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To: Public Service Commission:

As a consumer of natural gas, I recently received a notice from People's Gas Ky, LLC concerning a proposed rate increase.

I strongly object to this increase. Following are my reasons:

They stated that they have not had an increase in sixteen years. They have owned this consumer area for approximately 4 to 5 years only.

They are asking for a 59% rate increase. The natural gas base rate per mcf is \$2.1322, the lowest rate in a decade. They are charging the consumer \$7.50 per mcf showing a profit of \$5.36 per mcf. I understand they have overhead such as transportation and other fees, having worked in the natural gas industry for approximately 10 years myself. We, as a small third party company, pay these fees at an alarming rate and I know firsthand these costs.

I am very concerned about their comment concerning their plan to transfer ownership to a different company. It gives the appearance of bolstering their profit to increase their ability to sell.

My main concern is the timing of this increase. It could not come at a more inconvenient time, with the pandemic and many people out of work and struggling to make their bills. It comes at a time when our elderly's and everyone's consumer use for heat doubles during the winter months.

This increase of 59% in rates, in my opinion, is absurd.

Any increase on the public at this time is going to put unnecessary hardship on the people of this state. We have already faced extreme job losses and hardship in our area from the loss of the coal industry. The impact of that loss has been sever.

I strongly object to any increase as has been stated.

Sincerely,

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