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Frankfort, Ky. 40602

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From: Ronald Dean and Naomi Adkins
P.O. Box 291
Stanville, Ky. 41659

I am writing in response to a notice I received from B & H Gas Company, P.O. Box 447, Betsy Layne, Ky. 41605, received November 5, 2020. The notice was sent to inform customers of a rate increase, if approved, will take effect on May 6, 2021.

If I understand correctly, the rate will be 4 to 8 times the rate that customers are paying now. This will gravely affect households in this area if this purposed rate is approved. With Covid 19 Virus, people are struggling due to survive the effects that are put upon them due to jobs cut or lost. And with this increase at such a high rate, I worry that most will not be able to afford to pay their bill.

I understand about increases in a business. They are needed to keep up with everyday expenses and profits. This is how a business grows. However, I think the customers need to be taken in consideration. How will they survive?

I am sending a copy of the notice I received. It is very hard to read. It would have been nice to receive a readable copy. The print is so small and when it is enlarged, it is still hard to read. This shows a lack of concern on business's part for its customers.

Please, when considering this increase, PLEASE think about EVERYONE. Make the increase reasonable, not just to the business owner.

Thank You,
Ronald Dean and Naomi Akins

B & H GAS COMPANY
 PO Box 482, Holly Ligon, Kentucky 40658 606-476-5858

B&H Gas Company Customers:

B&H Gas Company's base rates have not changed since 1991. Due to the lack of rate increases, we have operated at a loss for years. Operational issues cannot continue. If it is not for us, we must shut down our operations and provide safe, reliable service to you and your families.

A rate increase is required annually from each year. As the costs associated with providing gas service increases as they have over the past 29 years, we must be able to cover those costs through the rates charged for services. The increase required at this time is a direct result of all those years without an increase.

Below are the details of the adjustment we have requested:

Pursuant to the procedure set forth in KY KAR 5:016, passed into law on or before November 6, 2020, B&H Gas Company will seek approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission for an adjustment of its monthly rates for natural gas service. The rate adjustment will apply to all B&H Gas Company customers. The increase will be effective on May 6, 2021, or sooner as approved by the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

If approved, the rates will increase as follows:

	Present Rates			Proposed Rates		
	Base Rate	Gas Cost/Unit	Total	Rate Rate	Gas Cost Rate	Total
Customer Charge	\$0		\$0	\$17.900	\$12.9000	\$17.9000
First 2 MCF	\$4.7928	\$3.6698-C2	\$82.4340	\$12.2600	\$2.9012-C2	\$75.5240
Next 20 MCF	\$1.9795	\$3.8809	\$54.4114	\$9.7080	\$1.6455	\$37.7212
Next 20 MCF	\$1.9611	\$3.6635	\$54.2316	\$7.7050	\$3.6635	\$41.3000
Over 20 MCF	\$1.1102	\$3.6635	\$4.9798	\$7.7050	\$3.6635	\$41.3000
						Change %
Customer Charge						76%
First 2 MCF						140%
Next 20 MCF						137%
Over 20 MCF						117%

The average customer paid approximately \$1,341.50 per month in 2019. Based upon the monthly usage in 2019, the average customer's bill would be \$29.06 at the present rates and \$47.88 at the proposed rates. The average customer's bill would be \$37.88 at proposed rates. The customer bill is \$12.12. The customer bill is proposed rate a \$47.88.

The application may be examined at the offices of B&H Gas Company, located at 497 George Road, Holly Ligon, Kentucky.

Has application may be examined at the Kentucky Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 State Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's Web site at <http://kpsc.gov>.

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through the Commission's Web site or by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 415, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by B&H Gas Company. The Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 415, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the dates and names of the parties. The Commission does not hold public hearings for intervention unless the party's request for public participation or status at that hearing. The Commission may take final action on the application.

Thank you.