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**Subject:** PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO - CASE #: 00763473 [ ref:\_00Dt0GzXt.\_5008y4QH5H:ref ]  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022 10:51:30 AM



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

**CASE ID:** 00763473

**CUSTOMER:** Eric May

**SERVICE ADDRESS:** 8346 Oak Creek Drive, Lewis Center, Ohio 43035

**AIQ:** Columbia Gas of Ohio

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

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

Please docket the associated customer comment and/or attached in the case number referenced above under "Public Comments". This information was received by the Consumer Services Division through alternate channels and is being forwarded to be filed formally. This information is not the opinion of Staff and should not be viewed as such.

Description: Hello,

I recently read that Columbia Gas was planning on tripling (3x) their fixed-line fees for gas service. This is outrageous. Being a public utility means that Columbia Gas enjoys a special monopolistic position in the market. That also means that they cannot engage in profiteering of that monopolistic position by changing fixed-line fees without a good reason.

Arguments that gas prices are high do not justify increased prices in fixed-line costs. When gas prices are low, interest rates are low, and the economy is booming Columbia Gas does not lower their fixed-line prices, do they? So why, when times are "tough" should they be permitted to increase by 300% the price we pay for hookups that we already have? Of course not.

It's the responsibility of the Public Utilities Commission to ensure that our public utilities are enjoying a profit, but also not abusing their monopolistic position by being a public utility. If they

want to be able to arbitrarily raise prices, then they can stop being a public utility and stop enjoying the privilege that the citizens of Ohio give them.

Thank you

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**From:** PUCO Consumer Call Center [contactthepuco@puc.state.oh.us]

**Sent:** 6/14/2022 10:50 AM

**To:** erictmay@me.com

**Subject:** PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO - Case #: 00763473 [ ref:\_00Dt0GzXt.\_5008y4QH5H:ref ]



Case Number: 00763473

Dear Eric May:

Thank you for contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) regarding Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia Gas) and its application to increase its rates.

The PUCO is responsible for ensuring that utilities across the state provide safe and reliable services. Great care is taken to review the utilities' financial records to make certain that the rates set do not result in the over-collection of revenue.

On June 30, 2021, Columbia Gas filed an application to increase its distribution rates. Columbia Gas has also requested various changes to its tariff and the continuation or addition of several riders.

The PUCO staff is in the process of investigating the facts and issues in the company's application and preparing a staff report. A local public hearing will be also be scheduled. The PUCO will fully examine all issues and evidence presented before it comes to a decision in this case.

The company's application and all related documents are available at [www.PUCO.ohio.gov](http://www.PUCO.ohio.gov), case no. 21-0637-GA-AIR. Click on the link to "Docketing information System" (DIS). You can then enter the case number in the "Case Lookup" search field. Additionally, I have filed your comments in the case docket; as a result, your comments will form a permanent part of the record.

Should you have any additional utility-related questions, please do not hesitate to contact the PUCO Call Center at (800) 686-PUCO (7826) or visit our website at [www.PUCO.ohio.gov](http://www.PUCO.ohio.gov).

Sincerely,

**Pamela Frye**

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
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**From:** PUCO Consumer Call Center [noreply@puc.state.oh.us]

**Sent:** 6/14/2022 9:00 AM

**To:** erictmay@me.com

**Subject:** PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO - Your Case #00763473



Dear Eric May:

Thank you for contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO).  
Your case number is 00763473.

A PUCO Call Center Representative will contact you as soon as possible to discuss your case.

Sincerely,

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