AT \$2.5 BILLION COST TO ALL CUSTOMERS. Now they want me TO PAY The COST OF REPLACING THEIR PIPELINES. ARE they going TO PAY The COST OF REPLACING my househines? I don't think so...

When CONSOLIDATED NATURAL GAS CO. PARENT OF EAST OHIO, WESTONING PEOPLES AND RIVER GAS REPLACED MAIN LINES they NEVER TACKED ON A CHARGE TO The CUSTOMERS BILL, they ASKED FOR A REASONABLE RATE INCREASE when Filing STAFF.

(No. #3) RETROFIT AUTOMATED METER READING DEVICES. MOST OF The METERS IN EAST OHIO LAND ARE ALREADY AUTOMATED

FROM PAST YEARS OF INSTALLATION OF READ-O-MATICS AND THE HEX A GRAM SYSTEMS. ALL NEW HOUSING INSTALLATIONS HAVE OUTSIDE METERS. SO THE CHANGE TO VEHICLE READING WILL BE MINIMAL. ALL THE HARD INSTALLATION WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

When DOMINION TOOK OVER EAST OHIO AND HER SISTER COMPANIES, THEIR MAIN OBJECTIVE WAS TO BECOME A DISTRIBUTION COMPANY NOT A SERVICE COMPANY. CUSTOMER SERVICE PERSONEL NO LONGER WORK ON FURNACES, STOVES, WATER TANKS, GAS AIR CONDITIONERS AND GAS GRILLS. THEY TELL THE CUSTOMER TO CONTACT A SERVICE PERSON WHO WORKS ON THAT TYPE OF APPLIANCE. AND FOR ANY HOUSELINE LEAKS OR REPAIR TO CALL A PLUMBER. AS FOR CONSTRUCTION + MAINTENANCE THEIR WORK IS VERY MINIMAL ALSO, MOSTLY EMERGENCY REPAIR. ASK THEM HOW MANY CREWS THEY NOW HAVE? ALONG WITH CUSTOMER SERVICE PEOPLE?

AND AS FOR METER READING, THEY
NOW READ EVERY OTHER MONTH INSTEAD
OF MONTHLY, REGARDLESS AS TO YOUR
METER BEING OUTSIDE, OR READ FROM
THE OUTSIDE. WE PAY \$5.70 A MONTH FOR METER READING.

AS TO ALL THE EMPLOYEES THAT
HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED AND WILL BE
ELIMINATED WHEN DOMINION BECOMES
A FULL FLEDGED DISTRIBUTION COMPANY
THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE
AND GOOD LUCK IN THE FUTURE.

E. P. YAPPELIX
2909 Shirley Rd.
Youngstown, Ohio
44502-2919

FORMER EAST OHIO GAS DISTRICT
SUPERVISOR WHO RETIRED WITH
38 YEARS AND 5 MONTHS OF SERVICE.

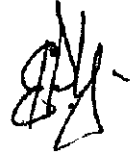
P.S. (IT SURE ISN'T THE SAME COMPANY)
I STARTED WORKING FOR.

POST SCRIPT

NEXT TIME YOU HAVE A PUCO MEETING, SCHEDULE IT IN A VENUE THAT CAN ACCOMMODATE A LARGE GROUP OF PEOPLE, GROUND LEVEL FOR HANDICAPPED CONSUMERS, FREE PARKING FOR THOSE ON LIMITED INCOME AND AFTER 5:00 PM FOR WORKING STIFFS.

THE BIGGEST GRAPE HEARD AT THE YOUNGSTOWN MEETING WAS WHERE ARE THE PUCO COMMISSIONERS.

THERE ARE 5 OF YOU KIDS, MAKING OVER \$100,000 A YEAR, THAT A HALF-MILLION DOLLARS FOR DOING NOTHING. THERE WERE NO OTHER MEETINGS SCHEDULED ACROSS THE STATE, WHERE THE HELL WERE YOU CHOWNS. GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER
— DO YOUR JOB!



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July 25, 2008

PUCO

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 E. Broad St.
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Attention: Docketing Division
Re: case # 07-829-GA-AIR

Dear Sirs:

I am writing this to encourage you to deny the requested rate increase proposed by Dominion East Ohio. The rates proposed are unreasonable and should be rejected by the PUCO. Dominion has failed to prove that it needs additional money from its customers, and in our tough economic times Dominion is asking for an unreasonable profit level.

Requesting a hike in the flat rate charges coupled with the rising energy costs can destroy most household budgets. The proposed increase in the flat-rate charge will negatively impact customers who attempt to conserve energy and will limit the ability of consumers to control their monthly bills.

Sincerely,

Marcelle Raptis
233 Kenmore Ave NE
Warren, Ohio
44483

Wilma L. Smith
1494 Rosewood Avenue
Lakewood, OH 44107

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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Attn: Docketing Division
180 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: 07-829-GA-AIR

Dear Commissioners:

I read with dismay the planned increase in the flat rate. There is no way that these amounts can be paid. Our agencies and groups do not have the funds to help the huge amount of people that will need help to keep a roof over them this winter, and heating will be impossible. If we can't heat our homes, pipes will burst, homes will be bandoned.

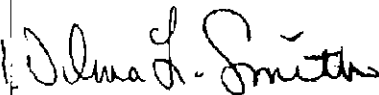
I work and earn around \$27000 or a little more per year. From that I must pay mortgage, water, electric, heating and drying gas, insurances, and feed and cloth my family of 6. Gasoline prices have gone through the roof and so just to get to work I must cut into things like clothing for the children. We do not have a land line telephone; we do not have cable television. We do have a good work ethic and want to survive.

If I do not pay the water-it will be turned off and we will have to leave our home as it is illegal to stay in a home without running water. If we do not pay electric, we cannot ignite the stove or furnace and dryer. If we do not pay insurance, I cannot drive to work or keep my house and my family in my house. These are realities.

The need to put so many people into the streets with no means of helping them is not a need. It is simple corporate greed. Even my retirement fund is suffering from our country's situation, would it not be prudent to protect the customer base instead of destroying it through poorly thought out proposals? The cost of living is beyond the means of many of us already. One more thing and many of us will be done for.

Yes, there will be the few that get richer through workers suffering. Please do not allow this. There aren't places for us to go--.

Sincerely,



Wilma L. Smith

4721 Greenbriar Sq. NE
Canton, Ohio 44714

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Ref. Case #07-829-GA-AIR

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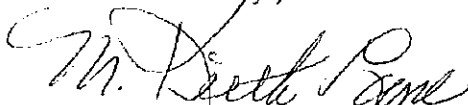
Members:

With regard to the proposed rate increase by Dominion East Ohio, I must oppose in the strongest possible terms the proposals as presently requested. At a time when all or almost all living expenses are reaching increasingly impossible figures, we are facing choices about basic needs and services many people find more than painful.

As a senior retired individual, I find myself facing more and more problems maintaining myself and my home, as I am sure many of Ohio's citizens are. If Dominion East Ohio desires replacing their pipeline infrastructure, then so far as I am concerned this is one of their costs of doing business, and while their customers could possibly expect a small increase in their bills to assist in the cost of this plan, there is no justification in my view for bearing the major burden of such a program. If this is not the case, then Dominion East Ohio should disclose the ultimate total cost of the project to avoid suspicion that the customer is not being railroaded for a disproportional share of the project. The same should be said for the meter reading device program.

I would hope that the customers of Dominion East Ohio will voice their opposition to this proposal in the strongest possible terms, not only to the commission, but to their elected representatives and the Governor's office. I certainly intend to do so. From past experience with the PUCO has shown in all too many instances, your commission has tended to largely ignore the public's best interests in utility rate cases, and I can only hope that this huge increase coming at a distressed time will not add to this impression.

Yours truly,


M. Keith Lane