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

**CASE ID:** 00767755  
**COMPANY:** Columbia Gas of Ohio  
**CUSTOMER:** Brian Kelly  
**ADDRESS:** Ohio  
**SERVICE ADDRESS:** Ohio  
**AIQ:** Columbia Gas of Ohio  
**NIQ:**

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

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An increase of \$29.56 to \$46.31 per month for gas delivery represents a 176% gain for Columbia Gas over its current Fixed Charge level. While Columbia has not requested an increase in 14 years, the math indicates the request would be an average of 12.6% over that period. That far exceeds this period's rate of inflation. Raising the fixed portion currently at 59% of the total bill over the last twelve months (even with exceptionally high gas rate futures prices) further inhibits the consumer from adjusting their usage behavior to meet the increase. A higher fixed base guarantees Columbia a secure exaggerated income stream regardless of how they service their customer base. While a utility is not exactly operating in a free

market, by squashing any savings obtained by usage reduction, it should not monopolize a consumer's ability to make an affordable living standard.

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