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I have lived in an all electric home since 1988. We built this home ourselves and explored the options for heating at that time. Ohio Edison was actively seeking the home builder who would choose an all electric home. Under the assurance of Ohio Edison we opted to go all electric. We were told that if we used an electric furnace and installed a 80 gallon hot water tank, that was wired with a special meter allowing Ohio Edison to shut down the tank during peak hours, we would be charged on a special optional heating rate. This seems to have worked fairly well for the past 20 years. When comparing my home heating bill to others I know who had both gas and electric, I felt even though mine were slightly higher it was comparable. In 2007 we replaced our electric furnace and hot water tank never thinking this could be a mistake. Had I known that Ohio Edison would at any time decide to go back on the agreement that they pushed I would not have made the choices I did. My bills have gone up around 30- 40%. My January bill was \$700.00. That is more than my house payment. I think it is not only fair to roll back the price increase, but to insure that Ohio Edison can never legally go back on the assurances they gave, and we in good faith accepted. If this is not done it will savage the resale market for electric homes. I have heard Ohio Edison spokesmen whining about how this special option heating cost is actually less than they pay for the electricity. May I be the first, but most definitely not the last, to say I don't believe you, and just because you say it doesn't make it true. They have just acquired Allegheny Energy Inc. in Pennsylvania for 4.7 billion dollars, which I am sure was purchased from the hard earned dollars they have sucked from people just like me who have no other option but to use them. Unlike gas utilities the only game in town is Ohio Edison and it is corrupt, self-serving, and buys government backing like the billion dollar monopoly that it is!!!! It is my sincere hope that the PUCO along with the Ohio government will finally stand up for the little guy who is really damned sick and tired of always losing the righteous fight to the greedy few whose only interest is the bottom line on their financial report.

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