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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO Consumer Service Division Memorandum

CASE ID: 00762557

CUSTOMER: Andre Fernandes

ADDRESS: refused, refused, Ohio refused

SERVICE ADDRESS: refused, refused. Ohio refused

AIQ: Columbia Gas of Ohio

NIQ: 4074376637

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DOCKETING CASE #: 21-0637-GA-AIR

SUBJECT: Columbia Gas of Ohio - Protest Rate Case

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Description: I strongly oppose the proposed fixed rate delivery increase proposed by Columbia Gas that has been brought forth by PUCO. A tripling of a rate for a service which consumers have no alternatives for is wildly inappropriate and unethical - especially in the state of uncertainty our economy is in. I understand the cost of doing business has increased, but not substantially enough to justify such a significant increase in rate. This is CLEARLY a move by Columbia Gas to gouge consumers with no alternatives for a service they cannot live without.

There is no justifiable explanation for such a substantial increase in rate which highlights that there is no reason for this increase other than to increase revenues at the public's expense at a time where most families are already struggling. Lastly, this fixed distribution charge will have a disproportionate impact on low-income households. If increased rates are necessary to support safe distribution of gas it should be better thought out to be sensible and sustainable for the people of Ohio.

Sincerely,

Angela Donnellan

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Service Monitoring and Enforcement Department Customer Service Investigator (800) 686-PUCO (7826) www.PUCO.ohio.gov

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