

Objection to Assessment, docket per ALJ Long

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All parties:

Please accept this as my opposition to the proposed electric rate increase for Pike County Light and Power.

The reasons for my opposition include:

- 1) Customers of PCLP already pay above average markets rates for electricity. For example, if the proposed increase is allowed, PCLP residential customers will pay 17.26 cents per KWH. This is above surrounding Pennsylvania utilities. Additionally, if we look at the UGI electric rate increase now before the PUC we will see that UGI is asking for a new rate of 12.38 cents per KWH. The current PCLP settlement agreement is 39% higher than what UGI is asking.
- 2) Parties including BIE, OCA, and I have experienced errors of omission, partial truths and changing stories by PCLP. We were all warned in the beginning that this behavior would not be tolerated, yet PCLP appears to have gotten away with it.
- 3) Pike County is a relatively rural working class area. Good paying jobs are not plentiful. This was supported in the comments made during the public input hearing by the official of Milford Township. She stated that it is difficult to attract new businesses as the cost of energy is too high. Companies have wanted to locate here, but did not. PCLP customers simply can not afford an additional increase on top of already high costs.
- 4) For the gas side, I understand that the aging gas pipes need to be replaced. However, on the electric

side, I do not see a good reason why rates need to be increased at all.

5) I understand that my request to freeze rates has a slim to none chance of being adopted by the Commission. As an alternate, I would request that PCLP not be allowed to request another increase for six years.

Please contact me if there are any questions.

Charlie Gillinder

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