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Kentucky Public Service Commission
PO Box 615
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Re: Case No. 2024-00346 – Opposition to Rate Increase for Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing on behalf the Clay County Fiscal Court and myself as Clay County Attorney to express concern regarding the proposed rate increase submitted by Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Delta) in Case No. 2024-00346. The members of the Court, as well as myself, represent a number of low-income citizens who will be significantly impacted by Delta's proposed rate increases.

According to the latest statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau, just over 35% of Clay County's population lives in poverty. This rate is 93.8% higher than the state average and 149.6% higher than the national average.

As outlined in its application, Delta seeks a 40% increase for both residential and farm tap monthly customers. This proposed increase would cause additional financial strains on an already struggling community.

We strongly urge the Kentucky Public Service Commission to either completely reject Delta's proposed increase or significantly reduce it to ensure that gas service remains affordable for Clay County's most vulnerable population.

We further request that this letter be included in the record of Case No. 2024-00346 as a formal comment on behalf of the citizens of Clay County, Kentucky.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of our concerns. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph C. White".

Joseph C. White
Clay County Attorney