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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the :
Application of the East :
Ohio Gas Company dba :
Dominion East Ohio for : 07-829-GA-AIR
authority to increase : 07-830-GA-ALT
rates for its gas : 07-831-GA-AAM
distribution service and : 08-169-GA-ALT
other related matters : 06-1453-GA-UNC

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PROCEEDINGS

before Mr. Scott Farkas, Hearing Examiner, at
Marietta College, 215 5th Street, McDonough
Auditorium, Marietta, Ohio, called at 1:30 p.m. on
Tuesday, August 5, 2008.

EXHIBITS ONLY

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Good Afternoon.

My name is MaryAnne Williams and I appreciate the opportunity to speak in opposition to the proposed Dominion East Ohio Gas rate hike.

The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Council has done an excellent job in laying out many of the reasons to oppose this increase. As a private citizen and a candidate for public office, I would like to focus on the impact of this proposed increase on the citizens of Washington County, many of whom are on a fixed income, a low income, or unemployed.

Many of our individuals and families are being stretched to the breaking point. Gasoline price increases have resulted in higher costs for almost everything. The price of our most basic necessity...food...has skyrocketed. The clothing that we need costs more. The costs of medication has gone up. The cost of back-to-school supplies has gone up. Many of our citizens today are already being forced to choose between food, or medication, or gas to drive to work. Many of our citizens are already at their breaking point. And now we hear that our electric company wants to increase its rates.

I believe that if this proposed rate hike by Dominion is allowed to go through, many of our citizens will be very cold this winter. Or, worse yet, they could lose their homes due to fires caused by make-shift heating.

Every day, we hear on the news that we need to cut back and become more efficient with our resources. My question to Dominion East Ohio is "What are you doing to cut back and to become more efficient?"

This proposed rate increase comes at an unreasonable time. There are some who might not understand how, for many of us, every single dollar must be stretched for life's necessities such as food, clothing, medicine and shelter.

I oppose this proposed rate increase. It is unfair, ill-timed and piles on additional costs to consumers at a time when we are all trying to find ways to conserve and cut back. I urge Dominion and the Public Utilities Commission to oppose this rate hike.

**MaryAnne Williams
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TESTIMONY

Marietta

August 5, 2008

My name is David E. Brightbill. I am the Executive Director Washington-Morgan Counties Community Action.

My testimony today will be brief. I am here to express concern over Dominion East Ohio's proposed rate increase, I support of the Ohio Consumer Council's position on the increase in the flat rate customer charge, it negatively impacts customers who try to conserve, and subsidizes people who are high users. I see this as particularly unfair to lower income working families. They are struggling to reduce their bills now. This will just make that effort more difficult.

We also agree with the OCC that Dominion East Ohio should increase its proposed investment in energy efficiency, specifically we encourage an increase in Housewarming, the weatherization effort funded by Dominion rate payers to at least 9.5 million. Housewarming this is a comprehensive approach to reducing energy use and as we all know conservation is the least expensive way to reduce the use of natural gas. We are a local provider of Housewarming services and know that there is more interest in the program than there are funds available.

I appreciate the opportunity to address you.

Thank you for your time.

Area Agency on Aging

PASSPORT Administrative Agency - PAA #8

Kara Wright

Pre Admission Review Unit

From: Gwynn Clifford ^{PAR phone: (740) 373-6400} ^{PAR fax: (740) 373-0087}

Sent: Monday, August 04, 2008 9:36 AM

To: Kara Wright

Subject: Dominion East message points

*my name is
Kara Wright here
from AAA*

Kara,

If these will help...

On behalf of the more than 750 in-home PASSPORT customers across 8 counties, the Area Agency on Aging is very concerned with the proposed dramatic increase of the flat-rate customer charge – our consumers are some of the most “at-risk” and frail, already living on very fixed incomes.

Such a change in the rate structure would also negatively impact customers who attempt to conserve energy and ultimately results in low-use customers subsidizing high-use clients.

In addition, adding more of Dominion’s costs into the fixed customer charge limits the ability for consumers to control their monthly bills by being more energy efficient. With customers’ budgets stretched thin, a higher flat-rate customer charge means customers would pay over \$17 per month regardless of how much natural gas is used.

~~PASSPORT customers – 750 across 8 counties.~~

Ohio PP customers are average age 76, and the majority receive food stamps and HEAP

Also, I think it's important to note that HEAP served record numbers ~~in 2007~~ and The Oh. Dept. of Development has already projected shortfalls in funding. (In 2007, over 400,000 households were supported and funds were half gone by December). 60,000 households were on the percentage of income payment plan through HEAP

as well!

X Gwynn Clifford: Communications Director

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