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WORKING ASSETS



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Dear Commissioners

You are again holding hearings among other items by request of LGE gas, ref. price increase of gas prices. The local newspaper states, no increase having been effected since 2000. I seem to recall an increase, very much reflected on my as well as additional 3 residents at this address and dating to Sept/Oct + of this past yr. 2003. We found last years' increase unconscionable and at this point must strongly voice our displeasure in protest of further price hikes. We have exercised all methods of conservation incl. winterization.

This letter is intended to perhaps seek downsizing of personal, penalizing excess consumption, and reevaluating company's request

Thank you for your most earnest analysis.

Sincerely
Imperial M. Stallings

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Natural Gas Bills Taking Big Jump

*48% gas
winter heat 68°
summer d/c 75°
elect*

Kentucky natural gas consumers should expect bills this fall that are higher than at the same time last year, the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) says.

The average monthly bill for customers of Kentucky's five largest retailers will increase by about \$17 to \$55 — compared to a monthly bill of about \$38 a year ago. That figure is based on a typical residential customer's average natural gas usage of 5,000 cubic feet per month from September through November.

"We are really beginning to see the impact of the sustained national run-up in natural gas prices that began last winter," PSC Executive Director Tom Dorman said. "All the information we have at this time suggests that, for the foreseeable future, well-head prices are likely to remain relatively high."

The fall price forecast is based on the latest round of wholesale cost adjustments filed by Kentucky's five major natural gas retailers. The adjustments reflect how much the retailers are paying for the gas they distribute to their customers.

Wholesale cost represents about three-fourths of the amount that consumers pay for natural gas. Natural gas retailers are not permitted to earn any profit on wholesale costs, and may only pass it on to consumers on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

Because the wholesale cost of natural gas is not regulated, it fluctuates with supply and demand in the national market. Retailers in Kentucky periodically adjust their rates to reflect increases or decreases in the cost of natural gas. The rate adjustments are reviewed by the

the heating season by conserving energy and considering budget billing plans.

"The national natural gas market determines how much

Kentuckians pay for natural gas," Dorman said. "But Kentuckians themselves can do much to affect the amount of natural gas they use."

Coping with Rising Natural Gas Prices

To help consumers better cope with high natural gas prices, the Kentucky Public Service Commission offers the following suggestions:

• Set the thermostat lower during cold weather. Lowering your thermostat by 2 degrees — a simple, practical step — can save about 5 to 15 percent on your bill. If you set the thermostat to 75° during milder weather (70 degrees is not ground for nearly all uses) you can save a big energy seven.

Weatherization also can bring significant reductions to home heating costs. Some basic weatherization steps include:

- Use caulk or weatherstripping to seal cracks around windows, doors, pipes and other points where cold air enters the home. This step alone can reduce heating costs by 10 percent or more.
- Add insulation in attic, crawl space and walls.
- Cover windows, especially those with single-pane glass, with storm windows or plastic sheeting.

wide range of information available from the Kentucky Division of Energy on the Web at www.kyenergy.com.

For more information on weatherization assistance, call (802) 364-7366, ext. 4235, or go to www.kyenergy.com. The PSC strongly encourages consumers to take advantage of a budget billing plan, which averages utility bills over a 12-month period. While it does not reduce the amount paid, it makes predictable monthly payments in place of seasonal fluctuations.

All Kentucky gas and electric utilities are required to offer budget billing plans. For more information on weatherization assistance, call (802) 364-7366, ext. 4235, or go to www.kyenergy.com. The PSC strongly encourages consumers to take advantage of a budget billing plan, which averages utility bills over a 12-month period. While it does not reduce the amount paid, it makes predictable monthly payments in place of seasonal fluctuations.

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