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Subject: RE German Village Formal Complaint : 17-1298-GA-CSS
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Dear Ohio Public Utility Commissioners,

I am writing in reference to Case No. 17-1298-GA-CSS as a concerned citizen and fan of the German Village Historic District, a nationally recognized historic district in Columbus. Thank you for scheduling a settlement conference between the German Village Society and Columbia Gas of Ohio. I also would like to thank you for protecting those of us who are refusing to allow Columbia Gas to relocate our meters to the exterior of our buildings from service shut off during the pendency of this complaint.

Our position remains the same: we do not want natural gas meters removed from basements and placed on exterior facades in the district. The picture below shows what Columbia Gas has already done in our neighborhood, this to one of the most historic buildings in GV, the original Meeting Haus. It is our understanding that Federal statistical data reveals that approximately 90% of reportable incidents involving gas meters from 2010 to 2017, involved gas meters on the EXTERIOR of buildings. This is terrifying. In addition, meters on the exterior of buildings in the district are a violation of the Secretary of the Interiors Standards for Rehabilitation, standards established for the preservation and maintenance of properties and districts, such as German Village.

Please take immediate action in this case to stop Columbia Gas from relocating meters to building exteriors during the pendency of this complaint. We believe exterior meters in urban environments pose an intolerable safety risk in addition to violating preservation standards.

Kind regards,

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