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From: Senator Wagoner [<mailto:SD02@senate.state.oh.us>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 9:56 AM
To: DKMCGEE@buckeye-express.com
Subject: RE: PUCO CASE # 10-0176-EL-Ata

Dear Mr. and Mrs. McGee:

Thank you for your e-mail regarding the all-electric homes discounts. I appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts with me on this issue.

I understand your frustration and have been following this issue closely. My colleagues and I in the Ohio Senate are working to resolve this issue and I have signed on as a co-sponsor to Senate Bill 75, which would restore discounts for customers using electricity to heat their homes and provide for refunds to customers whose rate discounts were modified or discontinued. This legislation was introduced on February 15, 2011 and is pending in the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee. I appreciate you sharing your perspective and I will keep your thoughts in mind as this bill makes its way through the legislative process.

As a state senator, I cannot use my influence to change the outcome of particular cases with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). However, I have forwarded your e-mail to my contact at the PUCO so that they are aware of your particular situation.

Again, thank you for your correspondence. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance to you on this or other state issues.

Sincerely,

Mark Wagoner
State Senator

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To: Senator Wagoner

Subject: PUCO CASE # 10-0176-EL-Ata

To: Mark Wagoner, State Senator for District 2

From: Don and Karen McGee

Homeowners of an All Electric Condominium

Date: March 30th, 2011

Subject: PUCO Case # 10-0176-EL-ATA

Dear State Senator Mark Wagoner,

We purchased our condominium in 2000 after we performed a due diligence on the property to determine whether we could afford it then and into the future. I had recently retired while my wife continued to work which helped with our health insurance coverage and costs. The historic utility costs were then within our ability to afford. This included the electric bill history that dated back to when the condominium unit was built in 1987. Because the developers of Rivers Edge Condominiums were promised a discounted electric rate for buyers of their new all-electric condominium developments, they did not include gas lines in their infrastructure planning and execution. This, of course, reduced their overall infrastructure costs and helped to ensure that buyers would be encouraged to purchase their all-electric units. You could call this a win-win for both the developers and the buyers of all-electric homes; not to mention to the electric utility providers as well.

This kind of marketing promise by the electric utility providers to developers and potential homeowners was common in the sixties, seventies, eighties, nineties, and beyond in order to grow demand for their product which was and is electricity. This kind of promise greatly increased their client base and enabled them to make deeper penetrations into the long-held gas market-place. In turn, their profitability increased dramatically.

After all of these years of discounted electric rate **promises and practices** by the electric utility providers, they now want to reverse their promises and eliminate or drastically reduce these discounted electric rates to their "**captive**" all-electric users. This would be like you purchasing an airline ticket to Paris and while en route to your destination, half-way across the ocean, the airline announces that they have changed their minds about the price of your ticket that you have already paid for. If you want to continue to Paris on that particular aircraft you must pay them the additional increase of costs that they deem appropriate, or you must physically bail out of the aircraft. Since you are a

“captive” passenger and have no parachute or life preserver what are your options?

This attempt, by the electric utility providers, to renege on their prior promises and practices is clearly a case of “bait and switch” on a grand scale that will have very serious economic consequences on most all-electric users; including ourselves. This travesty of trust should be seen as just that by the justice system and ruled accordingly in the favor of all-electric **“captive”** users.

Can you and will you help us to resolve this matter by using your influence to those in control of this issue to reinstate the all-electric discount rate? A letter from your office to the PUCO Chairman Todd Snitchler requesting that your letter be filed in the Docket for Case # 10-176 would be greatly appreciated by Karen and myself.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Don & Karen McGee

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