

December 29, 2020

To: Public Service Commission  
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Frankfort, Ky. 40602

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From: Ronald Dean and Naomi Adkins  
P.O. Box 291  
Stanville, Ky. 41659

I am writing in response to a notice I received from B & H Gas Company, P.O. Box 447, Betsy Layne, Ky. 41605, received December 15, 2020. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> notice that I have received about a rate increase, if approved, will take effect on May 6, 2021. The 1<sup>st</sup> notice was just about impossible to read.

**In the notice it is stated that B&H Gas rates has had the same rate since 1991, at the current rate of \$12.12. I do not think this is correct. I have enclosed copies of old gas bills from 2007, 2008 and 2009 that shows a different rate. There is also a credit of \$30.32 on these bills given for deposit interest applied. I never understood this charge. I got this credit for several years, and never understood the applied credit. I paid only \$75.00 for my deposit. The credit has not been on current bills that are received now.**

Also, I have talked to a few people on this gas company, and some have stated they never received any notices of price increases. I think everyone should be informed.

Please, when considering this increase, make sure the business owner is being honest and fair to its customers. Everyone is having a terrible time dealing with the Covid-19 virus. We do not need anything else to put another hardship on us. Please make sure everything is fair and honest

Thank You,  
Ronald Dean and Naomi Akins

B & H Gas Company  
 P.O. Box 339  
 Harold, KY 41635

ck [redacted]  
 7/9/07

Account Number		Service ID		
[redacted]		[redacted]		
Prev. Read Date		Cur. Read Date		
06/01/2007		07/01/2007		
Service	Previous Reading	Current Reading	Consumption	Amount
RES	591	592	1	20.79
SUR				0.03
Deposit Interest	applied			-30.32
Past Due Amount		Current Charges		Net Amount
0.00		20.82		20.82
Due Date		After Due Date		Net Amount
07/20/2007		22.96		20.82
10% Penalty After Due Date				

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ck [redacted]  
 8/23/09

Account Number		Service ID		
[redacted]		[redacted]		
Prev. Read Date		Cur. Read Date		
07/31/2009		08/31/2009		
Service	Previous Reading	Current Reading	Consumption	Amount
RES	675	676	1	23.5
Deposit Interest	applied			-30.3
Past Due Amount		Current Charges		Net Amount
0.00		23.55		23.55
Due Date		After Due Date		Net Amount
09/20/2009		25.91		23.55
10% Penalty After Due Date				

Interest Credit?  
 Interest Applied?

Rate  
 Paid

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ck [redacted]  
 8/8/08

Account Number		Service ID		
[redacted]		[redacted]		
Prev. Read Date		Cur. Read Date		
07/01/2008		08/01/2008		
Service	Previous Reading	Current Reading	Consumption	Amount
RES	634	635	1	23.5
Deposit Interest	applied			-30.3
Past Due Amount		Current Charges		Net Amount
0.00		23.55		23.55
Due Date		After Due Date		Net Amount
08/20/2008		25.91		23.55
10% Penalty After Due Date				

B & H Gas Company  
 P.O. Box 447  
 Betsy Layne, KY 41605-0447 Phone 606-478-5851

Account Number		Service ID		
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		
Prev. Read Date		Cur. Read Date		
03/31/2020		04/30/2020		
Service	Previous Reading	Current Reading	Consumption	Amount
RES	78	81	3	20.48
Past Due Amount		Current Charges	Net Amount	
0.00		20.48	20.48	
Due Date		After Due Date	Net Amount	
05/20/2020		22.53	20.48	
10% Penalty After Due Date				

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Account Number		Service ID		
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		
Prev. Read Date		Cur. Read Date		
08/31/2020		09/30/2020		
Service	Previous Reading	Current Reading	Consumption	Amount
RES	89	91	2	12.12
Past Due Amount		Current Charges	Net Amount	
0.00		12.12	12.12	
Due Date		After Due Date	Net Amount	
10/20/2020		13.33	12.12	
10% Penalty After Due Date				

Rates Paid

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Account Number		Service ID		
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		
Prev. Read Date		Cur. Read Date		
09/30/2020		10/31/2020		
Service	Previous Reading	Current Reading	Consumption	Amount
RES	91	93	2	12.12
Past Due Amount		Current Charges	Net Amount	
0.00		12.12	12.12	
Due Date		After Due Date	Net Amount	
11/20/2020		13.33	12.12	
10% Penalty After Due Date				

no interest  
 charge credited  
 or applied

2<sup>nd</sup> notice

# B & H Gas Company

P.O. Box 447 • Betsy Layne, Kentucky 41605 • 606-478-5264

Hello B&H Gas Company Customers,

B&H Gas Company's base rates have not changed since 1991. Due to the lack of rate increases, we have operated at a loss for years. Operational losses cannot continue. It is vital that we maintain sufficient cash flow to sustain operations and to provide safe, reliable service to you and your families.

A rate increase is required to simply break even each year. As the costs associated with providing gas service increases, as they have over the past 29 years, we must be able to cover those costs through the rates charged for services. The increase required at this time is a direct result of all of those years without.

Below are the details of the adjustment we have requested:

Pursuant to the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:076, please take notice that on or before November 6, 2020, B & H Gas Company will seek approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission for an adjustment of its monthly rates for natural gas service. The rate adjustment will apply to all B & H Gas Company customers. The increase will be effective on May 6, 2021, or sooner if approved by the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

If approved, the rates will increase as follows:

	Present Rate			Proposed Rate			Change (\$)	Change (%)	
	Base Rate	Gas Cost Rate	Total	Base Rate	Gas Cost Rate	Total			
Customer Charge	\$0		\$0	Customer Charge	\$17.9500	\$17.9500	\$17.9500	New	
First 2 MCF	\$4.7938	\$3.6655 x 2	\$12.1248	First 2 MCF	\$22.2000	\$3.6655 x 2	\$29.5310	\$17.4062	144%
Next 8 MCF	\$1.9788	\$3.6655	\$5.6443	Next 8 MCF	\$9.7000	\$3.6655	\$13.3655	\$7.7212	137%
Next 20 MCF	\$1.5611	\$3.6655	\$5.2266	Over 20 MCF	\$7.7000	\$3.6655	\$11.3655	\$6.1389	117%
Over 30 MCF	\$1.3103	\$3.6655	\$4.9758				\$6.3897	128%	

The average customer used approximately 5.3 MCFs per month in 2019. Based upon the average monthly usage in 2019, the average customer's bill would be \$29.06 at the present rates. Based upon the average monthly usage in 2019, the average customer's bill would be \$87.58 at proposed rates. The minimum bill at present rates is \$12.12. The minimum bill at proposed rates is \$47.48.

This application may be examined at the offices of B&H Gas Company located at 497 George Road, Betsy Layne, Kentucky.

This application may be examined at the Kentucky Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's Web site at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through the Commission's Web site or by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by B&H Gas Company. The Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of the notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.

Thank you.

1<sup>st</sup> Notice

**B & T GAS COMPANY**  
 PO Box 647, West Leno, Kentucky 40385-0647

Hello (B&T Gas Company Customer):

B&T Gas Company's rate plan has been changed from 2019. This is the first of our proposed rate changes required in a rate plan. Operational requirements continue to exist and the additional revenue each rate plan is required to provide safe, reliable service to you and your friends.

A rate increase is required to enable B&T Gas Company to continue to provide safe, reliable service to you and your friends. As the rates increased with proposed rate plan, the rate increase is required to enable B&T Gas Company to continue to provide safe, reliable service to you and your friends. The increase required is the result of a rate plan of 12.5% for 2020 without an increase.

Below are the details of the proposed rate plan increase:

Per the rate plan proposed in the rate plan, B&T Gas Company's rate plan will be in effect from November 1, 2019, to November 30, 2020. B&T Gas Company will not be approved by the Kentucky Public Service Commission for an adjustment of its monthly rates for a period of 12 months. The rate adjustment will apply to all B&T Gas Company customers. The increase will be effective on May 1, 2021, as authorized by the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

If approved, the rates will increase as follows:

	2019 Rate	2020 Rate	Total
Customer Charge	\$0	\$0	\$0
Base 20 MCF	\$4,790	\$5,605	\$1,815
Base 20 MCF	\$19,730	\$22,250	\$2,520
Base 20 MCF	\$1,561	\$1,765	\$204
Base 20 MCF	\$1,225	\$1,405	\$180

	2019 Rate	2020 Rate	2019 %	2020 %	Change %
Customer Charge	\$0	\$0	0%	0%	0%
Base 20 MCF	\$4,790	\$5,605	11%	13%	2%
Base 20 MCF	\$19,730	\$22,250	47%	53%	6%
Base 20 MCF	\$1,561	\$1,765	4%	4%	0%
Base 20 MCF	\$1,225	\$1,405	3%	3%	0%

The average customer used 20,000 cubic feet of gas in 2019. The average customer used 20,000 cubic feet of gas in 2020. The average customer's bill would be \$27.90 at the proposed rates. The average customer's bill at the current rates is \$27.90. The average customer's bill at the proposed rates is \$42.90.

If you have any questions, please call the office of B&T Gas Company located at 297 Exchange Road, West Leno, Kentucky.

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Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Kentucky Public Service Commission through the Commission's Web site or by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 607, Frankfort, Kentucky 40621.

If you are concerned about the rate plan proposed by B&T Gas Company, the Public Service Commission may order that the rate plan be suspended until the proposed rates are approved by the Commission.

If you are concerned about the rate plan proposed by B&T Gas Company, the Public Service Commission may order that the rate plan be suspended until the proposed rates are approved by the Commission. If the Commission orders that the rate plan be suspended, the Commission may take such action as it deems appropriate.

Thank you.