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Subject: PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO - CASE #: 00764431 [ref:_00Dt0GzXt._5008y4TPcE:ref]
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 4:34:42 PM



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

CASE ID: 00764431
COMPANY:
CUSTOMER: Doug Ventling
ADDRESS: , Avon, Ohio
SERVICE ADDRESS: , Avon, Ohio
AIQ: Columbia Gas of Ohio
NIQ:

To ensure your response attaches to the appropriate case, please reply to this email without changing the subject line. Thank you!

DOCKETING CASE #: 21-0637-GA-AIR, 21-0638-GA-ALT, 21-0639-GA-UNC and 21-0640-GA-AAM

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: This is in regards to Columbia Gas' proposed fixed fee rate increase.

It is outrageous that Columbia Gas is proposing a 27% increase in distribution fees with no specific details on what the increase will fund. Extending "infrastructure replacement" and "capital expenditures" for five years does not explain why the increase is needed. Nor does compliance with "other future mandated government spending."

Please recognize this is only a strategy by Columbia Gas to raise money in a high inflationary environment. It is essentially price gouging, especially for lower income customers who have no way to offset such a large increase.

Please do not approve this increase!

Doug Ventling
Avon, Ohio

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

Sent: 6/21/2022 4:33 PM

To: doug.ventling@yahoo.com

Subject: PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO - Case #: 00764431 [ref:_00Dt0GzXt._5008y4TPcE:ref]



Case Number: 00764431

Dear Doug Ventling:

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, 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.

Sincerely,

Pamela Frye

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Service Monitoring and Enforcement Department
Customer Service Supervisor - Water
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www.PUCO.ohio.gov

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Sent: 6/18/2022 8:09 AM

To: doug.ventling@yahoo.com

Subject: PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO - Your Case #00764431



Dear Doug Ventling:

Thank you for contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO).
Your case number is 00764431.

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

Sincerely,

PUCO Call Center
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Summary: Public Comment of Doug Ventling, via website, electronically filed by
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