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I live on a fixed income with no cost of living increases. Please do not increase our utility rates. I have done everything I can to reduce energy usage.

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Sincerely, Ann Brandt Carolyn Lee 125 Royal Springs Ave Georgetown KY, 40324

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Sincerely, Carolyn Lee

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Sincerely, Cindy Alvarado-Yeary

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Seniors have not gotten a COLA raise, while costs for energy and food continue to climb. Please don't allow Columbia Gas to raise rates.

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Sincerely, Sherry Tierney Jamie Simpson 131 SUBURBAN CT LEXINGTON KY, 40503-1305

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I'm tired of being ripped off by everyone. All I see is increased prices in EVERYTHING but not my pay check. I am trying to raise four kids on one salary with six people in my house. It's all I can do to keep my head above water. Everything g I make goes toward inflated bills with all their hidden taxes on everything

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Sincerely, Jamle Simpson Shirley Gough 344 MEADOW VALLEY RD LEXINGTON KY, 40511-8620

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We're paying enough now. Rates have to slow down

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Sincerely, Shirley Gough Rick Fromm 135 OWSLEY AVE LEXINGTON KY, 40502-1525

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It appears that all energy costs are down significantly. There does not appear to be any reason for a rate increase.

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Ionnie thompson 340 ARCADIA PARK LEXINGTON KY, 40503-1313

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Rates are high enough.

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Sincerely, lonnie thompson Marcella Halfhill 494 SANDALWOOD DR LEXINGTON KY, 40505-2250

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I am on a fixed income (on disability) due to stroke leaving permanent damage, causing me to lose ability to be gainfully employed. If my utility rates go up, I am afraid I may not be able to cover medical co-payments, take care of my property, etc.

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Sincerely, Mary White

Anthony Davis 700 CHARLES AVE LEXINGTON KY, 40508-1123

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At this time I do not support a rate increase for Columbia Gas of Kentucky. The rate increase will hurt aging citizens that are already struggling to meet their basic monthly needs for survival.

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Sincerely, Yolanda Costner

Billie Hughes 3422 BRIARCLIFF CIR LEXINGTON KY, 40502-3333

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I am on a limited income and each dollar counts!!

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Sincerely, Billie Hughes H Marcum 3657 AMICK WAY LEXINGTON KY, 40509-1998

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Retiring soon, fixed income, need I say more

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Sincerely, Anna Stephens Morris Sammons 773 Willow Oak Circle Lexington KY, 40514-1728

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Our utility rates keep going up and up. I don't know how lower income people can manage a budget with these higher rates!

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