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Re: Duke Energy Residential Gas Service Rate Increase Proposal Case # 2018-00198

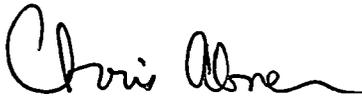
Dear Commissioner:

Once again Duke Energy has requested a rate increase. These seem to be coming fast and furious, despite the Attorney General finding a rate decrease is in order. PSC previously granted an increase, though far below the outrageous amount Duke wanted. Apparently now the tactic will be to try and sneak in additional increases via any little fee that can be trumped up.

This particular case includes a nasty increase of a 1.80 fee to 3.22 for residential customers. Other line items reveal similar increases of various charges. The greed involved in coming back after a sizable rate increase was granted is appalling. On top of this, I believe there is still a pending appeal of the previously granted increase that may result in even further money coming to Duke.

Duke Energy spends princely sums on political lobbying, as well as other questionable actions that could be reduced or eliminated in order to improve their budget. Carpet bombing ads for a public relations campaign such as Duke has engaged in over at least the past year would not be necessary if they simply kept the rates as is or even reduced as has been determined to be appropriate already by the AG. One would think the recent tax cut that is permeant for businesses and not for citizens should have satisfied Duke Energy.

Thank You,



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