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

**CASE ID:** 00763110  
**CUSTOMER:** Clarissa Schauseil  
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**AIQ:** Columbia Gas of Ohio  
**NIQ:** 3044105473

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

**SUBJECT:** Columbia Gas of Ohio - Protest Rate Case

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Description: I am begging you to please not let Columbia Gas raise their distribution rate. We can not afford it! Its not that we just don't want to, we literally can not. I am in tears right now just thinking about it. With the prices of everything going up and major financial institutions projecting continued increases, we are on the brink of financial ruin. Every single paycheck is meticulously planned out because there is nothing to spare. My husband and I are not minimum wage workers either. We both have college degrees, we have a household income of about 60K a year, and we are fiscally responsible. Two years ago we chose to buy a house easily within our budget for 92,000. Yes it is an older

house that was built in the 1920's and needs a little updating, but we have always chosen to live within our means. This past year though, everything we have worked for and planned for has slowly been slipping away from historical inflation. There is no more room to give. There are no more price increases that can be endured. We dont qualify for public assistance. We are not getting food stamps, welfare checks, or utility vouchers. When I say the financial strain of our current economy is breaking families it is the understatement of the century. Allowing this rate hike will not mean we get to eat at restaurants less or purchase less luxuries. Everyone is already to that point right now. If Columbia Gas raises its rates it will mean we can not keep internet at home for our children to do school work, we will have to rehome our one small family dog, we will not be able to buy fresh fruits and vegetables. Simply put, our entire monthly income is already spent on our mortgage, utilities, gas, food, and medical care. A rate hike will put our family, as well as many others, in a desperate state.

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