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Chairman Kent Chandler  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 615  
211 Sower Boulevard  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40502-0615

Re: Columbia Gas Co.  
Case 2021-00183

Dear Chairman Chandler:

This communication protests the proposed 2021 rate adjustment application by Columbia Gas Co. for reasons as follows:

The Fixed-Charge increase \$13.20 is 82.5% (a totally unacceptable rate) and the Delivery Charge increase \$0.6998 is 19.6%. Any increase of the Fixed-Charge rate is an additional penalty for low Mcf usage customers who pay a higher **combined** rate than high users. A fixed monthly cost results in low volume users subsidizing high users. Both increase request percentages should render this case as D.O.A.

I must point out that the SMRP line item charge on current bills is excluded from the new rate request and although has not been a fixed amount for the past year's bills, has appeared to be a version of a second fixed charge. Accounting for it the Fixed-Charge request is 29% increase and is still an unacceptable rate. What happens to that fee is a question.

I am preparing charts for the Public Hearing.

Regards,

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