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From: Linda Porter
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RE: Proposed Abandonment of Utility Service by Bright's Propane Service, Inc. (AmeriGas) to Old Bridge Subdivision, Boyle County, KY

Dear Mr. DeRouen,

I am writing in reference to the proposed abandonment of propane gas pipeline delivery service to homes in the Old Bridge Development in Boyle County by Bright's Propane (AmeriGas) - Case Number 2013-00332. I would like to state my personal objection to this abandonment based upon the harm that this could do to the impacted properties.

The solution offered by AmeriGas to its customers, in a letter dated September 23, 2013, is to supply us with a propane tank that could be buried by AmeriGas on our property. This "solution" is neither acceptable, nor practical.

First, let me say that we were told, upon purchase of our property, that deed restrictions prohibit above, or below, ground tanks on any lot in Old Bridge. This was one of the appeals for us in purchasing our home here.

Beyond this legal restriction, I am personally concerned about the impact either above, or below, ground tanks will have on Old Bridge properties. I would ask that both the Commission and AmeriGas consider the following:

- Most impacted homes, including ours, have been on their lots for 15 to 20 years. Will we be expected to remove our mature landscaping so AmeriGas can place tanks in an appropriate location?
- All the houses in this development are on septic tanks. Some have elaborate filtration systems. Bringing heavy digging equipment onto these lots will be restricted by the location of these systems.
- The properties adjoining Lake Herrington are built on limestone bedrock which makes digging difficult at best. Many of the lakeside lots are also wooded in the back and/or drop sharply toward the lake, limiting propane installations to the front or side of the houses.
- All of the homes in Old Bridge have underground utilities.
- The property lines at Old Bridge are irregular and can be quite narrow on one side of a house and wide on the other. In our case, there is not enough room for both our house and our neighbor's house to install buried propane tanks on the side where propane lines enter the house.

In other words, it will be a costly and difficult proposition to bury propane tanks on properties in Old Bridge. This is a golf/lake community and above ground propane tanks are simply not an option for those of us who are concerned about future property values.

I am asking the commission to take into consideration these impacts as they review AmeriGas's request to abandon service. We bought our house and remained connected to the pipeline service with Bright's Propane in good faith. They, and the pipeline, have served us well. We recently installed a new gas heating system based upon the expectation that our service would continue into the future.

It is obvious that AmeriGas is all about profit. In reviewing the AmeriGas' belated letter to the residents of Old Bridge, and the information on your website. They have no respect for their current customers and no understanding of the impact their actions will have on our lives and properties.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Linda Porter

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