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COMMENT DESCRIPTION:

17-0032-EL-AIR Duke Energy is my home provider. I also buy electric from AEP: 16-1852-EL-SSO I am totally opposed to raising minimum bill electric charges and so should PUCO. This practice would make competition from home solar much more difficult. And it is unfair, minimum billing should just be a small connection charge. Already, my minimum bill is \$12/month that I pay even when I am providing electric to the grid, not using utility power. My electric contribution to the grid comes during peak hours and saves all customers money because

more expensive standby generators do not have to be built or run. And also more expensive transmission lines do not have to be built. PUCO should stand with Ohio customers in planning for an improved grid that allows home generation. Higher minimum billing suppresses home generation. The grid should not be a closed monopoly. Utilities themselves are and will be building more solar and wind generation. Fossil fuel will and should become a thing of the past. Excluding home solar by artificially imposing large minimum costs is bad business, bad for the economy and does not allow for a more stable decentralized grid. If a massive solar storm knocks out utility transformers, home solar would still be there. Higher minimum charges could actually destabilize the grid by sending more customers offline, leaving fossil utilities with decreased payers for maintenance. The new grid should be more open, less centralized, planned for storage of solar/wind. And standardized packaged nuclear plants should also be used as they can be brought online quicker. PUCO should plan for a truly new grid. Higher Minimum charges are counterproductive.

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