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

CASE ID: 00762234
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DOCKETING CASE #: 21-0637-GA-AIR

SUBJECT: Columbia Gas of Ohio - Protest Rate Case

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Description: I read an article that stated that Columbia Gas is seeking to raise the base rate that they charge for gas hookup— they're delivery charge. They are intending to nearly triple this charge, which will have a detrimental effect to not only myself and my family, but countless others in this community and the state of Ohio. Given the current economic climate, it is hard enough to stay afloat with rising gas prices (for cars), and rising prices for everyday necessities like groceries

and household items. Many of us are just scraping by, and in order to save money during tough months we set our thermostats to uncomfortable numbers only so that we might be able to save some money on our bills. With this proposal by Columbia, even the agency we once had to try to save money and owed our bills will be taken from us. With a \$46 base cost, can you imagine what that would do? This winter my gas bills were regularly over \$200 for my 1276 square foot home. We had many days where we turned our heat way down and snuggled up with blankets to try to get that number down, and we even have a smart thermostat to help us with that goal. Still, our bills were over \$200 multiple months in a row. Now that summer has rolled around and our heat will be off for the next few months, we will still have to pay just for the hookup. Why should we have to pay \$46 or \$80 for a hookup in the summer months when we are not even using our heat at all? It would be nice to have a break after paying such steep prices in the winter, but unfortunately those prices will be up in the \$300s next winter if this proposal is allowed to go through. Please do not allow this company with billion-dollar profits to take more from the consumer. Ohio's middle class is shrinking and suffering every day based on the decisions made by hidden figures. Please look out for the people that need help and do not let us be taken advantage of by this company with a monopoly over us!

Sincerely,

Angela Donnellan

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

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