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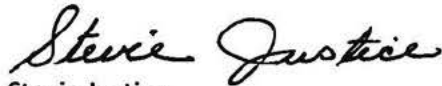
Gentlemen:

At a time when people are having problems paying their taxes, water, sewer, and electric bills, car, home and health insurance, very little is left to purchase food. I was appalled by the rate increase requested by Peoples Gas KY, LLC. Natural gas is basically a free form of energy and once the infrastructure is installed, there is very little maintenance cost. The piping (transfer method) has been in place for at least the past 75 years, and any farm tap should be exempt from any rate increase. Peoples Gas KY, Inc. does not own any of the gas being sold. Peoples is a subcontractor that purchases the gas for resale from other entities such as Columbia, Core, etc. Any new customer must purchase all materials when a new installation is tapped onto their system and the customer is responsible for any loss of gas past the metering. The largest cost for Peoples is the meter and that is supposed to be changed every ten years.

Just because Peoples Gas KY, LLC has requested a rate increase it should not be automatic. I have noticed over the past several years that when the Public Service Commission (PSC) receives a rate increase they will approve 50 percent of the total request. If this is how the PSC reviews a rate increase, then PSC should be investigated. Peoples Gas should be required to submit the last three years of financial records to determine if a raise is justified. However, a good accountant can make numbers appear the way they want it to look.

If Peoples Gas plans on transferring ownership, why would they need a 59 percent raise? Something here stinks and sounds like a scam to me.

Thank you,



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