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## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO Consumer Service Division Memorandum

**CASE ID**: 00762578

**CUSTOMER:** ANONYMOUS CONSUMER

AIQ: Columbia Gas of Ohio

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**DOCKETING CASE #:** 21-0637-GA-AIR

SUBJECT: Columbia Gas of Ohio - Protest Rate Case

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The customer's comments are below:

The proposed Columbia Gas distribution increase is too high. I find it absurd that this utility thinks a tripling in distribution rates is reasonable to inflict on customers all at once. Inflation costs are impacting everyone, including companies, but to demand \$30 more from every customer regardless of usage is outright greed. Those at the bottom of the socioeconomic scale will be hardest hit, and no one can do anything to mitigate this increase by lowering usage. I am a working class Ohioan struggling with increases in fuel and food costs with no raise in sight. Let's work closer to the PUCO's recommendation that will allow the

utility to upgrade infrastructure without gouging consumers.

Please reject the 21% proposal.

Sincerely,

## Michael Lumbard

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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Summary: Public Comment Regarding the Rate Case, via website, electronically filed by Docketing Staff on behalf of Docketing