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

**CASE ID:** 00764078

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**AIQ:** Columbia Gas of Ohio

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**DOCKETING CASE #: 21-0637**

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

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Description: The proposed increase in Columbia Gas' fixed distribution rate is not a sustainable solution for the company's lack of good fiscal planning. At this time, to inflict this sort of additional financial hardship on Ohioans, is highly suspect. It's suspect in terms of timing, but also in terms of how the company has managed its financial resources and internal expenses over the past 10-15 years. As a "public utility", there is a fundamental responsibility to the actual public served by Columbia Gas. I also find it suspect --- and a bad precedent --- that this is an increase to base fixed costs, thus punishing consumers who do their level best to limit consumption in order to save resources. I would much rather see

increases to the price of what is actually being consumed. In the end, with inflation and rising costs, Columbia Gas will have to find ways to increase revenue to make ends meet. But they need to be realistic and not implemented within a vacuum, obtuse to all the hardships consumers are already dealing with. What they're asking is excessive and unrealistic"

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