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

CASE ID: 00761897

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DOCKETING CASE #:21-0637-GA-AIR

SUBJECT: Columbia Gas of Ohio - Protest Rate Case

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Description: My March 2022 gas bill was for \$88.07. \$41.08 of that bill was for delivery from Columbia Gas; \$44.94 was for gas itself.

My May bill was for \$59.09. \$38.11 for Columbia Gas, \$19.08 for gas.

Now Columbia Gas wants to raise the fixed distribution charge from \$16.75 per month to \$46.31. Almost a 300% increase. My gas bill would start at over \$65 per month before any gas usage. I'm 72 years old, living on Social Security and a part time job. That extra \$30 a month will be doable, but only because I'm still working.

I understand the need for infrastructure maintenance, but this seems as if Columbia Gas and its owning company are expecting the consumers to pay all the costs of that maintenance, while keeping their profit levels intact: in short, not taking any responsibility for their failure to take action earlier. The pain needs to be shared, not dumped on the consumer. The OCC proposal, which would still give Columbia Gas an 8.7% profit is a step in the right direction

Sincerely,

Bradley Berner

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