

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

July 20, 2018

The Honorable Kevin J. McIntyre
Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Chairman McIntyre,

Many of our constituents have expressed concerns with the natural gas service rate proposal filed by MoGas Pipeline LLC (Docket No. RP18-877). According to information provided, MoGas proposes to increase rates by 105% for Zone 1 customers and 177% for Zone 2 customers. Since all Zone 2 customers are also Zone 1 customers, this equates to an effective rate increase of 137% for Zone 2 customers. If approved by the commission, these rate increases would have a significant impact on Missouri consumers, businesses, and the U.S. Army's Fort Leonard Wood.

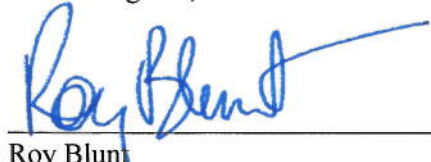
According to municipalities and distribution system operators, they will be forced to pass the bulk of the transportation rate increases along to customers. Based on data provided, this could result in some residential customers experiencing a retail rate increase of between \$500 and \$1,100 per year. These rate increases could make natural gas service unaffordable for many families and individuals, especially those with low or fixed incomes, as well as local businesses.

Also concerning is the potential impact the rate increases could have on the U.S. Army's Fort Leonard Wood (FLW). The Department of Defense, acting on behalf of FLW, has filed a motion to intervene in the case as FLW accounts for approximately 10% of the total contracted firm load. FLW is Missouri's largest military installation, training nearly 80,000 military and civilians each year. FLW is home to three U.S. Army Schools: the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School; the Engineer School; and the Military Police School. The location of FLW in rural, central Missouri affords the Department of Defense with an abundance of training, maneuver, and operational benefits. However, the rural location also requires reliable access to affordable energy resources, including natural gas.

The commission members know that access to reliable natural gas transportation service is vital to the economy and security of south-central Missouri. It is understandable that rates increase at times, however, the service rates charged must be just and reasonable. We urge the commission to consider these factors and the comments of filers as you conduct a full and fair analysis of the MoGas rate case and any potential settlement that may be reached.

We appreciate your attention to this matter. Please contact us with any questions.

Sincere regards,



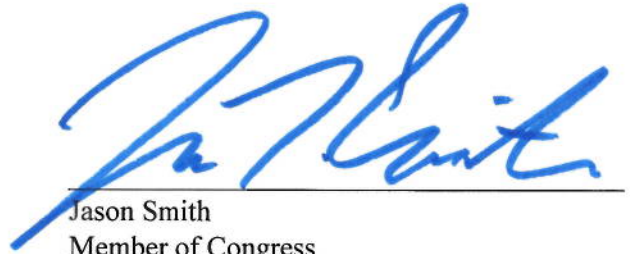
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