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**Subject:** PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO - CASE #: 00767618 [ ref:\_00Dt0GzXt\_5008y4hEit:ref ]  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 13, 2022 3:18:37 PM



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

**CASE ID:** 00767618  
**COMPANY:** Columbia Gas of Ohio  
**CUSTOMER:** Christopher Reardon  
**ADDRESS:** Refused, Columbus, Ohio 43229  
**SERVICE ADDRESS:** Refused, Columbus, Ohio 43229  
**AIQ:** Columbia Gas of Ohio  
**NIQ:** 7403388886

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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 want to send this message to oppose the rate hikes that are being proposed by Columbia Gas. These rate hikes will increase their profits by 200 million dollars, far higher than they require to mitigate their increased expenses. This rate hike will increase monthly bills drastically for Ohioans, which disproportionately affects low income populations. Columbia gas pays out approximately 300 million dollars annually to shareholders as dividends, and 20 million in assistance for people who cannot pay, that is only 5.4% of those profits. Inflation and cost of living are up significantly - it should be a crime to tack on an additional rate hike just to line the pockets of Columbia Gas. Recently, at a hearing for this rate hike in Columbus,

Columbia Gas attempted to make it seem like this money will go back to the community. Please think logically and pass this message along, they are a for profit company, and will not look out for the best interests of Ohioans; that rate hike will hurt the community, not help it.

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

**Sent:** 7/13/2022 3:16 PM

**To:** reardon.chris116@gmail.com

**Subject:** PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO - Case #: 00767618 [ref:\_00Dt0GzXt.\_5008y4hEit:ref]



Case Number: 00767618

Dear Christopher Reardon:

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](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,

**Jennifer Stephens**

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Service Monitoring and Enforcement Department

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

**Sent:** 7/13/2022 10:26 AM

**To:** reardon.chris116@gmail.com

**Subject:** PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO - Your Case #00767618



Dear Christopher Reardon:

Thank you for contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO).  
Your case number is 00767618.

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 Christopher Reardon, via website, electronically filed  
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