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**To Ensure Funding for Increasing Safety, Reliability of System, *Company Name*
Petitions PUC to Increase Base Rates**

TOWN NAME – In order to improve the safety and reliability of the natural gas distribution system, *Company Name* today asked the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) for a **?? percent** increase in base rates.

Under the proposal, *Company Name* will increase rates by **\$(total)** or **?? percent**. As proposed, the bill for an average residential customers using **?? Mcf** of natural gas a month will increase from **\$\$\$** to **\$\$\$** a month.

The proposed increases are needed **(state reasons here with focus on safety and reliability of service – examples include “to continue to provide safe and reliable service, maintain the integrity of existing capital, attract additional capital at reasonable rates and have a reasonable opportunity to earn a fair rate of return on its property used and useful in rendering gas service to the public.”)**

Company Name provides natural gas service to **(insert number)** customers in **(insert county name(s))** County.

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