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Kentucky Public Service Commission

211 Sower Boulevard

P.O. Box 615

Frankfort, KY 40602

Timmy Young

481 Millers Creek Road


Van Lear, Ky 41265

Re: 12/28/2018 Rate Increase Application by Johnson County Gas

Dear Commissioners:

As a residential customer of the Johnson County Gas Company I am requesting the Kentucky Public Service Commission to deny this company's December 28th 2018 application to raise its rates. I have been a customer since 1986 and they have always been as much as twice the rate that those on Paintsville Utilities pays just across the river in West Van Lear. The majority of residents of Van Lear live off of their retirement income, disability income, or work low paying jobs. This unreasonable increase will burden further those of us that can not afford all of the necessities like housing, utilities, medications, and food and will cause more to have to chose which is more essential. Please consider that they already have a high rate and a \$15 customer charge and do not need an outrageous increase. Please reject this request for an increase in rates.

Sincerely,



Timmy Young

**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