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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Alan Schriber, Chairman
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RE: Opposition to Dominion East Ohio's Proposed 17% Rate Increase

Dear Mr. Schriber:

We, the Ashtabula Township Trustees, passed a resolution at our meeting held on August 13, 2008 to send a letter to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio opposing the proposed 17% gas distribution rate increase for the Dominion East Ohio Gas Company.

During a time when the economy is suffering from various increases such as gas, utilities, and other expenses like food and clothes, there is no way that residents can afford to keep up with all these expenses. The proposed 17% rate hike will affect our citizens, schools, governments, and most businesses in this struggling economy. All parties are having a difficult time paying their existing bills let alone paying for any additional increases. If the costs continue to rise businesses will begin closing their doors at a higher rate, individuals will continue to lose their houses, and governments will continue to reduce manpower and services. This increase is excessive and problematic to the overall consuming public and will be a detriment to Ashtabula County.

Our board asks that you evaluate the overall economy, foreclosure rate, inflation problems, and proposed request and then see if this is a positive or negative decision for the public. I hope you understand that senior citizens are having a hard time deciding whether they will pay for food or prescriptions on a monthly basis let alone utility increases. Please understand the strains that are being placed on today's average citizen.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us on our home phones.

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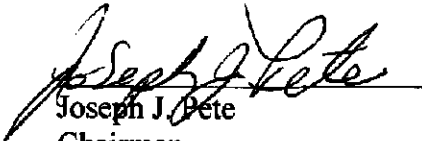
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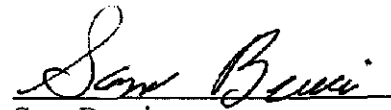
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