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Subject: PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO - CASE #: 00767484 [ref:_00Dt0GzXt._5008y4gZi5:ref]
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**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO
Consumer Service Division
Memorandum**

CASE ID: 00767484
COMPANY: Columbia Gas of Ohio
CUSTOMER: Daniel Cleveland
ADDRESS: Refused, Refused, Ohio 00000
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.

I am commenting on Columbia Gas proposed rate hikes. Case numbers - 21-0637-GA-AIR, 21-0638-GA-ALT, 21-0639-GA-UNC, 21-0640-GA-AAM

I am firmly opposed to this rate hike. Columbia gas is still posting profits while being a monopoly. I understand raising rates, but not from \$17 to \$46. That is too steep, also distribution charges are unfair. They should rather be raising the price of natural gas to make those who use more to pay their fair share.

In addition, Columbia gas is bringing out specific non-profits to bolster this case. Please see text from a columbus underground article written on july 12, 2022 about the non-profits that were supporting Columbia gas.

"Columbia Gas and its parent company NiSource hold or have held seats on the boards of each of the nonprofits present — a fact which may have played a role in their decisions to testify. OEP, Children's Hunger Alliance, LifeCare, United Way of Central Ohio, and Besa all currently have associates of these companies on their boards (though LifeCare's board list does not display affiliations, William E. Mojica is a Senior Vice President at NiSource). Although no Columbia Gas representatives are currently listed on CSB's board, archived pages indicate that Columbia Gas' Darnita M. Bradley served in 2019 and Sherrice Thomas from 2020-2021. In testimony, both Marshall of the Children's Hunger Alliance and Garver of CSB openly mentioned Columbia Gas' board involvement as positive examples of philanthropic engagement."

This is a shady proposal that will hurt already hurting Ohioans. Inflation is too high, pay raises are not meeting the COL increases, and an outrageous housing market is trapping citizens into renting.

Nisource posted a 152 million profit in the fourth quarter alone of 2021

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Case Number: 00767484

Dear Daniel Cleveland:

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. 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,


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