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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad St.  
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Re: Proposed Gas Rate Increase for Duke Energy

To Whom it May Concern:

Pursuant to Section 4909.19 of the Ohio Revised Code, I am registering an objection to the proposed gas rate increase filed by Duke Energy Ohio on 07/09/2012.

Specifically, the proposed increase for GS-L is unreasonable. The "fixed delivery charge" is proposed to increase from \$180.00 per month to \$226.84 per month, a 25.9% increase likewise, the "usage" based charge per CCF is proposed to increase from .10483 to .139784, a percentage increase of 33.34%.

These increases, along with several proposed additional riders, should surely be considered an unreasonably large increase. Even considering that usually 50% of the "proposed increases" are approved by the PUCO, the increase would be considered unreasonably high and far above the inflation rate particularly during a recessionary period.

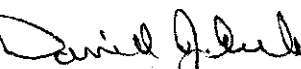
Whatever happened to the normal "real life" increases that many people experience (1 ½ – 3%) in this economy.

In addition, Duke estimates the average real increase for that rate schedule to be 3.9%, exclusive of any new riders or increased riders. Our increase would average 13.1%, again an unreasonable overall increase.

As a Small Business, without representation before the PUCO in these matters, we ask that the commission consider how small enterprise is affected by even a small percentage of Duke's request. Also consider that an even higher request was filed for the electric rates on the same date as this increase.

These increases, in necessary utilities, will greatly effect the economic recovery for small business particularly.

Sincerely,



Daniel J. Erhart  
President

The Chris Erhart Foundry &amp; Machine Co.

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