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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Case No. 2021-00214 Re: Atmos Energy Rate Increase Proposal  
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Thank you for your comments on the application of Atmos Energy Corporation. Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. Please cite the case number in this matter, 2021-00214, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00214 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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The Honorable Michael J. Schmitt  
Chairman  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is to register my opposition to Atmos Energy's proposed rate increase generally, but particularly with regard to the company's proposal to increase the residential monthly base charge by 18 percent.

It is understandable, perhaps, that the company would need to be able seek rates that account for fuel cost increases, but it is difficult to understand how the company can justify a monthly residential service fee increase of 18 percent while having done nothing of consequence for the residential customer, and which would result in hardship for many. No service at all is included in that fee, which is already excessive, in my view. For example, water companies usually provide certain amounts of water usage within their base fee. Atmos Energy provides no such benefit.

Atmos Energy's profits have increased not insignificantly during the pandemic, yet they would presume to impose on Kentucky families an excessive residential base fee increase at a time when many are struggling in the midst of sustained economic hardship.

One could speculate that the company is 1) seeking to take advantage of stimulus payments made to many Kentucky families, and/or 2) seeking to lock in service rate increases prior to the proposed corporate tax rate increase that could take effect, so that a further rate increase could be sought if such a tax rate increase were to become effective, but I do not suggest here that these are their motives. Outright greed, perhaps, might be the more likely motive for their request, but that is not singular to Atmos Energy, nor am I suggesting that this should be a consideration here either.

I do ask that the Public Service Commission review critically and carefully Atmos Energy's entire proposal, but especially to consider fully the adverse impact on Kentucky families of the unreasonable, even unconscionable, proposal to increase the monthly residential base charge by an unjustifiable 18 percent, and that you deny their request.

With many thanks, best regards, and all good wishes,

Sincerely,  
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