

Chairman Hoops, Vice Chair Ray, Ranking Member Smith, and members of the Ohio House Public Utilities Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 381.

I have a barn built in 1900 on my property . It is used to store firewood and a tractor or two. I have brought pictures for you to see. It fronts Auburn Road as does the house and is about 300 feet south of the house.

My husband bought this house, barn and just under 4 acres of land in 1975. There is a meter on the barn and another on the house for electricity. We used to get a bill for a few dollars for actual usage each month at the barn.

Then it became a minimum amount of around \$30 each month and as you will see by looking at the attached papers, the rate goes up each month while the usage remains unchanged. I am 76 years old and I am not spending more time in the barn. My husband passed away over four years ago. I am told there are only 2 rates available; residential or commercial. Obviously no one could live in the barn but it is certainly not "commercial".

Regarding the "commercial" rate I am charged, the Zoning Map of Auburn Township clearly shows I am zoned R-2, Residential 2-acres. How did it become commercially rated by PUCO and/or the Illuminating Co.?

My house rate has been hardly more money each month than the barn and the tipping point is that the **barn bill surpasses the house!** Unbelievable! I keep the house warm and well lit. The barn sits there empty and unused.

How can this be justified?

USAGE HISTORY DATE	BARN BILL AMT	KWH USAGE	METER READ
8/12/21	\$30.60	0	Estimated
8/3/21	\$101.99	0	Actual
7/1/21	\$93.14	1	Actual
6/3/21	\$92.86	2	Estimated
5/4/21	\$92.83	3	Estimated
4/1/21	\$91.98	2	Estimated
3/4/21	\$86.48	2	Estimated
2/2/21	\$85.63	2	Estimated
1/4/21	\$91.49	3	Actual
12/3/20	\$92.26	2	Estimated
11/3/20	\$92.52	2	Actual
10/2/20	\$89.03	2	Estimated
9/1/20	\$88.69	0	Actual

USAGE HISTORY DATE	HOUSE BILL AMT	KWH USAGE	METER READ
9/1/21	\$119.24	991	Actual
8/3/21	\$140.18	1040	Actual
7/1/21	\$124.63	895	Actual
6/3/21	\$88.97	652	Actual
5/4/21	\$45.24	304	Actual
4/1/21	\$69.11	496	Estimated
3/4/21	\$73.26	576	Estimated
2/2/21	\$76.64	589	Actual
1/4/21	\$82.19	646	Actual
12/3/20	\$82.74	642	Estimated
11/3/20	\$79.02	603	Actual
10/2/20	\$101.00	801	Estimated
9/1/20	\$124.84	977	Actual

The information above is from the First Energy website. I have the actual printed out info with me but included the charts in this letter to keep pieces of paper to a minimum.

What jumps out is that the house bill amounts are based on usage. It goes up and down while the barn bill with NO USAGE goes up each month almost without fail. Look at the following:

Dec 2020	Barn \$92 vs. \$83 for house
Jan 2021	Barn \$91 vs. \$82 for house
Feb 2021	Barn \$86 vs. \$77 for house
Mar 2021	Barn \$86 vs. \$73 for house
April 2021	Barn \$92 vs. \$69 for house
May 2021	Barn bill over twice as much as house. Barn \$93 vs. \$45 for house
June 2021	Barn \$93 vs. \$89 for house

I had the electric shut off to barn when bill hit \$101.99 with 0 usage per actual reading August 12, 2021.

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