From: PUCO Consumer Call Center

To: <u>Puco Docketing</u>

Subject: PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO - CASE #: 00771444 [ref:_00Dt0GzXt._5008y4uwYz:ref]

Date: Thursday, August 4, 2022 9:32:58 AM



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO Consumer Service Division Memorandum

CASE ID: 00771444

COMPANY: Columbia Gas of Ohio

CUSTOMER: Diane Nutter **AIQ:** Columbia Gas of Ohio

NIQ: 0000000000

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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.

Columbia Gas' application for distribution rate increase: Case No. 21-0637-GA-AIR, and 3 other case numbers. Their application for a THREE HUNDRED PERCENT (300%) increase will cause great financial harm to almost all customers of Columbia Gas. This rate increase will also cause physical, emotional and mental harm to hundreds of thousands of Ohioans. This rate increase would mean that many thousands of homes will lose ALL of their heat during the winter, which will cause Ohioans great physical harm and even death. The elderly are especially vulnerable to this physical and financial harm. The extreme greed behind this rate increase that would increase company profits by more than two hundred million dollars every year is deeply offensive to the point of being obscene. People should not be forced to choose between heat or food, when they

cannot afford both. PUCO must protect ordinary Ohioans first and foremost. PUCO must NOT enrich Columbia Gas' shareholders at the cost of causing great harm to Ohioans who require service from Columbia Gas to heat our homes and cook our food. THEREFORE, I STRONGLY URGE PUCO TO LIMIT COLUMBIA GAS' DISTRIBUTION RATE INCREASE TO THREE PERCENT (3%). Thank you for protecting Ohioans from harm.

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Subject: PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO - Case #: 00771444 [

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Case Number: 00771444

Dear Diane Nutter:

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,

Calvin Ladd

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Service Monitoring and Enforcement Department Customer Service Investigator (800) 686-PUCO (7826) www.PUCO.ohio.gov

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