

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**  
**Consumer Service Division**  
**Memorandum**

**CASE ID:** 00182385

**COMPANY:**

**CUSTOMER:** Ron Pesnichak

**ADDRESS:**

**SERVICE ADDRESS:** ,

**AIQ:** Duke Energy Ohio

**NIQ:**

**DOCKETING CASE #:**17-32-EL-AIR

**SUBJECT:** Duke Energy Base Fee Increase

I read a newspaper article that Duke Energy is can one requesting the change in the Base Fee in which it will increase the monthly payment by 750% !! How can a Utility request such a Large increase in monthly costs and put Many people who are on a Fixed income in financial troubles. Don't any of these people have a Heart for the common person that are paying their bills every month. Don't be so Greedy and uncaring towards those of US who pay Your Salaries. I would recommend an increase more in line with Annual Salaries in the range of 3% - 5%. Let Duke find other more rational ways to earn a profit, but not by abusing your customers.

Please docket the attached in the case number above.

Please docket the below comments filed by Maureen Pfeiffer regarding case 17-32-EL-AIR:

I am writing to request a no vote on Duke Energy proposal to increase fixed fees on residential consumers, including poor and elderly people.

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**CASE ID:** 00182159

**COMPANY:**

**CUSTOMER:** Wendy Middleton

**ADDRESS:** 1132 Beechridge Court  
Batavia, Ohio 45103

**SERVICE ADDRESS:** 1132 BEECHRIDGE COURTBatavia, OH 45103

**AIQ:** Duke Energy Ohio

**NIQ:** (513) 752-6293

**DOCKETING CASE #: 17-32-EL-AIR**

**SUBJECT:** Duke Energy Proposed Base Fee Increase

Duke Energy has a proposal to 'significantly' increase the CUSTOMER FEES portion of our electric bills. The proposed fee hike would undermine any actions I could possibly take to lower my energy consumption usage and bills since it is projected to quadruple the current 'fixed customer fees'. I consider this an extremely unfair proposal trying to be forced on the customers of Duke Energy.

Please docket the attached in the case number above.

Please docket the below comments filed by James Deidesheimer regarding case 17-32-EL-AIR:

I would like to go on record to oppose the rate increase in consumer fees proposed by Duke Energy. I am on a fixed income and can not afford to pay more.

Please docket the below comments filed by Marianne and George Vesprani regarding case 17-32-EL-AIR:

We think it is unjust and unethical for Duke to raise the base fee, especially on the poor. The poor should not be subsidizing those that have more wealth. Also, it punishes those that are trying to save energy and our earth.

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**CASE ID:** 00182372

**COMPANY:**

**CUSTOMER:** Dianna Townley

**ADDRESS:**

**SERVICE ADDRESS:** ,

**AIQ:** Duke Energy Ohio

**NIQ:**

**DOCKETING CASE #: 17-0032-EL-AIR**

**SUBJECT:** proposed increase in fixed customer fees - Cincinnati, OH

I just read in my local paper that Duke Energy has submitted a plan to PUCO that would greatly increase fixed customer fees in our area. I am strongly opposed to this increase. It will affect seniors on fixed incomes and families struggling financially the most. If an increase is necessary it ought to be tied to gas/electric usage. This type of increase would also promote energy conservation. Maybe that's the problem. Maybe Duke's customers in the Cincinnati area are conserving so much on their energy use, this is the only way for Duke to get a significant increase. Thank you for allowing comments.

Please docket customer comments in the case number above.

Please docket the below comments filed by Paul Nedderman regarding case 17-32-EL-AIR

As senior citizens on a fixed income we are against the Duke Energy proposal to increase its base fee. We are currently able to control our bill through decreased usage. We feel that the proposal will erode this ability, and that it will essentially have us subsidizing high energy users. We are against this unfair and inequitable proposal.

Please docket the below comments filed by James R. Lape regarding case 17-32-EL-AIR:

As a retired veteran and a Duke Energy residential customer, I'm greatly concerned that Duke Energy seeks to nearly quadruple the base fee for electricity. For years, I have seriously tried to conserve energy. Allowing Duke to significantly raise the base fee goes against efforts to conserve. Please don't allow such an increase to be implemented as it would have a negative and costly impact on Ohio residents. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Please docket the comments below filed by Charlotte Gibson regarding case 17-32-EL-AIR:

comment re Duke Energy's request to quadruple the fee which is currently charged for its customers. We are definitely opposed to this increase as it will negate thriftfulness on our part.

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**CASE ID:** 00182105

**COMPANY:**

**CUSTOMER:** Stephen Amann

**ADDRESS:**

**SERVICE ADDRESS:** ,

**AIQ:** Duke Energy Ohio

**NIQ:**

**DOCKETING CASE #: 17-32-EL-AIR**

**SUBJECT:** Duke Energy fixed fee

It is totally illogical to allow Duke to charge someone for services or product not used. In addition, there is no incentive for anyone to try to conserve energy. Isn't that what the focus for Duke and its customers has been these past years? To me, the fixed fee is just another disguised way to increase Duke's profits at the public's expense. Since the PUCO is supposed to protect the public's interest, I urge you to vote against this sham.

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**CASE ID:** 00181906

**COMPANY:**

**CUSTOMER:** John Bantjes

**ADDRESS:** 3732 Maplebrooke Lane  
Amelia, Ohio 45102

**SERVICE ADDRESS:** 3732 Maplebrooke Lane Amelia, OH 45102

**AIQ:** Duke Energy Ohio

**NIQ:** (513) 752-3219

**DOCKETING CASE #: 17-32-EL-AIR**

**SUBJECT:** Duke Energy's proposed increases for fixed customer fees

Duke's proposal to approximately quadruple fixed customer fees is excessive and not in the interest of their customers, the general public. A reasonable fee hike in line with inflation or the CPI would be acceptable, but this proposal smacks of egregious corporate greed. Please deny the rate increase as currently proposed

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**CASE ID:** 00181902

**COMPANY:**

**CUSTOMER:** Anonymous Anonymous

**ADDRESS:**

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**SERVICE ADDRESS:** 1338 Post Creek Rd. Batavia, OH 45103

**AIQ:** Duke Energy Ohio

**NIQ:**

**DOCKETING CASE #: 17-32-EL-AIR**

**SUBJECT:** Customer fees hike

Please do not increase the "customer fees". Senior citizens, such as ourselves, cannot afford a hike in these fees.

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Please docket the below comments filed by Susan Lehrer regarding case 17-32-EL-AIR:

I make an effort to be energy efficient in my home and encourage my children to also. But often there is not a large variation in my bill because much of my bill is made up of fixed fees and riders. The increase in fixed fees will remove the incentive to be energy efficient.

Please docket the below comments filed by Lori Wilson regarding case 17-32-EL-AIR:

Please help protect Cincinnati residents and force Duke Energy to drop the proposal for the Fixed Fee Hike.

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