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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Attn: Docketing 180 E. Broad St. Columbus, OH 43215

Formal Complaint Form

Public Utilities Commission

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State

DONALD HOUSE

Customer Name (Please Print

Ohio

Against

7680 SOUTH UNION ROAD MIAMISBURG OHIO 45342

City

SAME Customer Service Address (if different from above)

<u>537-764</u>2

AES OHIO Utility Company Name

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Customer Telephone Numbe

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Upon the filing of a complaint by one hundred subscribers or five per cent of the subscribers to any telephone exchange, whichever number be smaller, or by the legislative authority of any municipal corporation served by such telephone company that any regulation, measurement, standard of service, or practice affecting or relating to any service furnished by the telephone company, or in connection with such service is, or will be, in any respect unreasonable, unjust, discriminatory, or preferential, or that any service is, or will be, inadequate or cannot be obtained, the commission shall fix a time for the hearing of such complaint.

The hearing provided for in the next preceding paragraph shall be held in the county wherein resides the majority of the signers of such complaint, or wherein is located such municipal corporation. Notice of the date, time of day, and location of the hearing shall be served upon the telephone company complained of, upon each municipal corporation served by the telephone company in the county or counties affected, and shall be published for not less than two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties affected.

Such hearing shall be held not less than fifteen nor more than thirty days after the second publication of such notice.

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Case Detail

Case Number: 00752614 Account Name: Donald Houser

Type: Status: Comment Added Preferred Contact Method: No Preference

CASE DATES:

Date Opened: 03-21-2022 Case Age in Business Days: 6 Owner: Carmelita Smith Account in Question: Dayton Power & Light Company Account Holder: Donald Houser Priority: Standard Service Type: Residential

Date Closed:

Contact Information

Contact: Donald Houser

Preferred Contact Method: No Preference

Phone: 9378660028 Mobile: 9378660028 Preferred Contact Time: Email: dlhouser@yahoo.com

Service Address Information

Service Account Number: Service Address Street: 7680 South Union Road Service Address City: Miamisburg Service Address Country: United States Service Address County: Montgomery Service Address State: Ohio Service Address Zip: 45432Service Address Phone: 9378660028

Industry Information

AIQ Industry: Electric

AIQ Sub-Industry: Electric Distribution Utility

AIQ Sub-Sub-Industry: Non-Jurisdictional Case: Territory Account: General Code: Billing -- Electric Specific Code: Billing Inquiry

Additional Information

PUCO ID: 300379

Case Formal Complaint Specialist Approved:

Docketing Case Number: Legacy Case ID: Case Formal Complaint Supervisor Approved:

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Transportation Information

Crossing ID: Railroad: Railroad Street Name:

Description Information

Description:

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Resolution:

Case Comments

Created Date	Comment			
	His last bill was almost \$500 bucks and for the last 6-7 months his bill was \$60-\$75 bucks. There was a re-read and AES states that the reading was good. He states that he couldn't use that much electric and that he's the only one there and only cooks in the microwave and washes maybe one time a week.			
3/21/2022 2:44:01 PM	I asked if he had a meter test and he stated no but wants it tested			
372172022 2:44.01 FW	He has AEP Energy and they're charging him \$.0649 * 4148 kWh			
	Adv AES cannot tell him how or where the electric was used, this happened to him last year this time as well.			
	Gave name/case#/inv timeline			
3/21/2022 2:48:46 PM	adv of the ptc and the rates is higher than AES adv he should call AEP Energy before making a switch to avoid the ETF.			
3/24/2022 9:33:24 AM	Tried calling the customer, sounds like the line would be picked up then hung up. I will attempt to call again later.			
	Spk with Mr. Houser and explained the response from AES.			
3/29/2022 3;30:38 PM	He stated he doesn't believe what they are saying and there is no way he can use that much usage. I tried explaining the winter months and how the temperature can make the bill rise because the furnace has to go on more. He keeps stating it's only him. I advised his usage in the past winter months has always increased and last year it was more in March than this year, I explained the bill may be higher because the rate this year is higher.			
	He still feels AES is wrong and wants a copy of their findings and an FC mailed to him.			
	I advised him to allow 7-10 days to receive it.			

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To ensure your response attaches to the appropriate case, please reply to this email without changing the subject line. Thank you!

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE:

Good morning,

Mr. Houser has contacted the PUCO in regards to his billing. He explained he has received a bill for \$500 and before the bills were coming in for \$60-\$75 a month. He stated AES came out and said the meter was reading correctly, but he would like to have the meter tested.

Has the customer contacted your company regarding this issue? If so, what was informed?

If actual meter readings are being obtained. If not, how is the customer's usage being estimated?

• If an actual verified meter reading has been obtained for this customer. If so, what was the reading?

Please contact this customer to make arrangements to test the meter.

Please provide copies of the customer's billing and payment information for the past 6 months.

Please provide any additional information relevant to this case.

Please speak to the customer regarding the complaint as received from the PUCO.

Sincerely,

Carmelita Smith

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Service Monitoring and Enforcement Department

Customer Service Investigator

(800) 686-PUCO (7826)

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11/10/20	28	81785	727
10/13/20	32	81058	863
09/11/20	30	80195	1,140
08/12/20	29	79055	1,332
07/14/20	33	77723	1,566
06/11/20	31	76157	1,135
05/11/20	28	75022	1,302
04/13/20	32	73720	1,847
03/12/20	30	71873	1,905
02/11/20	29	69968	1,871
01/13/20	34	68097	2,394
12/10/19	32	65703	2,059
11/08/19	28	63644	1,164
10/11/19	30	62480	1,119

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Thank You, Tawny [signature_1266191652] Customer Billing & Revenue Support - PUCO & Reliability AES Ohio 937-331-3918 local | 800-253-5795 toll free [cid:image002.png@01D83E16.565DF370]

From: PUCO Consumer Call Center <contactthepuco@puc.state.oh.us> Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 10:39 AM To: AES Ohio CS PUCO / OCC <aesohiopuco@aes.com> Subject: PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO - CASE #: 00752614 [ref: _00Dt0GzXt._5008y3YYUD:ref]

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Initial Submission of a Consumer Complaint Please Respond Within 10 Business Days

CASE ID: 00752614 CUSTOMER: Donald Houser ADDRESS: 7680 South Union Road, Miamisburg, Ohio 45342 SERVICE ADDRESS: 7680 South Union Road, Miamisburg, Ohio 45342 AIQ: Dayton Power & Light Company ALTERNATIVE PHONE NUMBER: NIQ: (937) 866-0028 Mr. Houser's meter tested OK on 03/22/22, and the technician spoke with Mr. Houser at the time of the appointment as well.

If actual meter readings are being obtained. If an actual verified meter reading has been obtained for this customer.

Yes, Mr. Houser's meter readings are actual.

If not, how is the customer's usage being estimated?

N/A

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If so, what was the reading?

Date Read Usage 03/22/22 7507 289 Meter Test 03/14/22 7218 9 Recheck 03/14/22 7209 3,814 **Monthly Billing** 02/10/22 3395 4,148 Monthly Billing 01/12/22 99247 660 **Monthly Billing**

Please contact this customer to make arrangements to test the meter.

Mr. Houser's meter was tested on 03/22/22. The meter tested well within acceptable limits, and the readings are considered accurate. The meter test results are as follows:

TEST

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ACCEPTIBLE LIMITS ACTUAL RESULTS Full Load Between 98.0% - 102.0% 99.819% Power Factor Between 98.0% - 102.0% 99.720% Light Load Between 98.0% - 102.0% 99.101%

Please provide copies of the customer's billing and payment information for the past 6 months.

Please see attached.

Additional Note: Mr. Houser has stated that he heats with propane and does not use any space heaters. Still, his usage does tend to increase in the winter historically. Even so, Mr. Houser's consumption began to change as of last winter in ways that hadn't previously occurred in previous winter seasons. This is what led the AES Ohio PUCO Liaison to speculate that something may be occurring with Mr. Houser's furnace if the electric meter does end up testing OK. It may be that Mr. Houser is somehow, unintentionally, engaging his furnace's E-Heat (Emergency Heating) which is an electric "back-up" heating source within the furnace that begins to produce the heat when it is not able to generate enough heat through its primary source. E-Heat causes extremely high electric usage and often looks very similar to what is being seen below, but again this is just an experienced speculation based off the data.

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Date	Days	Read	Usage
03/14/22	32 ⁻	7209	3,814
02/10/22	29	3395	4,148
01/12/22	34	99247	660
12/09/21	30	98587	556
11/09/21	28	98031	681
10/12/21	. 29	9 7350	681
09/13/21	32	96669	1,115
08/12/21	30	95554	967
07/13/21	_ 32 _	94587	1,150
06/11/21	31	93437	872
05/11/21	28	92565	806
04/13/21	33	91759	2,020
03/11/21	30	89739	
02/09/21	28 3	85623	
01/12/21	33	84476	1,334
12/10/20	30	83142	1,357

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