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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 E. Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Complaint case # 17-1298-GA-CSS

June 1, 2017

Dear Ohio Public Utilities Commissioners

Heritage Ohio the statewide Preservation non- profit as recognized by the National Trust for Historic Preservation would like to offer comment regarding the proposed location of exterior gas meters in the historic German Village neighborhood in Columbus, Ohio.

It is our view that the installation of said meters would have a negative impact on the value and historic integrity of this carefully protected neighborhood. It is also our view that the tremendous capital investment is likely to be outdated technology before the project is "paid for."

We understand that the safety issue in regards to high-pressure meters outside has not been verified. So the intent to move meters outside is not well founded.

German Village has outpaced other neighborhoods in property appreciation due to both the stringent guidelines of the design review district as well as the unprecedented demand for historic integrity. If Columbia Gas must install the meters, they have the advantage of well laid out system of alleys and rear elevations. There are alternatives.

Sincerely,

Joyce Barrett  
Executive Director

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