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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO Consumer Service Division Memorandum

CASE ID: 00783674

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DOCKETING CASE #: 21-0637

SUBJECT: Columbia Gas of Ohio - Protest Rate Case

Columbia's proposal would nearly triple its current fixed monthly base distribution charge from \$16.75 to \$46.31. Columbia proposes that in five years residential consumers could be paying up to \$80 per month in fixed charges, before they use even a single unit of natural gas. Higher fixed charges favor utilities by guaranteeing their revenues, at the expense of consumers' ability to lower their bills by reducing usage.

I already barely use my gas n=because all of the taxes and delivery charges are way more expansive than the gas I actually use. STOP this thievery. I am on a fixed income and these irresponsible increases are going to make me homeless.

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Summary: Public Comment of Laura Kaczmarski, via website, electronically filed by Docketing Staff on behalf of Docketing