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**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO  
Consumer Service Division  
Memorandum**

**CASE ID:** 00788305  
**CUSTOMER:** ANONYMOUS CONSUMER  
**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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The customer's comments are below:

This rate increase is nothing more than a cash grab to pad Columbia Gas of Ohio's parent company, NiSource's, balance sheet. 2020 saw a -168% YOY cash flow for NiSource. This request was filed in May of 2021 in response. 2021 saw that cash flow soar to +486%YOY. 5 days ago NiSource filed for a stock offering of 450M dollars. Columbia Gas of Ohio does not need a rate increase. They recovered from the 2020 downturn. This rate increase will only serve to hurt Ohioans and force them to pad the balance sheet and stock price of NiSource. Deny this motion.

Sincerely,

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