

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Consumer Services Division

Memorandum

Date: 10/19/2017

Re: Casey Moothart

Docketing Case No.:

16-1852-EL-SSO

Notes:

Please docket the following in the case number above. Thank you.

COMMENT DESCRIPTION:

Dear PUCO, I am writing in opposition to the proposed fixed rate increase that DP&L, Duke, FirstEnergy, and AEP are seeking. AEP: 16-1852-EL-SSO DP&L: 15-1830-EL-AIR Duke Energy: 17-0032-EL-AIR FirstEnergy: 17-0334-EL-ATA A increase in the fixed rate will disproportionately affect low income people -- and worse there would be nothing they could do about it (such as change their thermostat). Ohio, like the rest of the nation, needs to move toward renewable / sustainable energy, and less air pollution. I do not see how this rate increase would help in this regard. If the utilities argue that they need a higher fixed rate because of people putting Solar on their homes, then fine -- charge the people with the Solar panels a higher fixed rate -- but don't make low income people "pay" for not having the ability to get solar themselves. Finally I would encourage PUCO to look at hourly pricing instead, as this would move Ohio forward toward a smarter grid that could benefit utilities, consumers and the environment. A fixed rate increase does none of this. Thank you, Casey Moothart

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