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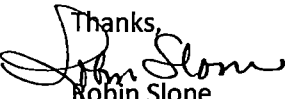
January 2, 2019

Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
P.O. Box 615
Frankfort, KY 40602

Re: Rate Increase Johnson County Gas
Current Customer
Virgil & Robin Slone
185 Loon Branch
Meally, KY 41234

Dear Commissioners:

I'm asking on behalf of myself and my community that you carefully look at this application for approval of increase. This specific company has for years had prices that have left many of us struggling to find ways to pay the bill. In their letter they indicate that the average bill was \$75.06 well I most certainly don't know that to be a fact but, what I do know is you have the ability to request their record. I can tell you my bill has never averaged that in the winter. I do work for a utility myself and I understand how important energy saving methods are in controlling fluctuations in usage. But I can't seem to get it right with this company. We live in a small town hit hard by the loss of coal jobs. New industry has yet to come. I also know that with the reduction of coal fired power plants switching to natural gas leaves me to wonder how natural gas can increase with the demand being higher than that in recent years. Also I'm left to wonder how gasoline prices have never fallen under \$2 in our town in which it has all over the state of Kentucky. Our small eastern Kentucky communities are being raped one company after another in our town already hit hard economically. Also you have to consider we all have electricity also in which you have granted increases this past year. How much more do you think the average person can take with no cost of living increases in minimum wage, social security, hourly wages, etc.? When you have to decide whether you pay your bills or buy gas to go to work so you can pay your pays it makes for a very difficult decision. Or in worst case scenarios pay bills or buy medicine and food. I know it has to be hard to imagine for a moment living in our town with these facts, but I'm asking each of you to put yourself in our shoes just for a moment and realize the impact you will have on us. The power is in your hands to grant these request so, I'm asking that if you must please evaluate carefully the cost financially and emotionally.

Thanks,

Robin Slone

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF JOHNSON COUNTY GAS COMPANY
TO ADJUST RATES FOR NATURAL GAS SERVICE
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY
December 28th, 2018**

Pursuant to the Kentucky Public Service Commission's regulation 807 KAR 5:076, Johnson County Gas Company, Inc. gives notice that an application has been filed on December 28th, 2018, with the Kentucky Public Service Commission seeking approval to adjust its rates for natural gas service. This rate adjustment will apply to all Johnson County Gas Company's customers. If Johnson County Gas Company's application is approved, monthly natural gas bills from Johnson County Gas Company will increase as follows:

| <u>Current Residential and Commercial Charges</u> | | | |
|---|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | <u>Base Rate</u> | <u>Gas Cost</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| Customer Charge (Monthly) | \$15.00 | | \$15.00 |
| All MCFs | \$8.6000 | \$6.4140 | \$15.0140 |
| <u>Proposed Rates</u> | | | |
| | <u>Base Rate</u> | <u>Amount of Increase</u> | <u>Percentage of Increase %</u> |
| Customer Charge (Monthly) | \$15.00 | N/A | 0% |
| All MCFs | \$17.7951 | \$9.1951 | 106.92% |
| <u>Gas Cost</u> | | | |
| | \$6.4140 per MCF | | |

The Johnson County Gas Company average customer monthly usage is 4 MCFs per month. In 2017 the customers of Johnson County Gas Company used an average 1240 MCFs per month. The average cost per customer was \$75.06 Based on average usage, the cost will increase \$36.78 per month if the proposed rates are approved by the Kentucky Public Service Commission. The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Johnson County Gas Company, however, the Kentucky Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

Any person may submit a timely written request to intervene to the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request and including the status and interest of the party. If the Kentucky Public Service Commission does not receive a request to intervene within thirty (30) days of the initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Kentucky Public Service Commission may take final action on the application. Any comments regarding this application may be submitted through the Commission's Web site at <http://psc.ky.gov/> or by mail to P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Copies of Johnson County Gas Company's application may be obtained or viewed from Johnson County Gas Company, at 497 George Road, Betsy Layne, KY 41605, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The application and all documents filed with the Kentucky Public Service Commission may be viewed and downloaded at the Kentucky Public Service Commission's Web site at <http://psc.ky.gov/> or a copy can be obtained from the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Bud Rife
Johnson County Gas Company
President