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Protest: Duke Energy Residential Gas Service Rate Increase Proposal -- Case

Number 2017-00249

Dear Commissioner:

Like most senior citizens, I rarely take notice of the publication of legal notices and their typically fine print. By accident, today was an exception,

The proposed increase amount is staggering! Monthly residential rates are proposed to increase from \$0.78 to \$1.80!

Seniors, myself included are on a fixed income. This increase will far more than double our winter heating costs. In behalf of the thousands of seniors who are unaware of this increase, I respectfully request your analysis and reduction of this increase.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Mohalski