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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO Consumer Service Division Memorandum

CASE ID: 00771195

CUSTOMER: Kelli Natale-Koppel **AIQ:** Columbia Gas of Ohio

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DOCKETING CASE #: 21-0637-GA-AIR

SUBJECT: Columbia Gas of Ohio - Protest Rate Case

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Customer commented, "I have been made aware that Columbia Gas of Ohio is asking to increase their distribution fee to residential customers. I do not think this increase is appropriate. I already pay around \$17/month in distribution fees. Increasing to \$46 is unjust and unnecessary. Columbia Gas is earning higher profits than ever. There is no justifiable reason for the proposed increase. For my household there are many months where the distribution fee is already higher than my actual gas usage bill (warm months). \$46 or so dollars a month just for the privilege of using the tap is a financial burden to a majority of families. Families are Experiencing ever increasing financial pressure from every direction. I ask you to decline Columbia Gas' request to increase their fees. The increase will o my force more Ohio residents to choose between staying warm and other

essentials, such as medication and food."

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Summary: Public Comment of Kelli Natale-Koppel, via website, electronically filed by Docketing Staff on behalf of Docketing