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Public Service Commission,

Please reconsider even allowing the current proposal of **tripling** the fixed charge and increasing the energy charge of residential bills by **59%**, recently proposed by **Peoples Gas** (and if sold-Delta Gas Co.). This would be imposing a huge financial impact on Eastern Kentucky households already struggling to make end's meet, in the middle of a pandemic. The actual rates that Peoples Gas has proposed are neither just, nor fair, to ratepayers like me.

"Recent unemployment data shows that the region's unemployment rates skyrocketed as businesses were shuttered and limited in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, revealing the impacts of the response at the county level.

According to the Kentucky Center for Statistics, Pike County's unemployment rate more than doubled within one month, from March 20 to April 20 this year, increasing from 8.4 percent to 17.6 percent.



The rates for Eastern Kentucky more than

tripled from where they were in April 2019, only one year earlier. This was the case for Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, Perry and Pike, among many other counties in the region." (Source: Appalachian Express 6/2/2020)

Eastern KY residents continue to face hardships since this was released over 4 months ago. To suggest a rate increase at a time when low income customers are already struggling seems ill timed. Please consider the residents of Eastern Kentucky and their economic down turn before and during this pandemic.

Please take this into consideration for all of the current and future customers of Peoples Gas how this will greatly affect their ability to continue to have "affordable" gas.

Thank you,

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE

Date of Mailing: October 6, 2020

Peoples Gas KY LLC is filing a request with the Public Service Commission to increase its rates. This is the first request to increase base rates in over sixteen years. The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Peoples Gas KY LLC. However, the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the rates in this notice. Any corporation, association, body politic, or person may file written comments or a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice with the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. Copies of the request for an increase in rates may be obtained by contacting the gas company at 463 Hambley Boulevard, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. A copy of the request for an increase in rates will be available for public inspection at this address.

Present Rates	Proposed Rate	Estimated Monthly Bill
Customer Charge: \$7.50	Customer Charge: \$21.00*	Present Rates: \$37.77
Base Rate: \$2.1322 per Mcf	Base Rate: \$4.3185 per Mcf	Proposed Rates: \$59.93
		Percentage Increase: 59%

\*The proposed increase in the customer charge will be partially offset by a monthly surcredit of \$3.83 for the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act Surcredit.

Peoples Gas KY LLC is also notifying the Public Service Commission of its intent that Peoples Gas KY LLC's parent company, PNG Companies LLC, plans to transfer ownership of Peoples Gas KY LLC to Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. after the rate proceeding concludes. Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. is also owned by PNG Companies, LLC. Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. currently provides natural gas service to customers in Kentucky near Peoples Gas KY LLC's service territory. Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. will provide further information regarding its company, including contact information, should the transaction occur. Information regarding the planned transaction will be available in the same application as the proposed rate change.

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