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April 24, 2006

Public Service Commission P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, Ky. 40602

Attn: Beth O'Donnell,

Enclosed please find a petition signed by the customers & the church members of Benedict Baptist Chapel that are currently on Cow Creek Gas Inc., currently owned by Interstate Natural Gas Company.

These are the **FACTS**:

**FACT:** If the operating costs has gone up, why have they waited 9 years to start raising the Mcf.

**FACT:** If Cow Creek Gas Inc. is allowed to double their rates the customers will not be able to afford to pay for their gas bills.

**FACT:** As I have listed in the Petition there should be little maintenance on the lines since new lines were laid before Interstate took over.

**FACT:** Why has this company not been raising the rates a little at a time instead of doubling the Mcf all at once; not to mention that they are also asking for .22 cents more than their actual gas company charges an Mcf.

Concerned Customer, Jun Marschett

JIM & MARY MARSILLETT

#1095 Ky. Rt 194

Cow Creek

Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653

(606)874-9530

## Gas Rate Hike Petition

We the consumers of the Cow Creek Gas Company, currently owned by Interstate Natural Gas, propose a motion to appeal the new gas rate hike that has been imposed upon us. New gas lines were installed before this company took over, therefore requiring low maintenance. The majority of these consumers are low income families which would bring financial strain and hardship upon them. We request that the Public Service Commission investigate this rate hike and the gas company be forced to provide the reason behind this act. We also request that this rate hike be lowered to affordable rates to the consumers.

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### COW CREEK GAS, INC. 134 Mims Branch PIKEVILLE, KY 41501 (606) 432-0526

#### 04/07/2006

#### NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE

Cow Creek Gas Inc. has filed a request with the Public Service Commission to increase its rates. The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Cow Creek Gas Inc. because the rates have remained unchanged for years and due to escalating costs, it is not economically possible to provide gas at the existing rates. However, the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the rates in this notice.

Any corporation, association, body politic, or person may request leave to intervene by motion within thirty (30) days after notice of the proposed rate change is given. A motion to intervene shall be in writing, shall be submitted to the Executive Director, Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, and shall set forth the grounds for the motion, including the status and interest of the party movant.

Copies of the application may be obtained at no charge from Cow Creek Gas Inc., at 134 Mims Branch, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Upon request from an intervenor, the applicant shall furnish to an intervenor a copy of the application and supporting documents. A copy of the request in rates is available for public inspection at this address.

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Present Rate	Proposed Rate	Estimated Monthly Increase per
\$7.26/month	\$14.66/ Mcf	Customer per Mcf \$7.40

(A) The present rate has been in effect since December 1997.

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# INFORMATION NOTICE

Customers of Cow Creek Gas Inc.

The Public Service Commission will be considering a rate increase for Cow Creek Gas Inc.

Are YOU getting the facts?

- *FACT:* Cow Creek Gas Inc. and other entities have experienced a significant rise in operating and gas costs.
- *FACT:* Cow Creek Gas Inc. has been consistent in its resolve to maintain cheaper rates for its customers.
- FACT: A reasonable rate of return on gas sales allows for competitive wages for employees and keeps pipeline infrastructure properly maintained.
- FACT: The proposed new rate is in the bottom 1/3 of other selected entities operating in Eastern Kentucky.

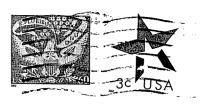
# RATES ON FILE WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OR OTHERWISE

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Area Entities	Approved Date	Territory Served	Over 1 MCF Rate
City of Pikeville	Current	Outside city limits	(over 2 mcf) \$23.2500
City of Pikeville	Current	Within city limits	(over 2 mcf) \$22.5000
Mike Little Gas Co.	1/31/06	Melvin, Floyd Co.	\$20.9576
Belfry Gas Company	12/21/05	Belfry, Ky	\$20.1253
Johnson County Gas Co.	10/14/05	Meally, Van Lear, East Point & Hager Hill	\$19.5282
Peoples Gas	2/24/06	Phelps, KY	\$19.4165
Auxier Road Co.	12/19/05	Floyd County	\$18.7068
Equitable Gas Co.	1/31/06	Eastern KY area	\$17.9680
Sigma Gas Corp	12/21/05	Salyersville, Ky	\$17.1348
East Ky Utilites KY	3/16/06	Wayland, Estill,, Lackey, Garret, Hueysville, Allen, Dwale, Floyd Co.	\$17.1253
COW CREEK GAS INC.	Proposed	Floyd County	\$14.6600
Interstate Natural Gas Company	Proposed	Pike, Floyd, Leslie, Perry, Lawrence, Johnson, Knott, Letcher, Lee, Morgan, Magoffin & Martin	\$14.4400
Kinzer Drilling Company	3/24/06	Pike, Floyd, Leslie, Perry, Lawrence, Johnson, Knott, Letcher, Lee, Morgan, Jagoffin, Martin	\$13.0537
Columbia Gas of KY	2/24/06	Pike, Floyd, Franklin, Boyd, Martin, Johnson, Knott, Letcher, Lewis, Owsley, Bath, Scott, Clay, etc.	\$12.9125
B&H Gas	12/7/04	Betsy Layne, Stanville, ivel, Mare Creek, Ivy Creek	\$10.9576
Average for Area Entities			\$16.6913

#### **MOAK & NUNNERY, P.S.C.**

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