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UGI Utilities Rate Increase – Docket R-2019-3015162
Comments Submitted for Public Record

Thank you for allowing me to comment on this matter. I'm providing these comments as both a legislator and a customer of UGI, and I would like to address a couple aspects of UGI's filing that are concerning to me in these roles.

Less than a year ago, UGI received a \$30 million-dollar rate hike from the Commission, and now they are requesting another \$74 million dollars per year. I have grave concerns about the sustainability of such massive rate increases every year and the impact it causes to UGI customers, who are my constituents, my friends and my neighbors.

Additionally, this rate increase request comes in the midst of a pandemic that has resulted in devastation across our communities, including the tragic loss of life. At a time of uncertainty in our Commonwealth, when unemployment has increased sharply and when we have not been able to take a full survey of the enduring economic and societal harms that will remain following this pandemic and our Governor's response to it, the last thing we need is to increase the cost of the commodity that heats over 51% of Pennsylvania homes in the winter.

I would also like to stress that this increase is especially harmful to senior citizens, those on fixed incomes and those who are struggling to make ends meet currently. These same groups have already suffered heavily under the effects and side-effects of this pandemic. I ask that you please do not make these groups, along with every residential, commercial and industrial customer of UGI, suffer more than they have already during these trying times.

In closing, I ask that the Commission heavily scrutinize this rate increase request. As a legislator and a customer, it appears unjust and should be rejected as contrary to the public interest at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Marcy Toepel'.

Marcy Toepel, State Representative
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