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Kentucky Public Service Commission

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RE: Proposed rate increase by Columbia Gas

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Dear PSC Board Members,

While reading the Lexington Herald Leader I saw a notice that Columbia Gas is seeking a 27.417% overall **INCREASE** in their utility rates and 26.4% increase for residential users, which I am one of. The request is based on the need to cover a "REVENUE DEFICIENCY."

I would hope the analysts you engage to review NRG's financial records see the same facts I do, this is a company that is highly mismanaged, having way too much debt, brought on by years of overpaying for acquisitions and negotiating terrible long term contracts.

I find it beyond belief that having just received a rate increase 3 years ago, they could again come back to your Board and request an increase which would average 9% annually, when inflation is running at 2%, annually.

Please have the common sense to tell them to manage their assets more efficiently and if they can't do so, to sell them to Duke, or any other utility that can do so properly.

Thanks in advance for taking a stand for all the residents of Central Kentucky.

Sincerely,



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