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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO Consumer Service Division Memorandum

CASE ID: 00771991

CUSTOMER: Amy Schmitz **AIQ:** Columbia Gas of Ohio

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DOCKETING CASE #:21-0637-GA-AIR

SUBJECT: Columbia Gas of Ohio - Rates & Tariffs

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I just moved here from another state and have been incredibly shocked by the violations of consumer rights. AEP cut off my power for 3 days to preserve power to the most affluent in the community, and now Columbus Gas is adding exorbitant fees that have no connection to one's usage. My utility bills are already at least 4 times higher than they were in Missouri, and now they want to add yet more fees and "charges" to our gas bills when we use no gas? In the summer, I live alone and use no gas in the summer but still have incredibly high bills and now it will be over twice as high? That is a regressive tax and violates our rights as consumers. I want to know exactly how we can protest this and stop this! I also

want to know what we can do about AEP's discriminatory practices? I care deeply about consumers, as I am a long-time teacher of consumer law and this breaks my heart! We all know that the corporate folks in charge are making more and more money while the consumers suffer, and to add fees that have no connection to how much gas we use is simply unconscionable.

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