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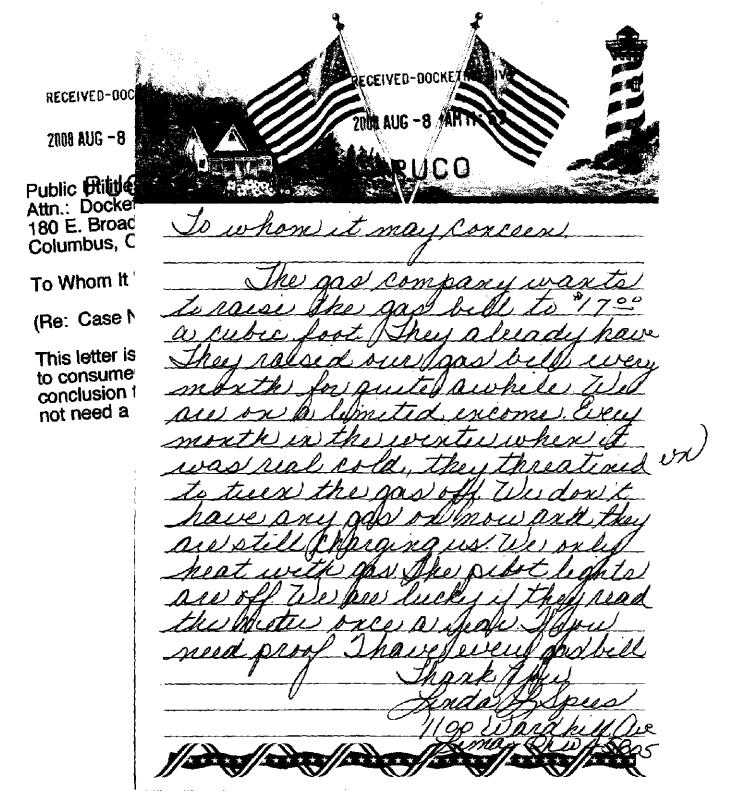
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 E. Broad St. Columbus, Ohio 43215

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

**Dear Sirs:** 

I am writing this to encourage you to deny the requested 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,



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To Whom It May Concern:

(Re: Case Number 07-829-GA-AIR)

This letter is to request that PUCO not increase natural gas rates and costs to consumers as planned; this request is based on the News-Herald's conclusion that "based on the OCC's recent review, Dominion East does not need a revenue increase" (8/2/08).

Sincerely,

(Then) or Mary Brown

Robert and Mary Brown

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Regarding Case Number 07-829-GA-AIR

Dear Sirs:

I am a senior citizen, 76 years old, living on a very fixed income. My husband died a year ago, and my income was cut to about 1/3 of what we had shared together. With God's help, I am able to continue to live in my own home and pay my expenses. However, a recent letter from Dominion East Ohio as well as an article in my local paper, "The News Herald", have put real fear in my heart as to the increasing cost of gas in my area.

A letter from Dominion East Ohio dated July 11, 2008 states that starting in September 2008, my new gas cost will be \$15.49 per mcf. This is a nearly 100% rise in cost from the \$8.99 mcf which I have paid for a long time. I understand from the article in "The News Herald" as well from the letter from Dominion that the gas distribution charges will also rise. This is going to make gas almost impossible for senior citizens to pay for!!

I think we are almost without recourse in getting lower prices for gas because whatever utility we might choose, I understand the gas would be delivered by Dominion, so increased costs are going to happen. I will appreciate your attention to my plight, which I am sure is typical of most senior citizens who live on fixed incomes and feel extremely uneasy about the rising prices of utilities we have to use. Are these drastically rising prices absolutely necessary? Do we have any choice about using any other company or would that be jumping from the frying pan into the fire? Not having a husband who might understand this better than I do makes me feel fairly helpless in dealing with these increasing costs.

Sincerely yours,

Mary F. Byrne