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

CASE ID: 00761686
COMPANY: Columbia Gas
CUSTOMER: Michael El Koubi
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DOCKETING CASE #: 21-0637-GA-AIR

SUBJECT: Columbia Gas of Ohio - Protest Rate Case

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Description: I concur with all of the Ohio Consumer's Council's concerns and recommendations on this matter:

Columbia gas rate increaseRate Increase:

* Columbia's proposed rate increase of \$212 million is about \$202 million too high.

- * The PUCO Staff's proposed rate increase of \$35 million to \$58 million is too high.
- * OCC proposes that the PUCO limit the rate increase to about \$10 million.

Profits:

- * Columbia proposes to charge an 11% profit to consumers.
- * The PUCO Staff proposes a profit for Columbia of 9% to 10% to charge to consumers.
- * OCC proposes limiting Columbia's profit to 8.7%.

Fixed Charges:

- * Columbia proposes increasing its monthly fixed charges from \$16.75 to \$46.31 now and then up to \$80 monthly in five years.
 - * OCC opposes high fixed charges because they deny consumers the ability to lower their gas bills by reducing usage.
- ?no rate hikes

Some of the Other Issues:

- * Columbia has bad timing for a rate increase, given many Ohioans' financial difficulties from the pandemic, soaring energy prices, inflation, poverty, and the possibility of a recession.
- * OCC opposes Columbia's request to charge consumers for certain bonuses to its executives.
- * OCC asks the PUCO to order a \$10 million bill-payment assistance program for low-income and working-poor consumers, funded by Columbia's stockholders.
- * All of OCC's objections can be seen at: <https://bit.ly/occ-objections-columbia-22>

Sincerely,

Angela Donnellan

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