Eric C. Deters

# Mark David Kos 

Frost Brown Todd, LLC
250 W. Main Street, Suite 2800
Lexington, KY 40507-1749

## RE: BULLDOG'S ENTERPRISES, INC. V. DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC.

Dear Mr. Goss:

Enclosed please find Bulldog's Road House Response To Respondent's Initial Requests For Production of Documents and Interrogatories.

Sincerely,


Assistant to Eric C. Deters

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cc: Public Service Commission
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BULLDOG'S ENTERPRISES,INC.d/b/a )
BULLDOG'S ROAD HOUSE )
    COMPLAINANT )
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VS )
    Case No. 2010-00404
DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC. )
RESPONDENT )
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BULLDOG'S ROAD HOUSE REPONSE TO RESPONDENT'S INITIAL REQUESTS FOR PROCUCTION OF DOCUMENTS AND INTERROGATORIES

Comes now the Complainant, Bulldog's Road House, by counsel, and does hereby respond to the first set of data request submitted by Respondent, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc., as set forth below:
Bulldog's Road House
Response to the Initial Data Request of Duke Energy Kentucky Dated: June 30, 2011
Case No. 2010-00404
Responding Witness: Eric C. Deters

1. Please refer to paragraph seven of your complaint wherein you make the following statement: "Upon information and belief, thousands of Respondent's commercial customers are subject to such meter malfunctions annually." Please identify each and every fact known by you that supports this statement and identify with particularity the source(s) of your knowledge of each such fact.

## RESPONSE:

Complainant has received several letters from similarly situated customers causing the Complainant to believe that Respondent's customers suffer a pattern of meter malfunctions every year. For a list of persons who provided Complainant with such information, please see response to Interrogatory 10.

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2. Please refer to paragraph ten of your complaint wherein you make the following statement: "Complainant closed this location for retail customers on June 1 . 2010."
a) Explain what is meant by "retail customers "

## RESPONSE:

Retail customers mean the day-to-day patrons of the restaurant who visited with the intention of enjoying Complainant's food and drink.
b) Explain what is meant by "closed."

## RESPONSE:

Bulldog's Road House closed to patrons for the months of June and July 2010. The restaurant remained, however, available for the booking of private events. No such events occurred during those two months except July $4^{\text {th }}$ weekend and one other night. Also, it was closed for August until the last ten days.
c) Explain whether the Premises remained open for any lype of service to other customers, persons or entities on or after June 1, 2010.

## RESPONSE:

As mentioned above, the restaurant remained open for the booking of private events during June and July 2010. The restaurant opened for the July $4^{\text {th }}$ holiday weekend (July 2-4, 2010) and one other party in July, but that was the only activity that actually occurred inside the restaurant during the time period in question. The restaurant reopened in late August.

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3. Please refer to paragraph eleven of your complaint wherein you make the following statement: "Despite the location being closed, and virtually no utilities being used, Respondent billed Complainant over $\$ 3,600.00$ for June and over $\$ 3,800.00$ for July "
a) Please explain what is meant by the phrase "virtually no utilities being used."

## RESPONSE:

On, or around June 1, 2010, seven small refrigerators (four in the kitchen and three in the bar area), one large freezer and all of the televisions were shut down. In addition, the air was off and the lights were off.
b) Please identify the specific utilities being used at the Premises during the months of June and July 2010.

## RESPONSE:

There would be no gas usage and limited electric based upon 3(a).

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4. Please refer to paragraph thirteen of your complaint wherein you make the following statement: "Upon information and belief, Respondent treats all similarly situated commercial accounts in the same manner." Please identify each and every fact known by you that supports this statement and identify with particularity the source(s) of your knowledge of each such fact.

## RESPONSE:

Complainant's information and belief is based upon the premises that Respondent conducts its business with each customer in a uniform manner, especially given the uniform billing statements contained within each customer bill, along with Respondent's uniform procedures for responding to customer billing complaints.

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5. Please refer to paragraph fifteen of your complaint wherein you make the following statement: "Respondent has tens of thousands of commercial customers utilizing its meters, of which thousands malfunction annually" Please identify each and every fact known by you that supports this statement and identify with particularity the source(s) of your knowledge of each such fact.

## RESPONSE:

This information was received from Duke.

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6. Please refer to paragraph seventeen of your complaint wherein you make the following statement: "Respondent's commercial accounts that close are subsequently overbilled for utilities they did not use." Please identify each and every fact known by you that supports this statement and identify with particularity the source(s) of your knowledge of each such fact.

## RESPONSE:

This is based upon common sense. In addition, others have said the same thing to Respondent.

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7. Please explain why Bulldog has standing to file this complaint when "Willie's of Independence" is the name of the customer who has subscribed to service from Duke Energy at the Premises.

RESPONSE:

Complainant purchased the property from Willie's of Independence. All services were paid by Bulldog's pursuant to the agreement of sale from Willie's. Respondent was paid from Complainant's pockets. Willie's made a full assignment. It was just never taken out of Willie's name.

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8. Please explain the legal, financial and commercial relationship(s) between Bulldog and Willie's of Independence.

## RESPONSE:

There is no legal, financial and commercial relationship between the Bullog and Willie's of Independence. Bulldog Enterprises, Inc. purchased the restaurant from Willie's of Independence.

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9. Please identify the specific tariff(s), regulation(s) and/or tariff(s) that you believe Duke Energy has violated. For each such violation, please identify each and every fact that you rely upon to support your belief and identify with particularity the source(s) of your knowledge of each such fact.

## RESPONSE:

The ones which prevent Duke from billing for gas and electric not consumed

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10. Please refer to page two of your response to Duke Energy's motion to dismiss wherein you make the following statement: "Numerous customers of Defendant have contacted Complainant to tell their stories regarding improper billing practices regularly carried out by Defendant." Please identify all such customers by name, address and telephone number.

## RESPONSE:

Robert Beyrer
7579 Montridge Dr.
Cincinnati, OH 45244-3232
Kristin Valenti
4334 Glendale-Milford Road
Cincinnati, OH 45242
Stephen R. Kremer
3283 Yelton lane
Ameila, OH 45102
Larry Miller
1719 Dana Ave., Unit S
Cincinnati, OH 45206

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11. Please state why you have not paid the undisputed portions of your electric and gas bills as required by 807 KAR 5:007, Sections 10-11.

RESPONSE:
Given the Respondent's inability to explain why the consumption of energy and gas was so high for the months of June and July 2010-in a closed restaurant-it is impossible for Bulldog's to determine what it actually owes. This discrepancy causes Bulldog's to question the accuracy of all prior bills. This is especially the case given the Defendant's record of repeated meter failures and the application of fast-meter charges to the bills.

Respondent was left with paying the bills or closing. Respondent chose closing.

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12. Please identify each and every Electrical Device that was installed at, attached to or located in the Premises during the months of June and July of 2010.

## RESPONSE:

The normal equipment used in the operating of a full service kitchen.

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13. Please identify by name, title, address and phone number the person(s) who actually disconnected each of the Electrical Devices identified in response to interrogatory $\qquad$ and the date of each disconnection.

## RESPONSE:

Tami Ponzer<br>Former General Manager, Bulldog's Roadhouse 85 Roselawn Dr.<br>Independence, KY 41501

Memorial Day weekend and after the two July events.
Bulldog's Road House
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14. For each Electrical Device you identified in response to interrogatory thirteen as being disconnected, please state whether it was subsequently reconnected to an electrical outlet.

## RESPONSE:

Yes.

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15. Please state whether Bulldog was the employer of any individuals who worked at the Premises during the period of January 2010 through October 2010.

## RESPONSE:

Yes.
a) If Bulldog was the employer of individuals who worked at the Premises during the period of January 2010 through October 2010, please identify by name, title, address and phone number the individuals so employed.

## RESPONSE:

(See attacked list)
b) If anyone worked at the Premises during the period of January 2010 through October 2010 and was an employee of a person or entity other than Bulldog, please identify the name, address and phone number of such other person or entity.

## RESPONSE:

Every person working on the Premises from January 2010 through October 2010 was an employee of Bullidog's.

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16. Please state whether any activities (which for purposes of this interrogatory shall include, but not be limited to: hosting private parties, receptions, celebrations or dining; bartending; catering; warehousing or storage; cleaning; maintaining; or watching television, movies or live entertainment) were conducted at the Premises on or after June 1, 2010. If any such activities occurred at the Premises on or after June 1, 2010, please identify the nature and date(s) of each such activity.

## RESPONSE:

No activities occurred at the premises after June 1, 2010, with the exception of the opening of the restaurant to patrons for the July 4, 2010 holiday weekend and one other July event. Bulldog's Roadhouse re-opened, with limited hours, in late August 2010.

# Bulldog's Road House <br> Response to the Initial Data Request of Duke Energy Kentucky Dated: June 30, 2011 <br> Case No. 2010-00404 <br> Responding Witness: Eric C. Deters <br> REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION 

1. Please produce a copy of any and all documents received by Bulldog from Duke Energy in 2010.

RESPONSE:
See attached.

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2. For each customer identified by you in Exhibit $F$ to your response in opposition to Duke Energy's motion to dismiss or in your response to interrogatory number above, please produce a copy of all documents received by you from each customer.

## RESPONSE:

Attached.

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3. Please produce an audio recording or transcript of any discussions you have had about the facts of this case during a radio broadcast in which you were a participant.

## RESPONSE:

Unknown. Respondent has no idea what shows it was spoken about. There were no transcripts.

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4. Please produce a copy of any video recordings or posts of any discussion you have had about the facts of this case in the context of a blog, internet post, or social media outlet (i.e. UTube, Twitter, Facebook, etc.).

## RESPONSE:

No such video recordings or posts exist to Respondent's recollection.

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5. Please produce a copy of all payroll records arising from or relating io work performed by any individuals identified in response to interrogatory __. To the extent that any confidential information may be set forth in said records, the Complainant should consider seeking a designation of the confidential information pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7.

RESPONSE:

These are confidential.

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6. Please produce a copy of all bills of sale, bills of lading, invoices, receipts or other documents arising from or relating to deliveries of food, beverages, goods or supplies to the Premises on or after June 1, 2010.

RESPONSE:
Respondent does not have these in his possession

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7. Please produce a copy of any and all utility bills arising from or relating to use of utility services at the Premises for June and July 2010. Without limitation, please include any bills for cable or satellite television service, water service, telephone service, wastewater/sewage service and trash removal service.

RESPONSE:
See attached

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8. Please produce a copy of any and all bills of sale, bills of lading, invoices, receipts or other documents arising from or relating to the disposition of Electrical Devices located at the Premises as of June 1, 2010. If any Electrical Devices located at the Premises as of June 1, 2010 were sold, transferred, gifted or in any other manner removed from the Premises, and no documentation exists arising from or relating to said sale, transfer, gift or removal, please state the date and nature of each transaction.

## RESPONSE:

(See attached.)

Respectfully submitted,


## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 15, 2011, a copy of the foregoing was served va clectronic mail and regular U.S. mail, postage pre-paid, upon the following:

Mark David Gross
Frost Brown Todd, LLC

250 W. Main Street, Suite 2800
Lexington, KY 40507-1749



## Eric Deters

## From: John F. Damico [jdamico@ercerc.com]

Sent: Friday, December 31, 2010 3:54 PM
To: Eric Deters
Cc: John F. Damico
Subject: Regarding your litigation with the electric company




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From: Eric Deters [mailto:eric@ericdeters.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2010 12:42 PM
To: jdamico@ercerc.com
Subject: Newsletter
You are receiving this email from Eric C. Deters \& Assoc. To ensure that you continue to receive emails from us, click confirm. If you add eric@ericdeters to your safe senders list in Outlook the images will automatically download.

You may unsubscribe if you no longer wish to receive our emails.

Eric Deters


I will keep a record each time this happens to me

Thanks Joe

From: eric@ericdeters.com [mailto:eric@ericdeters.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2010 10:53 PM
To: JOE BREHM
Subject: Re: CLASS ACTION UTILITY CASES

At no cost...will you join me?
Sent on the Sprint ${ }^{\circledR}$, Now Network from my BlackBerry ${ }^{\circledR}$

## From: "JOE BREHM" < JBREHM0@INSIGHTBB.COM>

Date: Thu, 21 Oct 2010 23:46:06-0500
To: [eric@ericdeters.com](mailto:eric@ericdeters.com)
Subject: CLASS ACTION UTILITY CASES

Hello Eric,

509 Ash Road

Covington, Ky 41015

I had the water turned on 8-18-2010. They charged me the $\$ 36.89 .8-18-2010$ thru $8-31-2010$. I was told that was the average

9-1-2010 thru 9-30-2010 I was charged \$40.37.

The house is empty and there should only be a couple of gallons used a month. There is no running toilet or bath in this house.

I called and asked what is up and was told they would adjust it to their minimum even if no water is being used.
$\$ 10.12 /$ month sanitation
54.44 / month storm water

I have this happen all the time with houses but haven't had anything documented to send you.

Both the water company and the electric company will charge a minimum fee even the utility is shut off at the service entrance by the home owner. The only way to avoid this minimum fee is to call them and have them shut off the service. I do this for my gas at my personal residence each summer, but then they charge me $\$ 25$ to come back out and turn it back on.

Listen to you on the radio all of the time and love your show. The issues are generally very relevant to what I am dealing with.

Thanks for all your help,

Joe Brehm

Hon. Eric Deters
Eric C. Deters \& Associates
5247 Madison Pike
Independence, KY 41051


Dear Eric:
I am in receipt of your August 2, 2010 letter in which you indicated you were unhappy with your current Duke Energy billing statements. In your previous correspondence you indicated that your business was not fully functioning for the past few months and that your Duke Energy statements should be reflecting decreased usage.

We have investigated, but calls to you seeking additional information about your usage during the relevant period in order to assist in our investigation, have gone unanswered. Nonetheless, as a courtesy to you and out of an abundance of caution, we will be sending a technician to your place of business within the week to test the meter's accuracy. The disconnect order has been postponed until August $16^{\text {th }}$ to give us additional time to resolve this dispute.

If the meter is determined to be malfunctioning, then we will certainly repair it and adjust your bill accordingly. However, if the meter is operating properly I am sure you understand that we must insist upon payment. In that event, we must receive a payment of at least $\$ 3,612.00$ by August $13^{\text {th }}$.

Finally, the caustic nature of the correspondence you have sent, particularly your August $2^{\text {nd }}$ letter, was alarming. As a member of the Bar you are held to a higher standard. I sincerely hope you will demonstrate more diplomacy and professionalism moving forward, and extend to me the courtesy I have extended to you. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

JEM/emr


May 24, 2010
Willie's of Independence
2015 Declaration Dr.
Independence, IN 41051
Subject: Billing Adjustment for Unmetered Usage for Account Number 0410220802

## Dear Customer:

It has been determined that our electric meter 108007257 at 2015 Declaration Dr. was not registering properly for the time period of $4 / 21 / 10$ to $4 / 30 / 10$. As a result of this finding, the meter was replaced on $4 / 30 / 10$. Although metering equipment may occasionally malfunction, use of the service often continues without interruption and without proper meter registration.

When this circumstance occurs, Kentucky law states that the company can re-bill commercial accounts for the portion of the electric usage that did not register up to two years immediately prior to the date the defective meter was removed. Therefore, in accordance with Kentucky law, in order to bill for the unmetered usage, we have recalculated and re-billed your account for the time period of $4 / 21 / 10$ to $4 / 30 / 10$.

The method of determining the actual usage during this time period was based on a review of your usage patterns before and/or after installation of the new meter. Additionally, the appropriate rate in effect during the malfunction period was used to calculate the dollar amount owed. Any payments made to this account during the noted time period have been credited as well.

A billing adjustment for $\$ 617.90$ for the unmetered usage will be reflected on your next bill.
We realize that unexpected bills can be difficult to manage. After you have received your bill, if you need to make payment arrangements or if you have any questions concerning the adjustment, please feel free to call our Business Service Center at 1-800-774-1202.

At Duke Energy, we value you as a customer and appreciate the opportunity to serve your electric needs.

Sincerely,


J.R. Rainear<br>Customer Service Department

## Subject: Disconnection Notice for Account Number 04102208-02-7

## Dear Customer:

We want to inform you of some important information regarding your account with us.

At this time, our records indicate that your account at
2015 DECLARA广ION DR has a past due balance of $\$ 9,561.64$. To maintain your utility service, it will be necessary for you to pay your bill in full.

Please contact us at (513)651-5100 as soon as possible to discuss your account.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

J.R. Rainear

Customer Service Department

November 2, 2010

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WILLIE'S OF INDEPENDENCE
2015 DECLARATION DR
INDEPENDENCE KY $41051-7983$

Subject: Disconnection Notice for Account Number 04102208-02-7
Dear Customer:
We want to inform you of some important information regarding your account with us.

At this time, our records indicate that our account at 2015 DECLARATION DR has a past due balarce of $\$ 17,866.44$. To maintain your utility service, it will a necessary for you to pay your bill in full.

Please contact us at (513)651-5100 as soon as possible to discuss your account.
Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing from you soon.
Sincerely,

J.R. Rainear

Customer Service Department

## Duke Energy:

DISCONNECT NOTICE
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| Name | Service Address | Accounl Number |
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| Willie's Of Independence | 2015 Declaration Dr Independence KY 41051 | 0410-2208-02-7 |

Reduce Your Carbon Footprint: Looking for a way to help the environment? Participating in the new Carbon Offset Program is an easy and inexpensive way to balance out the environmental consequences of your energy use. Visit www balanceyourequation com for more information



## Duke Energy



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| Mail Payments To | Account Information |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PO Box 9001084 | Payments after Jul 22 not included | Bill prepared on Jul 22,2010 |
| Louisville KY 40290-1084 |  | Next meter reading Aug 19, 2010 |
| IMPORTANT- Your service may be disconnected if your past due amount of $\$ 3,612.09$ is not paid before 08/09/2010. A reconnection charge will be required. For questions, please call the number shown above. |  |  |



| Usage - $\quad 32,400 \mathrm{kWh}$ Duke Energy - Rate DS01 | $\begin{aligned} & 111.20 \mathrm{~kW} \\ & \$ 2,660.85 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
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| Current Electric Charges | \$ 2,660.85 |
| Raxes |  |
| Taxes | \$ 306.18 |

DISCONNECT NOTICE

| Due Date |
| :---: |
| Aug 13, 2010 |


| Amount Due. | Attes <br> Aug 13.2010 |
| :---: | :---: |
| \$ 7,418.90 | \$ 7,585.66 |

## NOTICE OF DISCONNECTION

We regret that it has been necessary to disconnect your gas and/or electric service(s), due to an unpaid balance.

## RESTORING SERVICE

To restore your gas and/or electric service(s) you will be required to satisfy all of the following:

- Pay the entire past-due balance or the past-due amount of any extended payment plan.
- Pay a reconnection charge.
- Pay a security deposit (if applicable).
- Provide current credit information.

NOTE: If you are unable to satisfy each of these requirements, you may be eligible for other arrangements. Contact our Credit Department at the telephone number below to discuss your account.

## SPECIAL WINTER PROVISION (November 3 through March 31)

Under the guidelines of the Special Winter Provision of the Public Service Commission, residential customers, whose gas and/or electric service(s) has been disconnected for nonpayment, may have the service(s) reconnected by satisfying all of the following:

- Present a Certificate of Financial Need (CFN) to Duke Energy from your local Community Action Commission, including a certification that a referral for weatherization service has been made.
- Pay one-third (1/3) of the past-due balance or $\$ 200$, whichever is less.
- Set-up an extended payment plan, which would bring your account current as soon as possible, but not later than October 15. If at the tiine of application for reconnection, you have an outstanding bill in excess of $\$ 600$, you must agree to a repayment plan that would pay off your current charges each month in addition to a good faith reduction of the past-due bill, consistent with your ability to pay.

Fcr additional information contact your local Community Action Commission (see phone numbers below).

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payments can be made by any of the following methods:

- Pay over the phone by electronic check or credit card (VISA \& MasterCard). Please call 1-877-596-5068.
- Pay at a Pay Station. Visit www.duke-energy.com or contact our Credit Department to locate a Pay Station near you.


## ENERGYASSISTANCE

Residential customers may qualify for energy assistance. Contact the local CAC serving your county.

| Boone County CAC | $859-586-9250$ | Gallatin County CAC | $859-567-4660$ |
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| Pendleton County CAC | $859-654-4054$ | Owen County CAC | $502-484-2116$ |
| Kenton County CAC | $859-291-8607$ | Campbell County CAC | $859-431-4177$ |
| Grant County CAC | $859-824-4768$ | Carroli County CAC | $502-732-5253$ |

## United Way \& Community Chest Information and Referral Services - call 211 or 859-525-2600

## CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions about your bill, or this disconnect notice, please contact our Credit Department. Our representatives are available 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## Credit Department

513-651-5100 or 1-800-648-7777

U You replied on 10/26/2010 9:21 AM.

## Eric Deters

| From: | McLean, James E [James.McLean@duke-energy.com] | Sent: Tue 10/26/2010 9:18 AM |
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| To: | Eric Deters |  |
| Cc: |  |  |
| Subject: | RE: |  |
| Attachments: |  |  |

Eric, thank you for updating me. I know you must be disappointed and I truly feel badly that things went south for Bulldog's. It looked like a nice place.

Our regulatory attorneys will continue to handle the PSC Complaint.

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James E McLean, Jr
Assistant General Counsel
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## Duke

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From: Eric Deters [mailto:EDeters@ericdeters.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 8:34 AM
To: McLean, James E
Subject:

James -

I made a decision Friday to close Bulldogs in Independence. Duke billed me the same as May for three months I was closed. The Water District's meters, they claim, made a mistake. I was paying their bill every month. Bam A $\$ 7,00000$ bill. Last week, the Sanitation District hit me with an $\$ 8,000.00$ bill. Problem. I never ever received one. Unbelievable Duke Sanitation District. Water. Three strikes I'm out I'm not going to pay $\$ 40,00000$ from my personal or law office accounts to three utilities who have absolutely committed ridiculous acts. I don't have to have their dreaded "disconnect" to worry about anymore. Also, Bulldog Enterprises doesn't own the building. My trust does. Bulldog Enterprises is judgment proof I'm not dropping the PSC complaint

Eric Deters

## Eric Deters

From: Mclean, James E [James.McLean@duke-energy.com]
Sent: Saturday, September 04, 2010 6:15 PM
To: Eric Deters
Subject: Re: Bulldog's Roadhouse
I guess civility will not be part of the equation.. I have extended to you every professional courtesy, yet you are unwilling to do the same. It is unfortunate and disappointing.

It is reasonable for you to pay the undisputed portion of the charges (the gas and the fixed fees which you have not disputed), dismiss your civil complaint, and file a complaint with the Kentucky PSC which is the proper forum Contrary to your belief, you are the same as any other rate payer. If you decline to cooperate as outlined above, then we will proceed with disconnection as I have indicated. You may be guided accordingly

Sent using BlackBerry

From: Eric Deters [EDeters@ericdeters.com](mailto:EDeters@ericdeters.com)
To: McLean, James E
Sent: Sat Sep 04 11:50:08 2010
Subject: RE: Bulldog's Roadhouse
it is fucking impossible that my charges for two months i was closed heating and air off to be the same as the prior months i propose i begin paying the bill going forward since i reopened two weeks ago until we lifigate those two months if you disconnect my service my damages will be significant and im hold duke responsible im not paying for two months i did not use that energy billed and you arrogant asses have proppsed nothing to address that!!!!!!!
------Original Message-----
From: McLean, James E [mailto:James.McLean@duke-energy.com]
Sent: Friday, September 03, 2010 2:03 PM
To: Eric Deters
Cc: D'Ascenzo, Rocco O; Ball, Pam; Rolfes, Minna; Steven Martin
Subject: Bulldog's Roadhouse
Eric, we suspended the disconnection orders in August so we could investigate further. Nothing unusual was found during our walkthrough at the restaurant. Further, as you know, the meter was tested and was found to be properly recording usage. These things were all done as a courtesy to you. You have not disputed the gas usage or the fixed charges, but you have paid nothing since June. As a result, your service is scheduled for disconnection on September 9.

We are willing to continue to try to work with you on this dispute, but the proper forum is the Kentucky PSC. We will continue to investigate, but I am asking that you file your complaint with the Kentucky PSC, pay the undisputed portion of the charges, and dismiss the action you have filed against Duke Energy in Kenton County as the Court does not have jurisdiction over this dispute. If you are unwilling to do so, we will proceed with disconnection on September 9.

Again, we are willing to continue to work with you and trust you will agree to proceed as set forth above so that we can continue to investigate. Please let me know your intentions on or before September 8.

James E. McLean, Jr.<br>Assistant General Counsel

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## Eric Deters

Cc:
Subject: Duke Energy billing issue

Attachments:
Eric

I wanted to let you know that the fax you intended to send to me today was erroneously sent to the Greater Cincinnati Minority Council, of which I am a member. Please ask your admin. correct. your contact information for me. My fax number is below.
 be reached at (513) 419-1831.

## Amy B. Spiller

Associate General Counsel

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Associate General Counsel
225 E. $6^{\text {th }}$ St., Floor 2
Cincimati, OH 45202

## RE: Enclosed

Dear Amy:
We have still not resolved the fraudulent $\$ 3,612.00$ bill. I was freaking closed!
Now, there are late charges. Now, I get billed another $\$ 3,000.00$ plus, when I was only open July $4^{\text {th }}$ weekend!

You guys are unbelievable. I will "kill" someone if they turn off my energy!


Deters Associate
From: Moss, Steven J [Steven Moss@duke-energy com]
Sent: Thursday, July 08, 20101029 AM
To: Deters Associate
Subject: FW: Willie's of Independence- electric bill
Mr Deters,
I am forwarding an email I sent, but for some reason it was not deliverable to the email address below James also had this email address in his file. Hope this one works
Steve

From: Moss, Steven J
Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2010 10:17 AM
To: ericdeters@ericdeters.com
Cc: McLean, James E
Subject: RE: Willie's of Independence- electric bill


Mr Deters,
James asked me to look into this matter while he is out of the office on vacation I received some information on your account today, however I have some questions that need to be answered before I can respond Unfortunately, the people I need to talk to are on vacation this week as well I hope to be able to respond to your request for information on your bill next week after I have had an opportunity to review this matter further.
Your letter mentions that your restaurant was closed for a month Could you please provide me the dates it was closed?
If you have any questions in the meantime, feel free to contact me
Thanks
Steve

Steven J Moss
Associate General Counsel
Office of the General Counsel
Duke Energy Corporation
1000 E Main Street
Plainfield, IN 46168
Telephone 317.8381870
Cell: 3174325567
Fax 3178381842
Email steven moss@duke-energy com

From: Mclean, James E
Sent: Thursday, July 01, 2010 11:14 AM
To: ericdeters@ericdeters.com
Cc: Moss, Steven J
Subject: Willie's of Independence- electric bill
Eric, I am in receipt of your June 29 letter inquiring about your recent electric bill for the abovereferenced property.

I left you a voicemail message as well. I am certain the business of the day keeps you quite busy- I
was just reaching out to let you know we are investigating. Once our investigation is complete, we will provide you with a detailed response. Of course, in the interim, feel free to call me with any questions or further concerns.

I will be out of the office the next few weeks on vacation. If I cannot respond before my departure from the office next week, then I will have another attorney in our Midwest legal department, Steve Moss, take over handling


#### Abstract

James E McLean, Jr Assistant General Counsel - Duke - Energy

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June 29, 2010
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Duke Energy<br>P.O. Box 9001076<br>Louisville, KY 40290-1076<br>Julie Janson<br>President of Kentucky \& Ohio Duke Energy<br>139 E. $4^{\text {th }}$ St.<br>Cincinnati, OH 45202<br>Hon. Amy Spiller<br>Associate General Counsel<br>155 East Broad St.<br>Suite 2100<br>Columbus, OH 43215

## RE: The Enclosed Bill

To whom it concerns:

I would like Duke to explain how this bill is as much as the last bill when I have been closed for a month! Our air conditioner has been off or on 80 the entire time. Lights have been off. None of the kitchen equipment on except for a few days to cater!

This is a damn fraud!
Sincerely,

Eric Deters

## NOTICE <br> DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE

Our records show that your account is now past due. We want to continue serving you, but we will have to DISCONNECT YOUR SERVICE unless we receive your payment. For the amount to pay and the date this amount needs to be paid by to avoid disconnect refer to the enclosed bill in the "Important" message box.

If you have paid or made satisfactory arrangements within the past few days, thank you, and please disregard this notice.

IF YOUR SERVICES ARE DISCONNECTED
If it is necessary for the Company to disconnect your service, you must do the following to have your service reconnected: 1) pay the entire past due amount; 2) pay the appropriate reconnection charges; 3) give the Company current credit information; and 4) if appropriate, pay a security deposit.

## CUSTOMER SERVICES DEPARTMENT DUKE ENERGY

Cincinnati<br>644 Linn<br>Cincinnati, Ohio 45233

Newport
1697AMonmouth Street Newport, Kentucky 41071

CUSTOMER SERVICES DEPARTMENT
TELEPHONE NUMBERS
(513) 651-5100 OR 1-800-648-7777

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| Willie's Of Independence | Duke Energy $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1-800-774-1202 } \\ & \text { For Account Services, please contact }\end{aligned}, \quad l$ |  | 0410-2208-02-7 |
| 2015 Declaration Dr |  |  |  |
| Independence KY 41051 | Business Service Center |  |  |
| Mail Pay | Accoun | matio |  |
| PO Box 9001084 <br> Louisville KY 40290-1084 | Payments after Mar 23 not included Last payment received Mar 09 | Bill prepared on Mar 23, 2010 Next meter reading Apr 21, 2010 |  |
| IMPORTANT-Your service may be disconnected if your past due amount of $\$ 11,532.89$ is not paid before 04/09/2010. This includes your past due utility amount of $\$ 3,887.89$ and your past due Deposit amount of $\$ 7,645,00$. A reconnection charge will be required. For questions, please call the number shown above. |  |  |  |


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| Elec | 108007257 | Feb 19 Mar 22 | 31 | 74908146 | 40 | 26,240 | 73.60 |


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| Usage - 1,114 CCF |  |
| Duke Entrgy - Rate GS | \$1,049.65 |
| Current Gas Charges | \$1,049.65 |
| Gas Cost Recovery \$0.69430000/CCF |  |

## Electic: Commercial

| Usage- $\quad 26,240 \mathrm{kWh}$ | $93.50 \mathrm{~kW}^{*}$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Duke Energy, Rate DS01 | $\$ 2,239.23$ |
| Current Electric Charges | $\$ 2,239.23$ |

- Based on 85\% of Previous Maximum Actual Demand of 110.00 kW Billed in Jul 09.


## Current Biling

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Balance Forward Current Gas Charges Current Electric Charges Taxes
Current Amount Due

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| Duke Energy - Rate DS01 | \$ 2,239.23 |
| Current Electric Charges | \$ 2,239.23 |

- Based on $85 \%$ of Previous Maximum Actual Demand of 110.00 kW Billed in Jul 09.


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Amt Due - Previous Bill Fayment(s) Receiveú Balance Forward Current Gas Charges Current Electric Charges Taxes
Current Amount Due


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| Duedate | Amount Due. | Ater <br> Apt I4. 2010 |
| Apr 14, 2010 | \$ 15,123.69 | \$ 15,288.13 |

## Our Service Representative Was Here...

Date:


Time:


## Customer Name:

Customer Address:
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Our service representative was here to perform one of the following services:
Read Meter
Turn Service On
Turn Service Off
Make a Routine Check
Investigate Trouble
Change Meter
Install Meter
Remove Meter Barrel Lock
Inspect Gas Service Line
Light Gas Pilots
Inspect Gas House Line
Other as Noted

Type of Service/Meter: $\square$ Gas Electric

## Comments

$\qquad$

If you have a service that still needs completed please contactor Customer Service Department at the following number to schedule an appointment:

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\begin{gathered}
513.421 .9500 \text { (local) } \\
\text { or } \\
1.800 .544 .6900 \text { (toll free) }
\end{gathered}
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The sender of this message has requested a read receipt. Click here to send a receipt.

## Eric Deters

| From: | Robert Beyrer [rbeyrer@cinci.rr.com] | Sent: Mon 1/3/2011 8:56 AM |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| To: | Eric Deters |  |
| Cc: |  |  |
| Subject: | Duke Energy - Class action suit |  |
| Attachments: |  |  |

Eric,
My name is Robert Beyrer I am a war veteran and a retired Cincinnati Police Detective
I am emailing you to see if there is enough parties interested in a class action suit against Duke Energy and their billing practice $I$ have saved my billing statements for the past $4-5$ years and have disputed my Duke Energy bills many times each year Using my past experience as an investigator I have come across an issue I think is wrong. I found that Duke Energy will bill double Rider charges, Distribution charges, Delivery charges and Generation charges
Another billing practice Duke Energy likes to do is not adjust those charges when they are unable to read the meters do to inclement weather They will adjust the Kilowatt usage but not the Delivery, Destination, Rider and Generation charges. I have called and complained about this billing practice in the past and had Duke adjust their rate. Now they will not listen and state "that is the way it is and they can not change it, comes from the HQ "
I have spoken to Cincinnati Public. Schools about this as well and they are looking into this issue since they are having the same problem with Duke Energy and their billing practice

Thank you and please let me know or a direction I can take to resolve this issue

Robert Beyrer
Cell: (513) 703-7462


March 3, 2010
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Robert A Beyrer
7579 Montridge $\operatorname{Dr} 31013$
Cincinnati $\mathrm{OH}^{45244-3232 ~} 71$

Subject: IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT YOUR BILL
Account number: 32700332
Dear Duke Energy Customer:
You are likely already aware that we incorrectly estimated the most recent bills for some of our customers, at higher amounts than they should have been.

The recent hazardous winter weather created dangerous working conditions for our meter readers. With safety in mind, we decided to employ a common industry practice of estimating energy usage for those meters that could not safely be read during the inclement weather. In the last billing cycle, those estimates were too high for a number of customer accounts, including yours.

We sincerely apologize for this error. I assure you this is a highly unusual error, not typical of our usual billing accuracy. Let me explain how we are addressing this situation.

If, like most customers, you are billed for the actual energy you use each month, you have the option to pay only half of the current charges on your most recent bill. (You are still responsible for any previous unpaid balances, if applicable.) No late payment fees will be assessed. Weather permitting, we will get an actual reading on your meters) next month, and make any needed adjustments on your March bill.

If your payment is made by bank draft (Bil lPayer 2000), we will make every attempt to reduce it by half. If the incorrect payment has already been drafted, any adjustment determined after an actual meter reading will be made on your next bill.

If you are on a Fixed Bill, Budget Bill or Percentage of Income Plan, you should pay the amount due on your bill, as you pay the same amount each month, regardless of estimated usage. This month's estimated meter reading will not be used for any future purpose for your account; only the actual meter read will be applied. If you are on a Deferred Payment Plan, you should pay your regular installment payment and at least half of your estimated current charges. Weather permitting, we will get an actual reading on your meters) next month, and make any needed adjustments on your March bill.

We understand this can be confusing, and you may have received conflicting information through the media or by phone. We will make every attempt to resolve this issue fairly and promptly. Should you have any further questions or concerns, our customer service representatives are available to assist you at 800-544-6900 (7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday).

Again, we apologize for the inconvenience, and thank you for your patience.
Sincerely,


J.R. Rainear<br>Vice President, Revenue Services

November 2, 2010


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7579 MONTAIDGE DR
CINCINNATI OH 45244-3232

Subject: Extended Payment Plan for Account Number 32700332-23-2
Dear Customer:
This letter confirms the extended payment plan you requested on November 2, 2010. The plan gives you the opportunity to pay your balance of $\$ 781.88$ in 003 installments of $\$ 191.00$ in addition to your regular monthly utility bill.

You may remain on this extended payment plan and avoid disconnection of your utility service as long as you make your agreed upon payments in full by the due date each month.

If you have any questions about this agreement, please contact us at 1-800-648-7777. Our service hours are 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
At Duke Energy, we appreciate your business and the opportunity to serve you. Sincerely,

J.R. Rainear

Customer Service Department


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COPME TO EnC Deters

## IN CARE OF: Clear Chand Cmomnat TOOW W 8044 Montgomery Rd. Suit 650 Cincinnati Onio 45236 Ph(513)686-8300

Date July 29, 2010
Dear Sir:
A friend told me you have a billng problem with Duke Energy I also had a biling problem in the spring of 2008

My problem was triggered by Duke's policy to read the meter once every 12 months Thei delay in reading, then using a high estimated value resuked in questionable computed values for previous months in the billing cycle.

This is my experience and analysis as presented to Brain Thomas and Howard Ain as of March 10, 2009, that has resulted in no response or effort on their part.

After looking at the Oho Consumers Comsel website I cane to the conchion it was a waist of time and just a put off

Like to hear from you!
Stephen R. Kremer
PH (513) 797-6098
3283 Yelton Lane
Amelia, Ohio 45102

SUBJECT: Billing practices of Duke Energy The movement of kw-hrs usage to higher rate months and/or the resetting of initial kw-hrs numerical value below known meter reading in order to increase a month's usage. How often are people with "corrected bills" over charged for estimated readings that lie outside Dukes own known readings? If estimated values for kw-hrs usages are computer generated, do they always favor Duke? Has a study or investigation been done? Does a watchdog group exist?

## MY OBSERVATION AND EXPERIENCE.

In an attempt to call in a meter reading it was not accepted by Duke do to a policy of having to read a meter in person at least once in 12 months. This rejection triggered an estimated meter value in order for Duke to meet its billing cycle. The special meter read occurred a week later, the reader said the estimate was high. The normal bill arrives the next day. Yes, the estimate was high, but I paid the bill within 4 days. Having just paid an inflated bill, the next day another bill arrives from Duke. This named "corrected bill" recalculated the previous 8 -month usage and resets my initial reading for upcoming month to an arbitrary computer generated number below the initial value of the previous month. I was not credited the inflated bill I had just paid, this "corrected bill" must be computer garbage!! I assumed I would be credited next billing cycle, with an accurate, on time; call in of my next meter reading. With a timely call in of my end of month reading, I received my bill at the beginning of the month. The bill used the computer generated low number from the "corrected bill" this results in another over payment. I called Duke billing, managed to get the bill reduced by $\$ 40$ dollars, but I am still owed $\$ 80$ dollars.

## QUESTIONS RAISED BY THIS EXPERIENCE:

1. Was this a fluke and one time occurrence?
2. If not, is this standard practice by Duke billing?
3. What percentage of customers receive a "corrected bill" if access to their meter is not possible in one or more billing periods?
4. Is it the practice of Duke to recalculate and move kw-hrs to higher rate paying months?
5. Is this practice sanctioned by the PUC in the States served by Duke?
6. Is this recalculation of bill made with clear understanding of customers?
7. What about the gas customers?

I do not have a large enough sample among friends and relatives to do an investigation. Maybe some of your friends or colleges have occasions when a "corrected bill" is generated. If this is the case they should be analyzed for describe discrepancies.

Thank you,
Stephen R. Kremer
3283 Yelton Ln.
Amelia, Ohio 45102
Phone 513 797-6098

Gentlemen:
I live on a farm in Clermont County. In early spring of 20071 requested of Duke Energy to read my own meter. I have a drive over $1,400 \mathrm{ft}$ long; it can be easily rutted after the spring thaw. This relieves the meterreading burden of Duke and is done by phone:

I called in meter- reading of 6335 on March 26,2008 Duke would not accept that reading. I was told that they must read the meter at least once in 12 months. I said OK, but explained this defeats the purpose, but was told this is the rule even if the reader has to walk in. No meter reader showed Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Wanting my readings to track my energy usage, I called and complained. He showed on April 4th and said estimate was high.

I received February 26 to March 26 Bill on April $5^{\text {th }}$, with the reading of 5301 and 7054E estimate, giving a usage for the month of $1,753 \mathrm{~kW}$ - hours. Promptly paid this bill April 7 th of $\$ 160$. I knew this was high, as told by the April 4th reading; but I assumed it would be corrected and credited next billing cycle with an accurate on time meter reading.

HERE COMES THE BRICK!!! Before my next scheduled call in reading due April 24!!!
On April 12 ( 5 days after paying) received "corrected bill prepared April 8th with all previous eight months as estimates. February 26 was 3368 E estimate and March 26th was set to an unknown number of 4252(What is this? No E). The bar graph showed 884 kw-hours usage, but for April (but it is February/March I want corrected.). Now I have a second bill of 43 dollars for February/ March billing period and a bar graph for April. This was garbage, I just paid 160 dollars on April 7th using estimate of 7054 E .

Called in my April 24th reading of 6789, it was accepted. Note, I have not reached the estimate of 7054E for February /March billing cycle. Received bill 3rd of May for March/April, it used the computer generated 4252 and my reported reading of 6789 , a usage of 2537 kw -hours and payment of the $\$ 106$ dollars. Note, actual readings were 6335 (not accepted) and 6789 , for usage of 454 kw -hours. I have not reached 7054 E estimated reading for which I paid $\$ 160$ and now I am told to pay $\$ 106$. I will have to call again, Duke billing, what a pain!!!

Called Duke May 12th could not get any satisfaction from their billing person, asked for the boss. Convinced him to use meter reading of 6335 for March 26 th reading. Told him I wanted my bar graph to show actual kw -hours usage for I compare them from the year to year. I asked him if 4252 (Number from nowhere) was a mistake in reading on April 4th, he said no, the meter man read 6518 and then the another special read after my second complaint was 6949 on May 9th. QUESTION, WHY DIDN"T THEY USE ONE OF THOSE INPERSON READINGS TO CORRECT MY BILL!!! The Duke billing manager could not give an answer!! 4252 was not in line with special meter readings!!

Received a "corrected bill prepared May 12th" for March /April with a new charge of \$84 a slight improvement from the $\$ 106$. The bar graph showed true usage for March / April period. But bar graphs for earlier summer months absorbed peak kw-hours and absorb my $\$ 160$ payment. Went ahead and paid the $\$ 84$ for March/April billing. Maybe I will be credited in April/May bill. Hopefully it's just a lag in calculating the credit and bar graph readouts!

Called in my May 23 rd reading of 7133 , it was accepted. Early June received April/May bill $\$ 41$ dollars for a usage of 334 Kw -hours. The numbers were all correct, but no credit from earlier payments was given!

See spreadsheet \# 2 "True Billing", I calculate from their "corrected billing data" that I am owed a credit of $\$ 80$ dollars.

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| Early Month Bill | Date/ | Date/ | Days/ | calculated bill | Paid | Credit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th | Pervious | Last read | Usage |  |  |  |
|  | estimate> | Eestimate> | E |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Febuary | 26-Dec | 25-Jan | 30 | \$19402 | \$19402 | \$0,00 |
| Jan (usage) | 958 | 3243 | 2285 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March | 25-Jan | 26-Feb | 32 | \$181.64 | \$181.64 | 20 |
| Feb (usage) | 3243 | 5301 | 2058 |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| April | 26-Feb | 26-Mar | 29 | \$111.61 | \$160.79 | \$49.18 |
| Mar (usage) | 5301 | 6335 | 1034 |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May | 26-Mar | 24-Apr | 29 | \$53.38 | \$84.41 | \$31.03 |
| Apr (usaage) | 6335 | 6789 | 454 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| June | 24-Apr | 23-May | 29 | \$41.57 | \$41.57 | \$0.00 |
| May(usage) | 6789 | 7133 | 344 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Amount I am still owed, but not credited!!!! |  |  |  | Total Credit |  | \$80.21 |

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# My March 26 Reading Was b April Shh Bill used $7054 E$ <br>  

- PLEASE RETURN THE TOP PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

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Calculations based on most recent 12 month history
$\begin{array}{lr}\text { Total Usage } & 14,386 \\ \text { Average Usage } & 1.199\end{array}$

|  | MAP | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Electric | 1.561 | 1,310 | 621 | 592 | 521 | 611 | 680 | 623 | 1.391 | 1.941 | 2.285 | 2.058 | 1.753 |



PO Box 9001076
Louisville KY 40290-1076
Payments after Apr 08 not included
Bill prepared on Apr 08, 2008 Next meter reading Apr 24, 2008


|  |  | Explanationospror Mentis) Charg |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Electric |  | Duke Energy |  | \$ 105.92 |
| Meter - | 031198856 | Rate RS - Residential Svc-Winter Distribution-Customer Chg | \$ 4.50 |  |
| Multipliers -kWh Pres Read - |  |  |  |  |
|  | 3368E | Delivery Charges |  |  |
| kWh Prev Read - | 2400E | Distribution-Energy Chg $968 \mathrm{kWh} @ \$ 0.01994900$ |  |  |
| kWh Usage - | 968 | Fider TCR ${ }^{968 \mathrm{kWh}}$ @ 0.01994900 | 19.31 6.19 |  |
| $\operatorname{Jan} 25-\text { Feb } 25$ |  | Rider RSC | 6.41 |  |
|  |  | Rider AAC | 7.01 |  |
| 31 Days |  | Delivery Riders | 17.69 |  |
|  |  | Total Delivery Charges | \$56.61 |  |
|  |  | Generation Charges |  |  |
|  |  | Generation Energy $968 \mathrm{kWh} @ \$ 0.03755300$ | 36.35 |  |
|  |  | Rider FPP | 8.46 |  |
|  |  | Total Generation Charges | \$44.81 |  |
| Electric Meter - | 031198856 |  |  |  |
| Multipliers kWh Pres Read kWh Prev Read. kWh Usage - |  | Rate RS - Residential Svc-Winter Distribution-Customer Chg | \$ 4.50 |  |
|  | 2400 E | Delivery Charges |  |  |
|  | $1434 E$ | Distribution-Energy Chg | 19.27 |  |
|  | 966 | Rider TCR @ | 19.27 6.18 |  |
| Dec 26 - Jan 25 |  | Rider RSC | 6.40 |  |
|  |  | Rider AAC | 5.04 |  |
| 30 Days |  | Delivery Riders | 17.64 |  |
|  |  | Total Delivery Charges | \$54.53 |  |
|  |  | Generation Charges |  |  |
|  |  | Generation Energy Chg <br> 966kWh $\$ 0.03755300$ |  |  |
|  |  | $966 \mathrm{kWh} @ \$ 0.03755300$ | 36.28 |  |
|  |  | Rider FPP | 8.44 | \$ 103.75 |
|  |  | Total Generation Charges | \$44.72 |  |

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\hline \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Stephen Kremer} \& 3283 Yelton Ln Amelia OH 45102 \& \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{2040-0614-20-3} \\
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Multipliers - \\
kWh Pres Read - \\
kWh Prev Read - \\
kWh Usage - \\
Aug 23 - Sep 24 \\
32 Days
\end{tabular} \&  \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Duke Energy \\
Rate FS - Residential Svc-Summer \\
Distribution-Customer Chg \\
Delivery Charges \\
Distribution-Energy Chg \\
\(1,209 \mathrm{kWh}\) @ \$0.01994900 \\
Rider TCR \\
Rider RSC \\
Rider AAC \\
Delivery Riders \\
Total Delivery Charges \\
Generation Charges \\
Generation Energy Chg \\
\(1.000 \mathrm{kWh} @ \$ 0.03755300\) \\
\(209 \mathrm{kWh} @ \$ 0.04758100\) \\
Rider FPP \\
Total Generation Charges
\end{tabular} \& \(\begin{array}{r}\$ 4.50 \\ \\ 24.12 \\ 6.31 \\ 8.38 \\ 3.35 \\ 20.31 \\ \$ 62.47 \\ \\ \\ 37.55 \\ 9.94 \\ 26.83 \\ \hline \$ 74.32\end{array}\) \& \$ 141.29 \\
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Electric Meter - \\
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\& 29 \text { Days }
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Rate RS - Residential Svc-Summer \\
Distribution-Customer Chg \\
Delivery Charges \\
Distribution-Energy Chg \\
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Rider RSC \\
Rider AAC \\
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Total Delivery Charges \\
Generation Charges \\
Generation Energy Chg \\
\(1,000 \mathrm{kWh} @ \$ 0.03755300\) \\
\(319 \mathrm{kWh} @ \$ 0.04758100\) \\
Rider FPP \\
Total Generation Charges
\end{tabular} \& \(\$ 4.50\)

26.31
3.89
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$\$ 68.54$

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$\$ 82.01$ \& \$ 155.05 <br>

\hline \& | Electric Meter - |
| :--- |
| Multipliers kWh Pres Read kWh Prev Read kWh Usage - |
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\] \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{| Duke Energy |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Rate RS -Residential Svc-Summer |  |
| Distribution-Customer Chg |  |
| Delivery Charges | $\$ 4.50$ |
| Distribution-Energy Chg |  |
| $1,072 \mathrm{kWh} @$ \$ 0.01994900 | 21.39 |
| Rider TCR | 5.60 |
| Rider RSC | 7.23 |
| Rider AAC | 2.89 |
| Delivery Riders | 15.94 |
| Total Delivery Charges | $\$ 53.05$ |
| Generation Charges |  |
| Generation Energy Chg |  |
| 1.000 kWh @ $\$ 0.03755300$ | 37.55 |
| $72 \mathrm{kWh} @ \$ 0.04758100$ | 3.43 |
| Rider FPP | 23.79 |
| Total Generation Charges | $\$ 64.77$ |} \& \$122.32 <br>

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| Louisville | KY $40290-1076$ |
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| Next meter reading May 23, 2008 |  |


| WAEtes | Number | Rendiny $\begin{aligned} & \text { gite } \\ & \text { From}\end{aligned}$ | ays | Matar Pinvious | ling Present | Usages |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elec | 031198856 | Mar 26 Apr 24 | 29 | 6335 | 6789 | 454 |
|  |  |  |  | 6K | む |  |


|  |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Usage - 454 kWh |  |
| Duke Energy - Rate RS | \$ 53.38 |
| Current Electric Charges | \$53.38 |


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| :---: | :---: |
| Amt Due - Previous Bill | \$ 104.46 |
| Canceled Charges: Electric Charges | 528.63cr |
| Prior Month(s) Charges: Electric Charges | 455.20 |
| Balance Forward | 31.03 |
| Current Electric Charges | 53.38 |
| Current Amount Due | \$84.41 |
|  | \$ 53.38 |




From:
Eric Deters
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To:
Subject:
Attachments:
Monday, October 11, 2010 2:56 PM
Loretta Little
FW: DUKE ENERGY
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October 1, 2010
Kristian Valenti
9599 l.ansford Dr
Cincinnati, OH 45242
Subject: Billing Adjustment for Unmetered Usage for Account Number 3460019822
Dear Ms. Valenti:
It has been determined that gas meter 538492 at 9599 Lansford Dr was not registering properly for the time period of $4 / 27 / 09$ to $6 / 0210$. As a result of this finding, the index was replaced on $6 / 02 / 10$. Although metering equipment may occasionally malfunction, use of the service often continues without interruption and without proper meter registration.

When this circumstance occurs, Ohio law states that the company can re-bill residential accounts for the portion of gas usage that did not register for up to one year immediately prior to the date the defective index was removed. Therefore, in accordance with Ohio law, we have recalculated and re-billed your account for the time period of $6 / 25 / 09$ to $6 / 02 / 10$ in order to bill for the unmetered usage.

The method of determining the actual usage during this time period was based on a review of your usage patterns before and/or after installation of the new meter. We also reviewed a base period of non-heating and non-air conditioning usage, and used this information to determine usage during the re-billing period. If heating or air conditioning was a factor in this determination, weather difference adjustments were factored into the calculation accordingly. Additionally, the appropriate rate in effect during the malfunction period was used to calculate the dollar amount owed. Any payments made to this account during the noted time period have been credited as well.

A billing adjustment of $\$ 981.90$ for unmetered gas usage will be reflected on your next billing statement.

We realize that unexpected bills can be difficult to manage. After you have received your bill, please feel free to call our Customer Service Department at 1-800-544-6900 if you have any questions concerning the adjustment. You may request a payment agreement of up to 12 months if needed.

At Duke Energy, we value you as a customer and appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,


J.R. Rainear<br>Customer Service Department

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| Due Date |
| :---: |
| Oct 26.2010 |
| $\$ 1,413.84$ |

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Kristian Valenti
9599 Lansford Dr
Cincinnati OH $45242-6103$
PO Box 9001076
Louisville KY 40290－1076

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| Name／Service Address | For Inquities Call |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Kristian Valenii <br> 9599 Lansford Dr <br> Cincinnati OH 45242 | Duke Energy | $513-421-9500$ |


| Mall Payments To |  | Account Information |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| PO Box 9001076 Payments afler Oct O4 not included Bill prepared on Oct 04，2010 <br> Louisville KY 40290－1076 Las！pzyment received Sap 30 | Next meter reading Oct 25，2010 |  |


| Meter | Number | Reading Date <br> From |  | To | Days | Meter Reading <br> Previous |  | Present | Usage |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gas | 000538492 | Aug 25 Sep 24 | 30 | 1143 | 1172 | 29 |  |  |  |
| Elec | 046287949 | Aug 25 Sep 24 | 30 | 42215 | 44435 | 2.220 |  |  |  |


| Gas－Residential |
| :--- |
| Usage－$\quad 29 \mathrm{CCF}$ |
| Duke Energy－Rate RS |
| Current Gas Charges |
| Gas Cost Recovery $\$ 0.66059720 / C \mathrm{CF}$ |


| Eiectric－Hesidenlial |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Usage－ $2,220 \mathrm{kWh}$ |  |
| Duke Energy－Rate RS | $\$ 31120$ |
| Current Electric Charges | $\$ 311.20$ |


| Current Billing |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Amt Due－Previous Bill |  |
| Paymenl（s）Received | $\$ 420.58$ |
| Late Payment Charge（s） | 430.00 cr |
| Canceled Charges： |  |
| Gas Charges |  |
| Prior Month（s）Charges： |  |
| Gas Charges | 162.59 cr |
| Balance Forward | 68.10 |
| Current Gas Charges | 52.64 |
| Current Eleclic Charges | 311.20 |
| Revenue Collections Chig | 981.90 |
| Current Amount Due | $\$ 1,413.84$ |

Should payment of this bill by the due date present a problem，please call us al the number listed in the
＂For Inquiries Call＂section of your bill．
This bill reflects canceled and rebilled gas charges for prior montlis．
This month＇s Gas Cost Recovery（GCM）charge for customers purchasing their natural gas trom Duke Energy is $\$ 0.5853911$ per CGF，which includes a base GCR of $\$ 0.5581$ and Ohio excise tax of $\$ 0.0272911$

| Due Date |
| ---: | ---: |
| Oct 26,2010 | | Amount Due |
| ---: |
| Oct ？6．2010 |
| $\$ 1,413.84$ |



## Bill Payment Made Easy

Paperless Billing - View and pay ycur bill for free by tegistering at www duke-energy com
Payment Advantage - Free Service, payment automatically drafls from your bank account. Enroll at wow duke-energy comfaymybill or call 1-800-544-6900
Speedpay". Pay by phone $t-800-544.6900$ with credit card or check a convenience fee will be charged

## PAYMENT OF BILLS

In order to avoid paying a late charge, please mal yutr payment lo Duke Energy several days tefure the due date Or it you prefer, you may pay by phone through Speedpay, pay online with Fipentess-Billing, or pay aularatically through Payment Advantage Payments can also be made al a Pay Agent location. For more information about our bill paymenl oplions, please visit us al wwo duke-energy com or made ala a Pay Agan
call $1-800-54-6900$

Disconnection of your utility service(s) will not restid from failure to pay any non-larifled or non-regulated products or services
Under siate law, the amount you are being billed for gas inchudes: (1) a dina Stale Excise Tax, (2) maturat gas dishanution taxes that hava been in elfect since 2001 and are currently al $\$ .01593$ for the first $1,000 \mathrm{CCF}, 5,00877$ for the next $19,000 \mathrm{CCF}$ and $\$ 00411$ for all additional CCF anc. (3) Assessments to assist in the support of the operations of the PUCO and the Offica of the Consumers Coutsel that have been in effect sirice 1912 and 1977 respectively

Under slate baw, the amount yeu are being billad for electric includes: (1) kitowathour laxes that have been in elfact since 2001 and ate currently at $\$ 00: 465$ for the firs $2,000 \mathrm{kWh}, 500419$ for the next $13,000 \mathrm{kWh}$ and $\$ 00363$ for all adtitional kWh and. (2) Assessments to assist in the suppon of the PUCO and the Office of the Consumers Counsel that have been in elfect since 1912 and 1977 respectively

EXPLANATION OF BILL LANGUAGE
(The following terms will not appear on every bill)

| CCF | Gas usage, measured on luntiects of cubic teet. |
| :---: | :---: |
| CF | Crentied amount. |
| Cument Cbarges (Gas and Electric) | Tohal of ath charges based on tsoge during ino cument tilling period for gas and electic services |
| Customer Chatge | The fixed morthly tasic distibulion charge to pattialiy cover costs for billing meter reading. service line maintenance, and equipment |
| Delivery Charges (Electic) | Charges ior the operalirg experses of delvering energy |
| Delivery Riders (Electii:) | Charges to recever vatious costs assochaled with Dukt Energy's electric cpetations and to fund Othi energy-flated programs. |
| Distribution Energy Ciarge | Charge ter the use of local wires transfomas. substaions, and other equipmanl used to delver electricily to your lome/business |
| Eaty Relum Freminmi | A preminun pisd for ently retum to the siandaid service offer |
| Estimated (E) and Aclual Reacings | An actual reading is a feoding we take from your meter. On the reonths we are unable to read your melar, we calculale your bill bosed on your past usage Acjusments may be neded tater, when we lake an actual meter reading. If you wouts like to reat yotr own meter to awod estimated bills plase call us |
| Fixed Delivery Service Charge | The fixed cests for delivering gas, which do not chazge wiln usag? |


| Gas Cast Recovery | The GAS COST RECOVERY (GCR) rate is lle cast (per 100 cubic foet) of gas we purchase from our suppliess This rate varies periodically as gas prices to ns increase cr detrease Duke Energy makes no pudit on this charge since il is based on the actual costs we pay cur suppleta fer the gas we purchase and asell. The GCR whe is approved by the Public Ulitites Commission of Onio |
| :---: | :---: |
| Generation Charges | Charges associated with the production al electrictity |
| Kitowath heur (fithe) | The whil of measure for the electicity you use For example, you use one kwh of electicity to light a 100 walt light bulb for 10 houts |
| Late Payment Charge | A $15 \%$ late charge is adted to the ovardue amount of the regutated portion of your hill fyen do not pay by the bill dut date |
| Aluter kultiplier | A factor that the meler reading cange is multiplied by in order la obtain the correct energy usage |
| Rale | Code that identifus the gos delivery or electic distribution biling laritf used to calculate the bill |
| Rider AAC | Charges to recover changes in envmomertal compliance. homeland securly and tax casts |
| Rider FPP | Charges to recover the cosl of fuel and purchase power. |
| Rider TCP | Charges lu recover fransmasion cowis assessed by the regional tranemission ongaization |
| Supplier Clatges | Chatges from a Gas and / or Electric Supplier other than Duke Energy |
| Usago | Amoum of energy used turing the billing period |
| Usage-Eosed Charge | Chages lo recover varibus cosis assuciated with Duke Energy's gas operatuons and to fum Olio energy-velated programs. |

## BILLING OR SERVICE INQUIRES OR COMPLAINTS

If you have a question or complaint about your bill or service, call us at (513) 421-9500, or from a loll area call 1-800.54-6900 Persons who have a hearing impairment may call our TDD/TTY foll free number. 1-800-752-325.1. You may atso write to oul Cuslomer Services Department al P O. Eox 960, Mail Drop 309C. Cincimati, 45201 . In addilion, you may contacl us by fax al (513) 207.2.37G. or by' email al wow duke-anergy.corn.

Il your complaint is nol resolved alter ycu have called Duke Energy Oho, or for general ulifily information, residentia! and busmess consumers
 8:00 am lo $5: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ weekdays, of al wwomporo ohiogoy

Residential customers may also conlact lhe Ohia ConsumersCounsel for assistance will complaints and ulility issues at 1 b77.742-5t 22 (tell free) from 8:00 a m $105: 00 \mathrm{pm}$. weekdays, or at www pickocc arg

To obtain information about campetitive gas offers, visit wevepuco ohio gov or call 1-800-299-7271

## BUSINESS HOURS <br> OFFICE HOURS: <br> Cincinnali - 8:00 a m - 5:00 pm Monday - Friday <br> DuTse Rncayy

## SERVICE EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Gas Trouble - (513) 651-4 166 or 1-800-634-1300
Electric Trouble - (513) 651-1102 or 1-800.5.13-5593


| Name | Service Address | Account Number |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Kristian Valenti | 9599 Lansford Dr <br> Cincinnatioll 45242 | $3480-0198-22-1$ |

PRICE TO COMPARE in order for an average residential customer to save money, an electric supplier must offer a price lower than 9.43 cents perkWh Your Price to Compare may be different based on your usage Visit wwo duke-energy com to calculate your individual Price to Compare or contact Duke Energy for a written explanation

| Explanation of Current Charges |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gas  <br> Meter 000538492 <br> CCF Usage - 29 <br> Aug 25 - Sep 24  <br> 30 Days  | Duke Energy <br> Rate RS -Residential Service | \$ 52.64 |
|  | Total Current Gas Charges | \$ 52.64 |
| Electric  <br> Meler - 046287949 <br> kWh Usage - 2.220 <br> Aug 25 - Sep 24  <br> 30 Days  <br>   | Duke Energy <br> Rate RS -Residential Svc-Summer | 311.20 |
|  | Total Current Electric Charges | \$ 311.20 |


| Explanation of Prior Month(s) Charges |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gas <br> Meter - | 000538492 | Duke Energy <br> Rate RS - Residential Service |  | \$ 51.04 |
| CCF Usage - | 26 | Fixed Delivery Service Charge | \$25.23 |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jul } 27 \text { - Aug } 25 \\ & 29 \text { Days } \end{aligned}$ |  | Usage-Based Charge 26 CCF @ 0.03272800 | 0.85 |  |
|  |  | Gas Delivery Riders | 6.99 |  |
|  |  | Gas Cost Recovery <br> 26 CCF (1i) $\$ 0.68734420$ | 17.87 |  |

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From: danny miller [funnydust14@yahoo.com](mailto:funnydust14@yahoo.com)
Sent: Thursday, December 02, 2010 2:13 PM
To:
Subject:

Deters Associate 2
Re: Duke Energy

On the night of the fire a woman living in unit\#3 lit a cigarrete which caused the initial explosion. From what I understand(I am not one hundred percent), Duke was at the complex to light a piolet light either that day or the day prior. The woman alledgedly called Duke to reportf a gas smell and she was told that it had already been taken care of. We later found out that an untapped gas line was the cause of the explosion. She lived in unit 33 , and I lived in unit 31 .All I remember is hearing a blast, my dog barking, and a woman yelling "My hand,my hand". The next thing I knew was there was glass on the ground and two of my neighbors and a police officer telling me to get out immediately. Five to ten minutes later almost all ten units were engulfed in flames.As far as Duke is concerned, I'm not sure if they are taking responsibility for the blaze, but I do know that the fire was ruled an accident.My wife and I spoke to several others and it was said that the building was full of violations. Between Duke and Steeplechase, I'm not totally sure which one is responsible. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to make things more clear for you and I will do my best to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you so much for your immediate reply, and I look forward to hearing from you soon' Danny Miller
-.- On Thu, 12/2/10, Deters Associate 2 <DAssociate2(acricdeters.com> wrote:

From: Deters Associate 2 <DAssociate2 Gericdeters.com>
Subject: Duke Energy
To: funnsdust lay yahoo.com
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2010, 10:02 AM
I'm interested. Can you email me more details? What are the details against Duke?

## Eric Deters



## From:

Sent:
To:
Subject:

Larry Miller < Imillerdrummer@gmail.com> Tuesday, December 28, 2010 2:21 PM
Deters Associate 2
Re: Duke

HEY, Mr. Deters they turned the electric back off again just now and for no reason! The pole truck driver told me they are playing games! I need some help are bill is paid up and I'm sitting here again with no power! I have called to waiting a response from Duke!

On Wednesday, December 22, 2010, Larry Miller [lmillerdrummer@gmail.com](mailto:lmillerdrummer@gmail.com)wrote:
> They told me there was no work order for it to be turned off that we always pay are bill on time and had great credit with them! They sent a meter reader to turn it on and told that it was turned at the pole! So he couldn't turn it on! He had to tell them that a pole truck would be needed! So I went with out electric and no heat from 11:15 am til 3:05! When driver with the pole truck got finished I asked him how they can do this to paying customers! He said they do it all the time! Said this is how they get a reading on a meter! I said they have a key to the side door to get in! $>$
> On Dec 22, 2010 9:04 AM, "Deters Associate $2^{\prime \prime}$ [DAssociate2@ericdeters.com](mailto:DAssociate2@ericdeters.com) wrote:> They gave you no reason why they turned off?
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