

Public Comments Received for Case Number: 2026-00099
Response Monday, October 19, 2026

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, 2026-00099 in any further correspondence.

The documents in this case are available at: [View Case Filings for: 2026-00099 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Received through Public Comments

Saturday, October 17, 2026

From: Emma Mitchell
City: Paris
State: KY
Zip: 40361

Comments:

Dear Commissioners:

I am a residential Columbia Gas customer living in Paris, Bourbon County, Kentucky. I oppose the proposed rate increase and respectfully request that the Commission reject or substantially reduce any increase that is not supported by reasonable, demonstrated costs.

My recent bill illustrates my concern about fixed and delivery charges: a \$21.25 customer charge, an \$8.53 gas delivery charge, and only \$5.94 for the gas supply itself. My total bill, including taxes and other charges, was \$42.68. In other words, customer and delivery charges totaled \$29.78 for a month in which my gas supply cost was \$5.94.

During the winter, my natural gas bills exceed \$200. I use natural gas to heat my home and provide hot water.

These are essential household needs, and higher fixed charges are especially difficult to avoid even when customers conserve energy.

I respectfully ask the Commission to examine and explain:

1. Whether any increase to the fixed monthly customer charge is necessary and justified by the cost of service.
2. What return on equity and overall profit opportunity Columbia Gas is requesting, and why those levels are reasonable.
3. Whether executive compensation, bonuses, administrative costs, and affiliate expenses have been scrutinized to exclude unreasonable costs.
4. Whether proposed delivery charges fairly reflect the cost of providing service and how they affect customers who use relatively little gas.
5. What impact the proposed rates would have on retirees, older adults, and low-income

households.

Columbia Gas customers generally cannot choose a competing gas distribution utility. This makes careful

oversight of proposed rates and charges particularly important. I ask the Commission to consider whether

higher fixed charges reduce the financial benefit of conserving gas.

Please ensure that any approved rates are supported by evidence, reasonable in amount, and fair to

residential customers. Thank you for considering my comments and including them in the public record for this

case.

Respectfully,

Emma Mitchell

Paris, Kentucky

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