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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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Dear Commissioners:

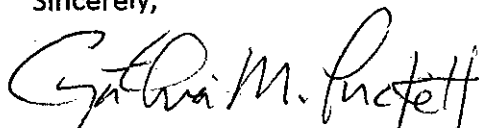
I am writing to you to oppose the plan of Columbia Gas to move natural gas meters in the German Village National Historic District in Columbus, Ohio from basements to exterior facades of our homes (P.U.C.O Case No. 17-1298-GA-CSS).

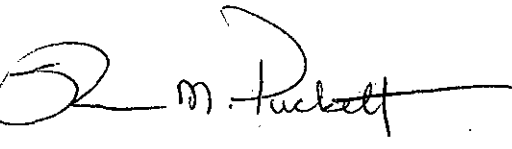
My husband and I live in German Village and have been residents since 1973. We own two homes that we restored and maintain. We did not have a contractor but instead did much of the work ourselves. We are committed to the historic integrity of our district and the unique character of the area has been recognized nationally for its beauty and historic preservation. The placement of more than 1500 meters on primary facades would violate the historic character we have for so long cherished and valued. To put it bluntly, these meters and pipes are large modern intrusions that would change the essence of German Village.

We are equally concerned about the safety of relocating these meters anywhere outside where they are subject to the deterioration of weather and accidental damage. In an area such as German Village, the home density is high, with only a few feet separating us from our neighbors. Many homes facades are literally on the sidewalk bordering our busy street. Moving meters to the outside in this dense, urban environment should be studied before any further relocation activity occurs. According to the German Village Society staff research, no such studies have been undertaken by Columbia Gas or the P.U.C.O. However, we believe that an independent study using available Federal incident data compiled by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration could yield data that could shed light on this important safety issue.

Thank you for your serious consideration.

Sincerely,


Cynthia M. Puckett


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