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To whom it may concern:

Subject: Appeal Against Proposed Navitas KY, LLC Gas Company Rate Hike

I am writing to express my concerns and opposition to the proposed rate increase by Navitas. As a resident of Johnson County, KY and a customer of Navitas, I believe this rate hike will impose an undue burden on the community and significantly impact household budgets.

Many families in our community are already struggling to make ends meet due to the rising cost of living. An increase in gas rates will exacerbate financial hardships for low- and middle-income households, many of whom are already making difficult choices between essential needs. A rate increase of this magnitude will substantially affect household budgets. For many residents, especially those on fixed or limited incomes, such a steep increase could result in significant financial strain. In light of current economic conditions, including inflation and rising costs of living, an additional financial burden of this scale is untenable for many households.

Our local economy is still recovering from the loss of jobs from the coal industry. Adding financial pressure through increased utility costs could slow down recovery efforts and potentially lead to reduced discretionary spending, further affecting local businesses. Many residents in our community are already struggling with basic expenses. The proposed increase is likely to disproportionately impact low-income families, elderly residents, and other vulnerable populations. I urge the Commission to consider the social implications of this rate hike and explore measures to mitigate its impact on these groups.

Before approving any rate increase, I request that the PSC explore alternative solutions to address the gas company's financial needs. These could include cost-cutting measures, operational efficiencies, or other financial strategies that do not place an additional burden on consumers.

I respectfully request that the PSC thoroughly review the proposed rate hike and consider the broader implications on the community. I believe that a more balanced approach can be found that considers both the financial health of Navitas and the well-being of its customers.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I hope that the PSC will take these concerns into account and work towards a fair resolution.

Sincerely,



Melissa Willis