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

CASE ID: 00761688
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SUBJECT: Columbia Gas of Ohio - Protest Rate Case

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Description: The rate increase requested is egregious and unnecessary. Columbia Gas is a subsidiary of NiSource, and the parent company had 2021 gross profits of 3.6 billion dollars. NiSource could absorb this entirely and still maintain profits annually, which is the responsibility of public utilities. There is no merit to this increase, nor the increases NiSource has requested in 4 other states (other Columbus Gas subsidiaries mainly), and is purely being driven by a new CEO

attempting to make his mark and increase
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Sincerely,

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