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## COMPLAINT DESCRIPTION:

We have found since last year that our cost (not based on monthly dollar amounts) have increased roughly 20% from a year ago. This substantial increase is reflected in the "Distribution Related Component" and "Cost Recovery Charges" and not the basic charge per KWH. We contacted Ohio Edison and First Energy on the matter and were informed that "yes" there has

been an increase over the last year. I stated to the person okay but 20% seems absurd to me and the person stated again "yes" there has been an increase over the past year. I had the bills in front of me from last year for March and this year for March so they could not dispute the fact. I believe the general public did not notice this increase because if you are only looking at the total dollar amount it is roughly the same as last years billing but this was a much milder winter so usage was lower on the previous month's billing. I find it strange now that our PUCO and Ohio Edison/First Energy is saying there is going to be a sizable increase next year because the price is going to be held at that new level for eight years. Heck they already made a sizable increase of 20% from a year ago. Also, I rather doubt this eight year rate will really come true. Somehow I believe the electric company and PUCO will figure a reason to allow another increase after a few years have passed figuring the users (public) will forget that rates are to be held for eight years plus I am not sure if it covers all the different utility cost reflected on our billings. I am sure the transmission costs or some other cost may be exempt from this supposed freeze and Ohio Edison will up other costs to compensate. Just like you left A.T.T do to phone charges just to have a land line. PUCO allowed AT&T to increase there cost \$1.25 each year. If you only want a land line they are screwing the consumer with this \$1.25 increase each year unless you bundle with them. I am paying \$32.88/month to have a basic landline without the ability to call long distance. PUCO had done the consumer public a poor job in supposedly representing the consumer in this regard for electric and phone service. I believe most people think PUCO is in with the utility providers and not the actual users. I am sorry to bring up the AT&T issue with my complaint about Ohio Edison/First Energy but they do tie in as illustrating how the public consumer is getting screwed. One added note is my electic meter reading this month and supposedly it is actual with the previous month also being stated is an actual reading more than doubled from a year ago concerning the same month. There is absolutely no way this is possible. It was on average 6 degrees per day than a year ago and there were only 2 more days in this billing cycle than a year ago. Something is amiss and I am certain it is Ohio Edison. Sometimes I have wonder if the utility companies gain some extra funds for a month or two by stating the billing is an estimate. I always end up with the estimate being way over the actual with a small bill coming the following month when the actual reading takes place. I have experienced this with both Dominion East Ohio and Ohio Edison/First Energy. When one multiplies these over estimates bu thousands of customers you are talking substantial dollars the utilities are getting to use for a month or two. A couple years ago Ohio Edison/First Energy tried to add another homes electric bill in another city to our home electric bill because the other home had the same first and last name as mine and were delinquent. Ohio Edison/First Energy did not call me or contact me in any way but just added a \$200+ billing to my account. I never seen such BS and I am surprised PUCO would allow utilities to get away with such practices. I sent several emails to a couple VPs at the utility and it was removed from my bill but it never should had happened in the first place. If things don't change this country is headed for a good old fashioned revolution. I have heard so many middle class people and even some upper class people so disgusted with our government and how issues are being handled by such groups like PUCO. If people would review history of countries they will find that once the middle class has either been eliminated or sided with the lower class a revolution has resulted. I hate to say it but I believe that is where we are headed. Perhaps that is the reason the government wants to change our 2nd amendment. New gun laws are not going to stop the criminals from getting guns. It will only result in higher prices but it will take the guns away from the law abiding citizens. One added comment I have heard several other people are upset about their electric bills they received for this month and they just came in the mail today. Your involvement in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Let me know if PUCO is aware of the substantial price increase incurred over last year. Again, the price

increase is reflected in the "Distributed Related Component" and "Cost Recovery Charges" and not the "Basic Charge". Perhaps that is where the consumer will be hit next as far as the substantial increase this year and the supposed freeze the next seven years. Does this freeze also apply to the distributed related component and cost recovery charges? Thank you. I look forward to hearing back from you and Ohio Edison/First Energy on this matter. Please contact me if you need any additional information on the subjects. Respectfully, Charles T. Bevington

From: Maryann Staron
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 Subject:
 Comment on Case # 14-1297-EL-SSO.

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I do not support Ohio's electric utilities' attempt to bail out the aging, dangerous Davis-Besse nuclear reactor, nor dirty coal plants, at ratepayers' expense. These plants are not competitive with today's market prices for electricity, and they spew radioactive and toxic pollution into our air and water. We should not have to pay more for dirty energy.

It's time to pull the plug on Davis-Besse; for decades it has experienced safety problem after safety problem--how much longer can it buck the odds before it causes a catastrophic accident?

Coal, which generates nearly 70 percent of electricity in Ohio, is known to cause major air pollution and negatively impact public health while contributing to climate disruption. Due to Ohio's heavy reliance on coal, we have some of the worst air in the nation.

Ohio's utilities' request to bail out these obsolete plants that are no longer economically viable is bad public policy. Ohio should be focused on policies that will encourage safer, cleaner and affordable clean energy technologies, not expensive and dirty nuclear and coal.

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