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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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Re: Case #10-0176-EL-ATA

Dear Commissioners:

Please allow this correspondence to serve as record of my comments on the above referenced matter.

As a result of the elimination of the discount for all-electric homeowners, many residents of the 15th House District face tremendous hardship. Most of these all-electric homeowners are senior citizens who are on a fixed-income and cannot afford the unexpected spike in their electric bill. I believe that it is our responsibility as policymakers to protect consumers and to ensure that this situation is resolved in a fair manner for all-electric homeowners.

For background purposes, in February 2010, I requested to be appointed to the Ohio House Consumer Affairs & Economic Protection Committee for hearings on the all-electric homes. I asked the Speaker of the House to sit as a member of the Committee purposely so that I would have the opportunity to be involved, to hear testimony, and to work on this issue. I also attended the public hearing at Strongsville High School on October 27, 2010. From the information that I have gathered on this issue, during the local public hearing, the Consumer Affairs and Public Protection Committee hearings, and through speaking with constituents, I have concluded that the consumers were strongly led to believe that the all-electric discounts were to be permanent. It is my opinion that policymakers should ensure that these discounts are both permanently restored and made transferable to the new owners when an all-electric home is sold.

Please keep the testimonies provided by all-electric homeowners in mind when attempting to resolve this unfortunate situation.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature of Timothy DeGeeter in black ink.

Timothy DeGeeter
State Representative
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