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Formal Complaint Form

JEFFREY DEATON

Customer Name (Please Print)

(Geoff)

5814 Timber Rail Ln.

Customer Address

Mason OH 45040
City (Deerfield Township) State Zip

Against

Account Number

Customer Service Address (if different from above)

Duke Energy

Utility Company Name

City

State Zip

Please describe your complaint. (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Attached

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Signature [Signature]

513-492-7845
Customer Telephone Number

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November 25, 2017

My complaint is against Duke Energy of Cincinnati, OH.

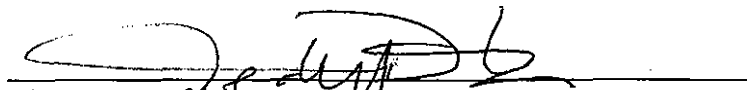
Duke Energy is negatively impacting the property values of our homes in Symmes and Deerfield Township and the City of Montgomery (which includes 180 single family homes, 3 apartment buildings and 31 condos in Symmes/Montgomery and 74 in Deerfield). They are doing this by clear cutting and obliterating (vs trimming) all trees located within a 100 foot right-of-way under the Transmission wires.

My complaint is that Duke is failing to adhere to what is permissible in the language of the Grant of Easement (written in 1951) that is associated with these properties. They are also surpassing requirements by PUCO as described in: Section F (Right of Way Vegetation Management) of its ***Programs For Inspection, Maintenance, Repair and Replacement of Distribution and Transmission Lines 4901:1-10-27(E)(1)***

Citizens of Symmes and Deerfield Township and City of Montgomery would like PUCO to stop Duke from taking this excessive and unnecessary action to clear cut trees and we want PUCO to stop Duke Energy from using toxic herbicides on our properties.

~~Please see attached Grant of Easement.~~

Thank you,



Signature of homeowner

Customer of Duke Energy, Cincinnati, Ohio

November 25, 2017

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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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800-686-7826

RE: Duke Energy

Greetings:

I contact you regarding Duke Energy, Cincinnati, regarding the destruction of trees in the north-east part of Cincinnati (Symmes Township 45249 and in Mason [Deerfield Township] 45040 OH areas.)

This 15-mile stretch of action will result not only in destroying the landscaping but will have a negative impact on home values.

An area real estate agent visited my home, located at 5814 Timber Rail Ln, Mason 45040, and advised the planned removal of trees would cause a minimum loss of value in the \$20,000+ range. Naturally, as I look to sell my home in the spring of 2018, this loss of landscape will not reflect with any positive help in attracting home buyers. I will lose financially.

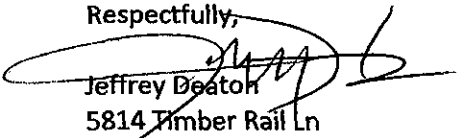
In past years, CG&E, the previous electric provider, has trimmed every three to five years. Duke has provided a statement noting the company action is a result of a *federal regulation*. *This is false. No federal issue was ever ordered.*

I do not want negative interactions with Duke. I simply do not want my home lose value because off Dukes actions. I do not want to see a bare, ugly tower present when I view from my front window/door.

What can I do to stop this imminent action planned by Duke Energy?

Thank you for your advice and assistance.

Respectfully,



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