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# *Tunnel United Methodist Church*

*Morning Worship: 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
Pastor Richard W. Thomas*

65 Coffman Road  
Marietta, OH 45750  
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***MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST***

August 4, 2008

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

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Reference Case: 07-829-GA-AIR

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in opposition to a rate increase at the present time. In this time of tremendous financial and economic uncertainty, there are many families who must face hard choices simply in order to survive. There are also many senior citizens, as well as other individuals, who must choose either food or medications, but not necessarily both. Those on fixed incomes are particularly hard hit. Residents of Ohio are finding it increasingly hard to make ends meet. Even those in the middle class have found that their hard-earned dollars often do not fully cover all necessities. If present trends continue, we will be facing widespread economic distress unlike anything we've experienced as a nation since the Great Depression.

In consideration of all this, I strongly urge the PUCO to postpone discussion of any utility rate increases at the present time.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Richard W. Thomas  
Tunnel United Methodist Church  
65 Coffman Road  
Marietta, OH 45750

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Please don't raise our fee  
again as I am already **PUDO** protesting.

I own my own small house  
have to pay taxes and insurance  
on that and whatever upkeep.

I have my own car and have  
all that expense for upkeep.

At age 87 my only income is  
\$ 876.00 from S.S. per mo.

Heep does pay for one mo. gas  
bill in the winter - I sure  
can't waste any money - please  
don't raise the bill

Case No. 07-0829-GA-Dir.

Sincerely  
Grace Chebra

Home address 5518 NRE  
Ashtabula, Oh.



Mr. Herbert Gerdeman  
23889 Jennings Delphos Rd.  
Delphos, OH 45833

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att. P. U. C. O.

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I strongly protest the P.U.C.O. commissions exaggerated increase proposal for East Ohio Gas from \$4.38 up to \$17.50 per month. This is irresponsible. Why should those of us who use less gas help pay for the service of those who use more.

Also we shouldn't have to pay for differing accounting methods used by East Ohio Gas to help pay for retiree pensions & employee benefits or lobby expenses.

I would hope the Commission would restudy these proposals and reject the rate increases.

Sincerely,

Herbert Gerdeman

Aug. 6, 2008

Attn: Docketing Div.

I am a Senior Citizen. Please  
do not raise your rates as  
much as you are stating.

You need to cut back, the  
same as the rest of us.

Please go over your figures  
again.

Think of your customers.

Marilyn C. Robey

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Marilyn Robey  
6585 Ottawa Rd  
PO Box 246  
Cairo OH 45820-0246

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Sirs:

Dominion East Ohio is proposing a rate increase of \$75 million a year; a 17% increase in the delivery portion of our bills.

They are ~~also~~ seeking approval for the 25 year pipeline replacement; a cost estimated at \$2½ Billion.

They are proposing \$126 million retrofit of automated reading devices.

As the great late Sen. Jackson once said,  
"A few million here and a few million there,  
and you've got some real money there!!"  
Does it ever stop?

The Office of the Ohio Consumers Council  
does not believe Dominion needs a revenue  
increase. OCC opposes flat rate charges

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because it would impact customers  
who try to conserve energy, resulting in  
low-use consumers subsidizing higher-use  
customers.

And this rate structure <sup>is</sup> unfair  
to low-income customers at a time of  
economic retraction & higher bills for food,  
fuel, gasoline, etc.

There are thousands of us that  
are mowed out by the above scenario. Many,  
like myself; retired & on fixed incomes.

Look folks, as Spike Lee's movie says,  
"Just Do the Right Thing." It's really  
that simple. Do the right thing.

RALPH FILASETA  
2240 - 6<sup>th</sup> St  
AKRON OHIO  
44314

R. Filasetta

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2328 Elizabeth Dr.  
Stam, Ohio 44224  
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To whom it may concern:

I am responding to a recent article printed in the Beacon Journal. It alluded to the fact that Dominion East Ohio finds a need to increase future bills.

During the winter months my budget amount was \$138.00 this was paid for April 2008.

In May 2008 the budget amount was increased to \$237.00. If my math is correct this amounts to a \$99.00 increase.

For a widow who tries to pay her monthly bills in full this is becoming

a real hardship. Electric is  
also increasing. The threats  
of future larger bills is  
overwhelming. There are  
many customers dealing  
with these concerns. I do  
hope what is happening to  
us does not fall on deaf  
ears.

Sincerely

Mary K. Powers

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter opposing the 17 percent gas distribution rate increase by Dominion East Ohio.

We are a married couple of 47 years and have worked hard all our lives. We had 4 children and put one through college. Now the little money we saved in our 401K and invested it with a financial firm is going down the drain along with a lot of other individual's investments. We are all suffering with the high prices for everything. When is this all going to stop? Someone has to put their foot down. I wish us old folks on Social Security would get a 17 percent increase.

Therefore, anything you can do to stop or minimize this increase would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

  
Norma Jean Howland

This letter is in regard to the  
"rate", increase that "Dominion East Ohio"  
Gas Company is requesting.  
"Case # 07-829-GA-AIR".

We are against "such a large increase  
as we are on a fixed income. It is getting  
harder to keep up with all these increases  
and we are sure it is the same for  
everyone, whether retired or working.

We can understand a small increase  
but not what is being requested.

We hope you will listen to the  
consumers and do what is fair.

Richard and Janet Kahos  
4840 St. Rt. 339  
Vincennes, Ohio 45784

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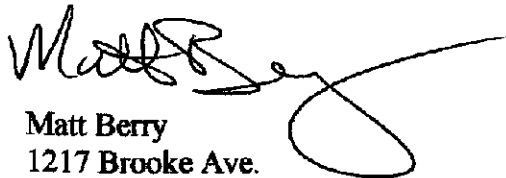
Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to ask you to reject the proposal to increase Dominion's monthly service charge. This increase seems exorbitant and unnecessary, especially at a time when so many people, and the economy in general, are struggling with high energy costs.

I would find it humorous if I didn't find it so disturbing that Dominion claims part of the reason for the increase is due to meter reading costs. They rarely even read my gas meter! Typically, they estimate my bills and don't even bother to read my meter.

This proposed increase is a bad idea and bad timing.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Berry", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Matt Berry  
1217 Brooke Ave.  
Celina, OH 45822  
419-586-6531

07-829-GA-AIR

August 4, 2008

To Whom it may Concern,

Probably noone will read this letter, but I am writing in response to the proposed gas rate increase. I am a 79 year old lady living alone in my home. I receive about \$800.00 a month total. That is Social Security, pension and interest. In January of this year, I was paying \$102.00 a month for gas. In May of this year my budget payment went up to \$164.00 a month. Now you are talking about increasing it again. I also have other utility bills to pay and food to buy. Wasn't a \$62.00 a month enough for you? Or should I stop eating? I think Senior Citizens in fixed incomes and trying to stay in their own homes, should be given special consideration.

If anyone has read this, thank you for listening.

*Irene Murray*

Irene Murray  
461 Marian Ave.  
Lima, Ohio 45801

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Attention: Docketing Division  
180 E. Broad Street  
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We are writing to ask your help  
in stopping Dominion's request for  
a rate increase.

We are both retired people in our  
80's and do not feel Dominion should  
be given permission to make this  
increase. We live very carefully in  
order to keep up with our living  
expenses, and with more expense,  
it would certainly be an extra burden.

We appreciate being able to express  
our opposition to Dominion's request,  
and hope consideration will be given  
to our request in the customer's favor.

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. H. D. Daulbaugh

Mildred & Bill Daulbaugh  
1111 Rozelle Ave.  
Delphos, OH 45833

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