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Missouri Public
Service Commission

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Do not raise rates. Will all possible fracking going on, you cannot have your cake and eat it too - meaning, you cannot screw up our environment, AND screw up our pocketbooks

Sincerely,

Daniel Spector
Chesterfield, MO 63017

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Public Comment
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Dear Commissioners:

NO reason to raise rates. This is complete nonsense.

Sincerely,

Chris Ridler
4641 jarboe st
Kansas City, MO 64112

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Public Comment
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Dear Commissioners:

I have some inexpensive rental properties with gas heat - an increase would be hard for my renters to afford.

Sincerely,

Reese Forbes
4225 West Pine Blvd #14
St. Louis, MO 63108-2869

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Dear Commissioners:

I am an 81 year old widow. My husband was killed in an accident 37 years ago. I receive a \$870 Social Security check and the first day of each month my long term insurance policy pulls \$387.28 out of my checking account. I live without any other assistance. I challenge the MGE and Laclede executives to live on that amount and pay all of their bills. It is very hard.

Sincerely,

Jean Libby
1909 S. Ash
Independence, MO 64053

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Dear Commissioners:

Since I live on a fixed income, I have to watch every penny. I think before companies ask for rate increases they should look at reducing the income of their top executives. How much of this rate increase will go to the lowest paid employees.

Sincerely,

Elaine Sweeney
1215 Kostka Lane
Florissant, MO 63031

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Dear Commissioners:

I CANT AFORD ANY MORE.....

Sincerely,

Amanda Litton
702 Nicholson Dr
Potosi, MO 63664

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Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Laclade / MGE (Spire) rate increase. The Missouri Public Service Commission serves a vital role in transparency and accountability in the regulation public utilities and we are grateful for your service.

As the executive director of Consumers Council of Missouri, we have collected hundreds of comments from our membership, your constituents regarding the proposed Laclade / MGE (Spire) rate increase. We ask that these comments be submitted into the record, as the Commission has allowed before.

Thank you,

Cara Spencer
Executive Director
Consumers Council of Missouri

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Public Comment

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Dear Commissioners:

My husband is retired and I don't believe that consumers should shoulder the burden for large corporations.

Sincerely,

Bridget Flood

3671 Bellerive

St. Louis, MO 63116

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Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

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Dear Commissioners:

It is immoral and unethical to shift higher rates and costs to residents, many of whom are already struggling to pay Laclede Gas as it is

Sincerely,

Erica Williams

1620 Zurich Dr

Florissant, MO 63031

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Dear Commissioners:

I can't afford gas now. even in the summer I'm getting 50\$ ++ / month bills for only my gas hot water and gas stove. That is ridiculous. if it goes up any more we will switch to electric.

if you quit buying up the other gas companies maybe you will not need to raise our rates. and quit spending on high dollar marketing firms that tell you to change your name, maybe you won't need to raise your rates. the rest of us have to budget our spending. Maybe we should allow competition in our utilities, so we can shop gas companies.

thank you,

Sincerely,

Paul Frisella

3838 S Broadway

St. Louis, MO 63118

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Public Comment
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Dear Commissioners:

We are on a fixed income. In your ever increasing need to see more and more profit, people who have lower incomes never enter the discussions. This is disgusting.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Marienau
780 S. 21st Ave.
Ozark, MO 65721

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Dear Commissioners:

We are closing in on a fixed income situation in the next few years and any increase in our utilities will make for financial difficulty.

Sincerely,

Dave Mount
4579 Laclede Avenue #178
St. Louis, MO 63108

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Public Comment

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Dear Commissioners:

Will stress my household financially. We are living on fixed incomes. We have had no retirement increases in the last two years.

Sincerely,

Ray Trettet
7519 Shadybridge Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63129

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Dear Commissioners:

If the gas company gets an increase. It will be difficult for me to get the necessary medication that I need for my diabetes and glaucoma. These medications are already expensive and the extra money will take away from them. I would have to decide rather to buy food. buy medication or pay utilities.

Sincerely,

Onita Omorodion
3204 Hardesty Dr. Apt. 1
Kansas City, MO 64128

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Dear Commissioners:

As seniors, my wife and I are on a fixed income. We have no choice when it comes to income and few choices in how to spend it. Increases in costs are happening over which we have no control. That is where the Public Service Commission comes in. We know that we need hot water and heat when the weather gets cold but we don't know what Laclede Gas Company needs to operate; we are dependent on members of the Public Service Commission to have that information and to speak up for consumers. Please look out for us!

Sincerely,

John Ramsay
520 Mapleview Drive
University City, MO 63130

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Dear Commissioners:

I will not be able to afford to heat my house beyond a level to keep pipes from freezing. As is, I have to keep my thermostat at 60 degrees even in the coldest part of the winter. I live on a fixed income and simply cannot afford these proposed increases.

Sincerely,

Sheri Gabbert
611 E. Center Stree
Mt. Vernon, MO 65712

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Dear Commissioners:

We can not afford that. It will cause us to choose between what utilities to pay a month. We have a newborn and can not have gas this winter but a rate increase would cause just that

Sincerely,

Tiffany Clay
3747 Kosciusko
St. Louis, MO 63118

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Dear Commissioners:

We are being nickled and dimed to death. Many of us barely put food on the table. And even when you call Laclede Gas to fix a leak, they never come out and actually fix it. Enough is enough.

Sincerely,

Amber W
, MO

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Dear Commissioners:

Less money for food, more time spent working, less time with family and community.

Sincerely,

Ashley Kuykendall
6075 Hartford Street
St. Louis, MO 63139

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Dear Commissioners:

Further Psychological damage because Laclede gas is a utility bully, operating like a private company doing business as if they weren't a money grubbing monopoly.

Sincerely,

Michael Griffin
3321 Cherokee St
St. Louis, MO 63118

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Dear Commissioners:

Please do not raise rates. I serve residents in the densest, diverse and vibrant parts of St. Louis City. Many of our residents also survive on minimal incomes. The recent lowering of the minimum wage has hit our community hard. We can't take more economic pressures. Please consider other methods to address your budgetary needs.

Sincerely,

Amanda Colon-Smith
4204 Virginia Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63118

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Dear Commissioners:

This would negatively impact my household.

Sincerely,

Ashley Ray
5760 Kingsbury Place
St. Louis, MO 63112

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Dear Commissioners:

I am a single mother working multiple jobs and have to choose which bills to pay each month. I struggle every month even though I work a lot both jobs are low paying and I cannot do any more than I'm doing now. Still bills continue to increase faster than my pay increases and I'm feeling buried. We could lose everything at any moment and increases in bills contributes to instability for me, my child, and families all over St. Louis.

Sincerely,

Jenn Krieger
4095 Fillmore
St. Louis, MO 63116

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Dear Commissioners:

Rate increases will negatively affect many people I care about. A few bucks or even pennies a month more is literally the difference between life or death for those living paycheck to paycheck or worse.

Sincerely,

Allison Babka
St. Louis, MO

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Dear Commissioners:

I work for the State, and I'm barely able to support a household with two young children. Every company wants to increase with the notion that employees are receiving a magical salary increase every year. For those who are on an increase freeze, or even those whom receive a 3%, that extra 10 dollars on one's paycheck does not stretch out across the board.

Sincerely,

Rania Nerviani
1444 Timberbrook
St. Louis, MO 63122

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Dear Commissioners:

Raising rates could impact those who make below the poverty line and are already struggling to make ends meet. There are too many St. Louisans who can barely afford to keep food on the table for their families; it would be remiss to raise rates on these families and increase their burden.

Sincerely,

Andrea Hermann
7205 Sarah Ave
St. Louis, MO 63143

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Public Comment

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Dear Commissioners:

Financial hardship. Less Money to spend on local businesses that actually support our community. Continued dependence on non renewable resources

Sincerely,

Colleen Clawson

2212 indiana

St. Louis, MO 63104

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Dear Commissioners:

I'm a college-educated full-time employee. I work 40 hours a week and still struggle to pay utilities. I have no dependents. Is the welfare of people like me, and the thousands of people whose struggle is greater, worth it? This isn't an internet or a phone bill, which are optional and consumers have a market to choose from. This is a necessary utility and companies have to understand their clientele, which spans from the poorest of the poor to the richest of the rich. I don't have a solution but I know raising rates for everyone isn't it.

Sincerely,

Molly Waters

3441 Iowa

St. Louis, MO 63118

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Dear Commissioners:

Less food and gas for car

Sincerely,

Norrene Estelle
3648 Pennsylvania Ave
St. Louis, MO 63118

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Dear Commissioners:

Make it harder for my family to eat so that your huge corporation can get richer.
Stop squeezing our community so that you can get paid more. It is immoral and disgusting.

Sincerely,

Kristina Goodwin

3729 Ohio Ave

St. Louis, MO 63118

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Public Comment

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Dear Commissioners:

I am a single income household and am barely able to pay my bills as it is. Increasing service costs by this much will put me in debt.

Sincerely,

Jill Harding
4633 Shenandoah Ave
St. Louis, MO 63116

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Dear Commissioners:

It will make my bills unaffordable.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Zini
3174 Portis
St. Louis, MO 63116

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Dear Commissioners:

Spire's proposed rate increase is opposed by my household. While Spire presents the rate increase as an average of \$4 per month, the increase is an unjustified burden on too many households that cannot earn a living wage despite working full-time. When Spire reports profits that exceed the average gas utility's profit in the US, I expect to see increases in the assistance programs. Instead, increases in these important programs are dangled like a carrot in exchange for a rate increase. No thanks, Spire.

Sincerely,

James Prosis-McKee
3426 Indiana Ave
St. Louis, MO 63116

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Dear Commissioners:

This is too much of a burden and is unacceptable. Gas rates are already predatory and keep going up every year beyond what is reasonable.

Sincerely,

Wayne Canepa
3501 Indiana Ave 2F
St. Louis, MO 63118

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Dear Commissioners:

We already struggle to pay our utility bills. We only use gas for heating but have to pay year round for it, our summer bill averages \$35 despite using only our pilot light! Winter is of course much higher, and we also have to budget for electric on top of that. Any rate increase would cause a serious budget crisis for our family, when we already pay so much year round for something we use less than half of the year.

Sincerely,

Amber Sebold
1418 Scenic Dr
Herculaneum, MO 63048

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Dear Commissioners:

We are trying to make energy efficient improvements to save on utility bills. Every increase gets us further from making these changes. Our draftiest room already needs an electric heater and I constantly worry about my kids or dogs starting a fire with it. I lost a friend to a house fire caused by an electric heater and more people will suffer losing their homes or their lives if faced with this choice.

Sincerely,

Sarah Folkemer
5222 Alabama Ave
St. Louis, MO 63111

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Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

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Dear Commissioners:

We already struggle to cover our utility bills for our old brick house, this would make it even harder.

Sincerely,

Sasha Anderson
3538 Illinois Ave
St. Louis, MO 63118

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Public Comment

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Dear Commissioners:

It will make a service that's already entirely too expensive even more expensive! Gas bills are ridiculous during the winter. And they want to make them higher? Nope.

Sincerely,

Matthew Fournier
1022 Russell Blvd, Apt D
St. Louis, MO 63104

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Public Comment

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Dear Commissioners:

I will be unable to pay my heating bill this winter.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Betts

4731A Alaska Ave.

St. Louis, MO 63111

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Dear Commissioners:

It will negatively impact my household because we are low-income and rely on a set dollar amount being issued to us in our bill that's proportionate to our income. If there is a raise we won't be able to afford it and we will be at greater risk for disconnection. I have 2 small children in the home and cannot afford to be without utilities anymore than I can afford a rate increase.

Sincerely,

Rachel Johns
3405 Hartford Street, Unit B
St. Louis, MO 63118

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Dear Commissioners:

It will have a strong negative impact on all low income households, especially the elderly and disabled who have only fixed incomes. Budgeting is hard enough now. It will only be harder to keep up with utilities with a rate increase of this size and may cause people to suffer from lack of heat in the winter.

Sincerely,

Sheryl Renken
3926 Humphrey
St. Louis, MO 63116

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Dear Commissioners:

Many of our neighbors cannot afford the rates as they are. I'd hate to see even more families driven into foreclosure and potential homelessness.

Sincerely,

Dan Pearson

4170 Wyoming

St. Louis, MO 63116

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Dear Commissioners:

I already pay quite a bit of money in the winter for gas and I am very concerned what impact this will have on my ability to heat my home at a reasonable price let alone how it will impact some of my neighbors.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Skees
3410 Hartford St
St Louis, MO 63110

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Dear Commissioners:

People will be barely able to pay their utility bills.

Sincerely,

Nisveta Fejzic
3949 Miami St, 2E
St. Louis, MO 63118

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Dear Commissioners:

Making ends meet is difficult as it is - an increase in base rates would decrease my household's disposable income. We would possibly seek alternatives to using natural gas in our home if rates increased.

Sincerely,

Madeleine Sher

4416 Beck Avenue

St. Louis, MO 63116

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Dear Commissioners:

I am a law student and try to keep my costs down as much as possible by conserving as much energy as possible. I am living off loans and two part time jobs and I am able to mostly make it to the end of each semester (before new loans are disbursed) by keeping my costs as low as possible. I usually am able to keep my utility bills under \$30 even if i have to be a little hot or cold or not use my oven so much. I'm already maxed out on how much loans i can take out and have high credit card bills each month from my spending before i was in school and I'm already working as much as possible (ie, how much work i am provided) in my part time jobs. I dont want Laclede to hike rates because that means i lose control of how much i am able to budget and it could push me over the edge.

Sincerely,

Kendall Reeves
7254 Moller Avenue, Apartment 2
St. Louis, MO 63143

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Dear Commissioners:

Very negatively.

Sincerely,

Catherine Jackson
St. Louis, MO 63118

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Dear Commissioners:

This will substantially increase winter heating bills, which are already expensive! I oppose the increase.

Sincerely,

Max Holtz
Kansas City, MO 64109

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Dear Commissioners:

Combined with the recent tax reassessment, it is getting very expensive for us to live in the city. We are a young family and chose an urban life over suburbia, in part because - despite the lower performing schools in STL city - we are really attached to our neighborhood and it seemed like an affordable option. Nonetheless, utility costs are high, taxes on our renovated 120 yo home are likely comparable to what we would pay in the suburbs once the abatement ends, and an increase in gas prices would likely push us far over our monthly budget. Our average gas bill is already over 240 dollars a month in the winter months.

Sincerely,

Alexis Boyer-Meyerman
2908 Park Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63104

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Dear Commissioners:

Will not be able to afford gas appliances or heat. May have to switch from natural gas to electric and wood. With natural gas prices at a historical low, why the increase? And so big?

Sincerely,

Steph van Schalkwyk
2223 Park Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63104

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Dear Commissioners:

We would probably lower our thermostats by 2 or 3 degrees if the rates increase. This may not seem like much, but it represents a sacrifice in our lifestyle. At the same time, the price of natural gas is the same as it was 5 years ago (\$3.00/mmBTU, see <http://www.infomine.com/investment/metal-prices/natural-gas/5-year/>). Spire (nee LaCledde Gas) will probably say that there are great infrastructure needs that must be addressed, and I agree that is true. However, Spire's stock price has risen 16.6% over the past year. Perhaps Spire needs to devote more capital to infrastructure, rather than relying on rate payers to cover costs that rightly belong to investors and bond holders.

Sincerely,

Brian Sullivan
3730 Arsenal Street
St. Louis, MO 63118

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Dear Commissioners:

Please reduce the base rate and apply increases only to the portion of the bill that charges for gas used -- let the higher users pay more than people who have to ration their use -- in other words, make it linear first, then consider a progressive rate. This will have the added incentive for people to conserve and/or modernize.

Sincerely,

Sebastian Bautz

711 North Laclede Station

Webster Groves, MO 63119

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I already pay \$25-30 per month for gas service and only use \$1-2 of actual gas (my stove is the only gas appliance in my home, everything else is electric), the rest is for fees just to maintain the account. This alone is absurd and an increase in gas rates would be unsustainable for thousands of families. I do not support a rate increase in any form.

Sincerely,

Robert Garrison
4309 Chouteau Ave
St. Louis, MO 63110

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

This is an undue burden upon my house and the homes of my impoverished neighbors.

Sincerely,

Kyle Little

3870 McDonald

St. Louis, MO 63116

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

**Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216**

Dear Commissioners:

Negatively. We are already charged to keep the service, far more than our actual usage. It will unfairly increase our financial burden.

Sincerely,

Ashley Murry
4309 chouteau ave
St. Louis, MO 63110

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

It's too much. Many months we are barely squeaking by. My neighbors can afford it even less than I.

Sincerely,

Kathryn f Kellison
3509 Lemp Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63118

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I've witnessed dramatic increases in utilities. What used to be easily manageable given our household budget now threatens to blow my own budget as a retiree (and future single householder) to smithereens. I'm scrambling to try to figure out what choices I will have available as I age.

Sincerely,

Linda Jones

4836 Rose Blossom Ln

Hazelwood, MO 63042

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I can barely afford to pay my bills as it is...I have to pay some bills late to make sure my bank account isn't in the negative. I may have to replace my gas appliances with electric so I only have one overpriced utility to pay for. I can't go all gas, but I can go all electric. I just wonder how much of this money goes to pad someone's rich wealthy lifestyle while us common folk can't even make ends meet?

Sincerely,

Amy Hume

4125 Hartford

St. Louis, MO 63116

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Can't afford it.

Sincerely,

Jeff Milan
2828 Oregon ave.
St. Louis, MO 63118

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

**Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216**

Dear Commissioners:

The proposed rate increase would be impossible for my family to afford. We struggle as it is and increasing our costs would cause a negative impact to our yearly budget.

Sincerely,

Molly Cooksey
3301 Halliday Ave
St. Louis, MO 63118

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Why haven't you transitioned to more affordable sources of energy? Our gas rates are already too high to pay in the height of winter. All three of us living here are fully employed adults, and that it still hits us hard in December and January when \$200+ bills come our way. We don't even keep our home above 68 in the winter. We could all be paying a lot less, and your industry would be less hazardous and destructive for your employees and the communities around the wells. Why do we have to pay for your unwillingness to move to clean energy? This is not fair, it is not right, and you know it.

Sincerely,

Olivia Engel
3309 Halliday Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63118

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

**Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216**

Dear Commissioners:

As a young professional, I struggle with many expenses, utilities being one. I am also a renter, which has an added benefit of choosing where I live. I am grateful that I have options to pay known tent cost for an all electric unit verses the unknown cost of utilities. Raising rates for me and several others threatens choosing between utilities needed. In the current climate, where there is more electric options and is often less expensive for most homes, I would hope laclede/spire would value looking at more ways to lower cost and increase customer service, than asking for a rate increase after spending a large amount on rebranded that was not needed. There should have been more planning when looking at costs and upkeep than asking for rate increase that affect consumers. There customer service is lacking and their technology for online services is very outdated.

Sincerely,

Corinne Seckinger

, MO

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

It will make it that much more difficult for us to pay the rest of our bills, since our pay rates have remained pretty stagnant over the years. It seems that, in spite of efficiency improvements on our home, dropping our thermostats down to 66 degrees during the winter, closing off lightly used areas of the house, and layering more clothes, our bill still creeps up year after year. Coupled with the fact that the cost of natural gas hasn't increased over the past 5 years, and that Laclede Gas has already done a number of significant infrastructure improvements to the aged system in our area, a rate increase seems like an additional undue burden on consumers. Especially since so many have trouble paying their gas bill over the winter time as it is.

Sincerely,

Gina Keesal
3431 UTAH ST
St. Louis, MO 63118

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

The rate increases make it much more difficult to meet the month-to-month budget needs on my fixed income. in older homes such as those found in the poorest neighborhoods in st louis, tenants often pay an exorbitant amount in utility bills because their units are not energy efficient. in my opinion, these rate increases disproportionately affect the poor.

Sincerely,

nathan massey
3320 south 18th street, unit A
St. Louis, MO 63118

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Please don't raise our rates! It's hard enough to make ends meet.

Sincerely,

Xena Colby

1926 Cherokee St

St. Louis, MO 63118

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

The proposed rate will make me think twice about heating my home this winter. If my bills are too high I can't afford food or transportation to work. Please do not distribute this to the public.

Sincerely,

Bailey Wallace
St. Louis, MO 63109

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I am on Social security, I have not had a raise in 6years only increases. This has to stop. I am sure the share holders at spire are doing much better. financially, than I am The elderly and disabled are sinking quick and big business needs to pay attention,

Sincerely,

Mark Swain

4709 Minnesota Ave

St. Louis, MO 63118

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

This is outrageous. The CEOs are grotesquely compensated, and regular working people can barely afford to pay their bills. We don't want to spend more money to enrich the bloated executive class. If you want to raise our gas rates, take a good hard look at your so-called leadership. In the meantime, I will continue to use my voice to speak out on behalf of the many, many poor people who cannot afford to subsidize a bunch of grifters with a monopoly.

Sincerely,

Rene Saller
3442 A Crittenden Street
St. Louis, MO 63118

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Our utilities are expensive enough as is. We live in a bare bones home without a dishwasher or W/D and an increase in gas prices would make us have to move to a cheaper home out of our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Claire Virden
3218 Magnolia Ave
St. Louis, MO 63118

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I live alone in a very small apartment, and my utilities are already high. I already have to live frugally and if my rates are increased I don't know how I'll be able to afford it

Sincerely,

Sarah Woods

St. Louis, MO 63128

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I'm already pushing the limit of my budget as a single parent one income household with a young child. Don't you make enough profit?!?!?? No. It will impact me and others even less fortunate than I.

Sincerely,

Olivia Bour

St. Louis, MO 63116

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

**Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216**

Dear Commissioners:

To many increases in such a short period of time, Ameren, MSD had a tax rate hike, the trash collection is going up and this past year a reassessment with large increases for some of us is to much since our pay is not going up.

Sincerely,

Kelle Thompson
4053 oleatha ave
St. Louis, MO 63116

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I am a single income household, as are a lot of the households in my area. It's not in my budget for another utility raise. This is ridiculous that you cannot make your budget work with what is already coming in? What extra services will justify this increase?

Sincerely,

Amanda Menke

4416 Eichelberger St

St. Louis, MO 63116

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

The cost of everything is on the rise and employers are not giving raises. I can't afford for one more bill to go up. Trash and sewer went up. The cost of gasoline is going up. Property taxes have gone up. Income taxes are going up.

Sincerely,

Jae Andersen

4557 Adkins Ave

St. Louis, MO 63116

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I am a retired senior with a limited income. My income doesn't go up every time you raise rates. Gas rates should be GOING DOWN, not up!

Sincerely,

Judi Butler
3715 Northview Dr
Joplin, MO 64801

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

This is too great of an increase for many people in my neighborhood and throughout St. Louis. We must care for our neighbors.

Sincerely,

Sarah Stout
4126 RUSSELL BLVD
St. Louis, MO

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Many of us are already struggling with the increases in property taxes, sewer, trash, etc. I am a stay at home mother, and my husband works 2 full-time jobs as it is. This is an awful time for another rate increase. Please do not allow this rate increase.

Sincerely,

Erin Wells
4020 Schiller Place
St. Louis, MO 63116

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

these increases will further make it hard to support myself and my family.
considering there is no other option to get gas service from, laclede has a monopoly.
they are trying to exploit for increased profits for basic services people need to
survive.

Sincerely,

brad crawford
1442 cutter ave
St. Louis, MO 63139

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

The cost of utilities alone will drive us out of our home.

Sincerely,

Kim Barrington
2918 Cherokee St.
St. Louis, MO 63118

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

**Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216**

Dear Commissioners:

I am a graduate student who has an extremely tight budget. I eat leftovers more than original meals. I don't spend excessively. I consider myself more well-off than most of my friends, even with my meager loan disbursements. Any increase will take money away from other things. I don't have disposable income. I don't buy toys. It's insane to think that an arbitrary increase, literally shifting costs to residential consumers, is acceptable in this economy. How much is your board getting paid? How much is the CEO getting paid? Does the CEO have to open the mail with your eyes squinted because you're afraid of seeing the cost of last month's gas, even though you know you don't cook or shower more than absolutely necessary? It's heartless. I implore you to not raise rates anymore- there's people that just can't cope with it. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Charles Krone
6422 Oakland Ave, Apartment A
St. Louis, MO 63139

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I have become a widow this year with a huge income loss of \$4000.00 a month due some stupid rule after 30+years of hard work by my husband. I have a tight budget. Gas prices have been fairly stable . No need for any raises! Greed is greed.

Sincerely,

Glenna Broadaway
113115 Baseline Blvd.
Carthage, MO 64836

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

My partner and I both work over 40 hours a week and still barely make it work. I also am a mental health social worker in the city. The majority of my clients are unable to pay their bills already. Increasing the charges would only further push them into poverty. Please think of the citizens who are unable to voice their opinions. This increase would directly impact the majority of this city in a negative way.

Sincerely,

Shelby Beck
1519 S. 39th St
St. Louis, MO 63110

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I have trouble keeping up with bills as is and between tax increases, msd increases..now another utility going up would be very hard. Is this increase just due to a new company taking over and paying for rebranding at the consumers cost? Also gas prices are going down so why is natural gas going up?

Sincerely,

Marcia Craig
2013 Senate street
St. Louis, MO 63118

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I am under the impression there is an excess of natural gas, why the increase?

Sincerely,

WESLEY PLUME
2527 MISSOURI AVE
Joplin, MO 64804

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I can barely afford to pay the bills now!

Sincerely,

Rebecca bodicky
3557 Michigan ave
St. Louis, MO 63118

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I will not have money for rent and food.

Sincerely,

Roberta Babel
4011 S Spring Ave
St. Louis, MO 63116

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I live in a low income community in St. Louis City. Not unlike so many communities in St. Louis city. My neighbors struggle to pay their utility bills. A little increase is a lot down here. I urge you to shift the burden to commercial and industrial consumers.

Sincerely,

Jason Deem
2615 Cherokee Street
St. Louis, MO 63118

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

It will affect my ability to spend in other areas. I struggle now to make ends meet already with the increased costs of necessary goods and stagnant wages.

Sincerely,

Terry Bowman
2713 Park ave
St. Louis, MO 63104

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I am getting ready to retire. I have not had a raise st my job In 5 or 6 years. I am paying for Medicare, supplement inc. and RX plan. City is St. Louis just went up on real states taxes. I've worked all my life, when is the rich man stop getting richer and the working people poorer.

Sincerely,

Helen Marshall

3501. Missouri Ave

St. Louis, MO 63118

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

**Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216**

Dear Commissioners:

I am a single woman under 30. I can barely afford my bills as it is and I make more than the states minimum wage. Please do not raise our rates.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Wiley
St. Louis, MO 63116

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I am a single mom, I do not receive any sort of assistance, i struggle as it is. Even a small increase is too much for my budget.

Sincerely,

Tracie Drew

3906 Itaska street

St. Louis, MO 63116

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

It won't have an impact on my household because you are not going to increase the rates. If you do you are knowingly hurting this community. Your stocks are up and the price of gas is the same as it was five years ago. It's absolutely wrong to raise the rates and you know it.

Sincerely,

Tamara Tindell
1823 Alfred Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63110

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I have trouble paying it now in the winter time. I am on Social Security so a rate hike would be devastating to me

Sincerely,

Jackie Strobl
1805 w Briar dr
Webb city, MO 64870

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I already find my bill high compared to other areas of the US I have lived in. This increase would be unaffordable for my household.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Cawvey
2700 Arkansas Ave
St. Louis, MO 63118

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

This will put a financial burden on me as I am home owner in St. Louis city.

Sincerely,

Sarah Rubbelke
5757 Lindenwood ave
St. Louis, MO 63109

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I live on Disability Retirement and can't afford anymore price hikes, with KCPL raising prices, Water, Taxes, my prescriptios, insurance. I can barely afford food. I just don't think they need anymore money either.

Sincerely,

Deneta Smashey-Sneed
5516 Lane Ave
Raytown, MO 64133

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

The rates increase nearly every year. This will cause additional strain on our family budget and I really question the need for it. Spire comes on board with a brand new rate hike. I seriously question the need for this and we certainly can't afford it. Enough is Enough!!

Sincerely,

Charles Farley
826 W. 29th St
Independence, MO 64055

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I am not in favor of an increase

Sincerely,

Bruce McSpadden
5220 fairway homes
Lee's Summit, MO 64064

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

1902 North Lazy Branch Road

Sincerely,

Linda M. Molzahn

1902 North Lazy Branch Road

Independence, MO 64058

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I am barely making ends meet now, and I would like to keep my home comfortable this winter. Please don't do this...

Sincerely,

Cathy Koncilia
510 NW Willow Dr
Grain Valley, MO 64029

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

It will keep us from doing many other things. It will keep us from being able to pay our other bills.

Sincerely,

Paul McGraw
332 NE SUNDERLAND CT
Lee's Summit, MO 64064

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I can't afford for my utilities to go up any higher.

Sincerely,

Jesse Parkin
3529 Salena Street,
St. Louis, MO 63118

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

They have raised everyone's rate by \$20. so that they can change their name. We pay for their business plan. I have to work so I'll miss the meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Connor

3709 S Osage

Independence, MO 64055

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I have a hard time paying my bill as it is. I am a Grandfather with 2 grandchildren living with me. My only source of income is my social security check.,

Sincerely,

Kevin Haney
3645 Illinois Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63118

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I am retired on a fixed income and this would be a hardship since Social Security chooses not to give a cost of living raise.

Sincerely,

Janeece Buckner
2801 s sioux ave
Independence, MO 64057

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

It most certainly will and we cannot afford that

Sincerely,

Cary Exler
7909 genesta st
Affton, MO 63123

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I am on social security and can't afford any increases unless my Social security check goes up too

Sincerely,

Christine Seyer
550 Sunnyside Ave
Webster Groves, MO 63119

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I am on a fixed income as a retiree, and increases such as these are unconscionable when natural gas rates at the wholesale level are, adjusted for inflation, at their lowest ever. This is overkill, for they want to cover their obligations to upgrade their delivery systems by loading it all on the backs of residential customers. This must be stopped!

Sincerely,

Fred Gyll
18608 E 28TH TER S
Independence, MO 64057

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
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Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
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Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I'm a single, recently retired home owner. This would have a negative impact on my tight budget. Many other seniors have a limited amount of money as it is. Please rethink this and try to not raise our rates.

Sincerely,

Nora Cox
10500 E 19TH TER S
Independence, MO 64057

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

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Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I won't be able to pay my other expenses

Sincerely,

Lorie Kintz
6134 South Grand Apt 2S
St. Louis, MO 63111

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

As a senior citizen who've lived in my home and independence for 54 years I can barely afford to live here because the utilities have increased so much and 54 years that is way more than most seniors can afford to pay how can they consider raising the rates when they need to be reduced like the taxes of our country

Sincerely,

Annie Stevens

3804 S Woodland Ave

Independence, MO 65052

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

NO TO A DAMN INCREASE

Sincerely,

DeAndress Green
3220 Keokuk St. Apt B
St. Louis, MO 63118

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I'm on a fixed income and getting older. Other costs such as medicine combined with escalating energy costs could mean I could not afford food or transportation.

Sincerely,

Roy Wheelock
4171 Flad Ave
St. Louis, MO 63110

October 5, 2017

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Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

This is just another example of why people want off the grid. I see nothing but corporate greed in this request for a rate increase. Continue to raise rates will make me continue to not spend money in the economy. In my next residence that I purchase less reliance on the grid will be of high importance.

Sincerely,

Robert Hunt

13013 Kemper Ave

Independence, MO 64050

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Public Service Commission

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Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

The fees I am being charged are more then enough . people are using less and being charged more .not good.

Sincerely,

Mike Yoders

2116 S Harlem

Joplin, MO 64804

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Less money in an already stretched budget isn't a good thing for a lot of people.
Keep your greed in check MGE.

Sincerely,

John Gordon
1809 SW Summit Valley Drive
Lee's Summit, MO 64081

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

This proposed rate increase is ridiculous. There is no earthly reason that would justify this \$40 per house hold expense. I am retired and my income is fixed and has not increased to keep up with the cost those of us who have retired. I trust this measure will be defeated.

Sincerely,

Vaughn Scarcliff
5412 NE Sunshine Drive
Lee's Summit, MO 64064

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
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Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

The increase will be a hardship on me (and other seniors) who are on a fixed income, please reconsider your proposal regarding this concern. I believe your comments in your advertising said the rates would be the same as previously had,

Sincerely,

Virginia Huston
802 S Noland Rd apt 1 A
Independence, MO 64050

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Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

The proposed rate increase will make it harder to make ends meet for older residents on fixed (i.e., broken) incomes. It seems the rates should be going DOWN!

Sincerely,

Marilyn Hayner
8610 Crescent Avenue
Raytown, MO 64138

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

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Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

The abundance and market price of natural gas does not correlate to a price increase from MGE. I fail to see the rationale in this request. I live on a fixed income with minimal chance for an increase and do not know why MGE deserves this massive increase. Thank You.

Sincerely,

William McKenna

211 NW Aspen St

Lee's Summit, MO 64064

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Commissioner Maida Coleman

**Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216**

Dear Commissioners:

Our income is not going up. Everything else is going up. Medicare is increasing greatly as well as the Supplement. Our retirement stays the same. Social security is going down!

Sincerely,

Ellen Bolger
1007 W. Benton
Savannah, MO 64485

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Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

**Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216**

Dear Commissioners:

We are retired and on a fixed income. Any increase adds to growing pressure on our financial stability. I cannot understand the need for any increase at this time, especially when the commission itself says an increase is not merited.

Sincerely,

Leo Schott
3309 Beck Road
St. Joseph, MO 64506

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

The Gas Co. Has already increased our bill By 25 percent in August of 2017. I am assuming that the increase is just to make more profit. We are trying to live on just SS .

Sincerely,

Wayne Perry
2429 N. Turk
Joplin, MO 64801

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

**Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216**

Dear Commissioners:

I only use gas for my gas hot water heater. I pay about 30 dollars a month for it 8/10 of that is delivery fee. I do not agree with fact the want to raise rates. Spire sent a notice when took over rates would be cheaper. Which is it?

Sincerely,

Jerry Mitchell
333 Adams St
Neosho, MO 64850

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Profits over public interest is a poor excuse to charge more in an already tax burdened environment.

Sincerely,

Brian Powers

708 NW 18th street

Blue Springs, MO 64015

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

What is your reason for the increase. Everything just keeps going up , except our raises. I already pay \$30.00 a month just to have it. When is it going to be enough. You have enough!

Sincerely,

Shelly Randel
1115 N Atherton Rd
Independence, MO 64056

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I am on disability income only and my income hasn't increased in the last 4 years. Any increase in monthly expenses will be devastating to my household.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kelly
3018 Sweet Briar Drive
Independence, MO 64057

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

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Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Where is the money for me to pay higher MGE billings going to come from???? Being a single person on a fixed income there is no other source to pull money from!!!!!! Utilities companies make a large profit as it is - I can't see that an increase to consumers can be justified!

Sincerely,

Willa Thorpe
14508 E. 33rd St. S.
Independence, MO 64055

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I'm a mother of 5 and although I am married, my husband and I barely scrape by paycheck to paycheck. Everything is going up except our paychecks! Please don't increase the price of gas. I barely have enough to pay it now.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Johnson

812 Ash st

Carthage, MO 64836

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

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Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

They are already cheating customer out of right-of -ways, incurring greater cost by moving meters outside, lying by stating that there will be no charge to costumers, damaging our homes and sidewalks, ruining the ascetics of our neighborhood, placing meters in unsafe locations and breaching their contracts with us. I am disabled and on a fixed income. Any increase would adversely impact me. PS- I have documented proof of the above statements.

Sincerely,

Mitchell Scherzinger
6932 West Park Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63139

October 5, 2017

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Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Will not be able to afford gas anymore.

Sincerely,

Myrrah Gill
4175 Botanical Av
St. Louis, MO 63110

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

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Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

cant afford heat , food medical care,!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!.

Sincerely,

larry griffin

3800 Bayless Ave.

St. Louis, MO 63125

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I am a senior citizen with a very limited Income.....The increase would be a real Hardship for me.....!!!!!!

Sincerely,

Sondra Camie

433 S Clay

St. Louis, MO 63122

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

This hike is excessive and will curtail use of gas appliances and future investment in gas usage.

Sincerely,

Andrea Thein
3808 Wyoming Street
St. Louis, MO 63116

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Aimee Boss

Sincerely,

Aimee Boss

4434 Delor

St. Louis, MO 63116

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

a price increase will have my community choosing between heat and food

Sincerely,

Alicia Merchant
, MO

October 5, 2017

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Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

**Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216**

Dear Commissioners:

This rate increase will make it more difficult for me and my neighbors to heat our homes and cook our food. We live in a neighborhood with many older retired people and large, drafty houses. This rate increase would create hardship.

Sincerely,

Marantha Beatty-Brown
, MO

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

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Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

This would devastate many members of the community. We already pay high taxes and fees for utility services. As a city employee, I'm completely opposed to this.

Sincerely,

Jessica B
, MO

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

We're already broke!!

Sincerely,

Dorothy Schaeffer
3214 Jennifer Lane
Country Club, MO 64506

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Natural gas is already one of my biggest monthly expenses, now they want to justify driving it even higher because increased production of natural gas due to fracking has chipped a bit off their profits. St. Louis families need healthy food on the table, good places for their kids to go to school and the money to maintain our homes. Please don't allow this corporate greed and rebranding justify taking money out of the pockets of ordinary citizens

Sincerely,

Nicholas Damon
, MO

October 5, 2017

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Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

It would have a negative impact as we have had to endure the numerous and recent rate hikes of all basic utilities specifically those services provided by MSD and the City of St. Louis. Furthermore, we are unable to shop around for competitive pricing or alternate service providers due to the limitations and unfairness in the design of the system itself.

Sincerely,

christine henske
2621 Arkansas
St. Louis, MO 63118

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

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Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Can not afford this.

Sincerely,

Elisabeth Donahue
, MO

October 5, 2017

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Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I live alone. Just me. 1 Bedroom apartment. And sometimes my gas bill is over \$100 a month. If you need to upgrade your infrastructure, please use existing funds. Costs this high is billable slavery. We have no other choice to heat our homes. And I already use electricity to heat my home as well. The public doesn't approve of a rate hike. Don't do it, please. Imagine a single family mom who also cannot afford it. She goes to public aid. Now public aid is paying for it. So, you're telling me, for city residents, who cannot afford to pay, that it's okay to have non-profits fit the price tags for this \$100 million dollar hike. How about cut to the chase and just bill Doorways or Urban League directly, and continue to funnel good funds away from greater causes. Because who are we to challenge the only gas company in St.Louis?

Sincerely,

David Anderson
, MO

October 5, 2017

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Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

This increase will make it difficult for many in my community to pay their bills.

Sincerely,

L T
, MO

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

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Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Can't afford this increase!

Sincerely,

Lisa Donahue

3944 Hartford

St. Louis, MO 63116

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

That is an unsustainable rate increase for my household. That would double or more n
double our bill for the majority of the year and can't afford that level of an increase.

Sincerely,

Hallie Pasek
3508 Connecticut St
St. Louis, MO 63118

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Our bills are already very expensive! As senior citizens this will put a real crunch in our budget! It's not necessary.

Sincerely,

Lanna Ultican
1204 SW 18
Blue Springs, MO 64015

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

We are being nickled and dimed to death. Many of us barely put food on the table. And even when you call Laclede Gas to fix a leak, they never come out and actually fix it. Enough is enough.

Sincerely,

Amber W
, MO

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Rate increases will negatively affect many people I care about. A few bucks or even pennies a month more is literally the difference between life or death for those living paycheck to paycheck or worse.

Sincerely,

Allison Babka
St. Louis, MO

October 5, 2017

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Public Comment
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Dear Commissioners:

As a young professional, I struggle with many expenses, utilities being one. I am also a renter, which has an added benefit of choosing where I live. I am grateful that I have options to pay known tent cost for an all electric unit verses the unknown cost of utilities. Raising rates for me and several others threatens choosing between utilities needed. In the current climate, where there is more electric options and is often less expensive for most homes, I would hope laclede/spire would value looking at more ways to lower cost and increase customer service, than asking for a rate increase after spending a large amount on rebranded that was not needed. There should have been more planning when looking at costs and upkeep than asking for rate increase that affect consumers. There customer service is lacking and their technology for online services is very outdated.

Sincerely,

Corinne Seckinger
4242 Humphrey St. Apt 2E
St. Louis, MO 63116

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
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Dear Commissioners:

Nov. 2nd , 2016 my husband was hit head on by a wrong way driver. He was along side his brother and best friend who was killed from the same impact. He was in the hospital for two months. Since he arrived him in jan 2017 he is building his strength. He hasn't been able to work and we closed his business in Feb 17 because he couldn't work or run his catering business. I'm self employed, I am a stylist. I am supporting our family. I need ALL the help we can receive. Once my Husband is well and can work which the Drs told him to find a new career after 30 years of being a French trained chef he will have to find a totally new Carter path. Imagine what that looks like. Grief, finding how to walk again...a new career passion. Please consider not raising our rates. I'm doing the best I can but any help we would be absolutely grateful for! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sandra Lee
7304 Michigan Ave
St. Louis, MO 63111

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

**Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216**

Dear Commissioners:

I am in my 70's and I can barely afford limited A/C in the summer. This will definitely impact my health in the summer. It is wicked and is another example of a big power company screwing your voters. We demand this not go through.

Sincerely,

RONALD GREEN
431 N Byers Ave
Joplin, MO 64801

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Public Service Commission

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Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Increasing my rates will make it much harder for me to pay my bill on time and in turn I will use electric heat for my home and you wont make any more than before the increase.

Sincerely,

Anne Ultican

614 NW Valleybrook Rd

Blue Springs, MO 64014

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

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Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

My income is limited due to a chronic medical condition. I try to conserve, but still spend a great deal on utilities when all the fees and surcharges are considered. This rate increase will make it worse, and may lead me to stop gas service. I also worry about my neighbors, many who are elderly or disabled, and how this would negatively impact their lives.

Sincerely,

Margaret Lalor
3523 Wyoming St
St. Louis, MO 63118

October 5, 2017

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Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

This would severely impact my life. I am disabled and on fixed income, and do not have the ability to cut anymore money out of my grocery bill. I do not want to starve just so that your company can make more profit.

Sincerely,

Roger Naher
, MO

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

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Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
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Dear Commissioners:

This request is yet another attempt to increase profits for the business sector ignoring the impact on the individual - seniors (which I am) on fixed incomes and people who struggle dollar by dollar. Businesses should pay their proportional share of costs. Approving this will set up even more increases in the future burdened on to the individual citizen. Businesses and corporations ARE NOT PEOPLE! They are a METHOD for people to acquire money by providing services, and as such should not receive more or special consideration than the individual. I ask the PSC to REJECT this absurd proposal.

Sincerely,

Dale Geissler
448 Madewood Ln
Chesterfield, MO 63017

October 5, 2017

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Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I pay higher gas bills now. I vote no increase. I understand you wish to have new vans uniforms and color on your bills. That should be your cost not mine.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Yelton

816 W White Oak

Independence, MO 64050

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I am a senior citizen and I have a low income, I struggle every month to pay my gas bill especially in the winter it gets really hard I have times when I had to go with buying grocery's to pay my gas bill and that really sucks and if you raise it that means that I will be going more times without eating.

Sincerely,

Pam Minehart
803 Stewart Street
De Soto, MO 63020

October 5, 2017

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Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

This will provide absolutely no benefit to my household and represents a hardship. I will have to manage my increase and contribute towards covering the increase for my parents who live on social security. All rate increases should be subject to an open boom audit by our state auditor to ensure we are being fairly treated.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Rushing
646 Covered Bridge Lane
Ofallon, MO 63368

October 5, 2017

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Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Sincerely,

Shalom Cooper
561 NW Valleybrook Rd
Blue Springs, MO 64014

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

My family has been on budget billing for a few years now. Every year they tell me the previous year was wrong and drastically changes... not by 5 or 10 but by 30 and even 40 dollars. It's outrageous considering everything I have is electric except for hot water and heat... but last year we had fires in the fireplace and kept the house low.... it's so odd how we can be using so much in the summer and not as much in the winter?!?

Sincerely,

Sam Adkins
3003A Lemp Ave
St. Louis, MO 63118

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

As far as I can tell, Laclede Gas has not provided support for **why** they are raising rates. If a rate increase is in order to offset a higher cost of distributing gas to consumers, then this data should be publicly available to customers. Furthermore, if this data is available publicly, then it should have been included with the notice that was sent communicating the Notice of Local Public Hearings and Request For Comments Regarding Proposed Increase so that consumers could be provided with the full details of this increase. Without any rationale for the increase or cost data for distributing gas, the rate increase could be interpreted as an increase to raise profit, rather than an increase to raise revenue that offsets higher distribution costs. I am opposed to any increase in natural gas costs through Laclede gas without a full disclosure of the costs of distribution. Raising rates without disclosing this information is improper.

Sincerely,

Lynne Gentry
1008 SE Alice St
Blue Springs, MO 64014

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Can hardly afford the expense of utilitys as it is. This is robbery

Sincerely,

G Nilson
, MO

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

While you were digging up streets and putting in New liners to homes in Tower Grove East, st louis,MO. I watched for over a week as two of your employres sat in a truck on their phones and pumped out a hole in front of 2656 Pennsylvania. It would be empty mid day but next team didn't come, MSD was not called in to repair, and you paid 2 people to sit for 8 hours/day for a week to accomplish nothing. YOU ARE WASTING MONEY! Figure out your own business before making Us- barely making it- pay for your mistakes, mismanagement and uncoordination of utilities. Your employees are robbing you.

Sincerely,

D O
11229 Ruesta Dr. #5
St. Louis, MO 63138-2265

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I am a disabled, retired senior citizen, as well as a military(Vietnam era) veteran. Living on a fixed income, with minimal to no social security increases, is difficult enough, another utility increase will make life tougher for myself, as well as others in my situation. My income is just above the amount required to qualify for additional benefits such as energy assistance and food stamps, however, my name was pulled from a lottery and I qualified for \$80 in HUD assistance, every little bit helps.

Sincerely,

Chris Schmidt
3101 Cherokee Street
St. Louis, MO 63118

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

It won't. Regrettably, we have no gas appliances. However I was visiting with someone yesterday who was recently homeless. She is just now starting to get her life together. She has a safe apartment, with gas heat, water heater and stove. She can afford to pay her bills today. An increase like this may put her back on the streets with her very young children. Not only will she lose her home, you will lose a paying customer. I'm not sure which is more important to Laclede Gas, but I know what's important to her and to our community. Please don't raise the rates again.

Sincerely,

Monica Cuen
19301 E 50th Ter S Apt 131
Independence, MO

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Once they start rising rates, they will just keep going up. Nip this in bud real quick. Don't let this rise start at all. This is very bad idea for our state of Missouri. Stop this now.

Sincerely,

Mallory Tucker
2931 Magnolia Ave
St. Louis, MO 63118

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

As a young, single, first time homeowner, this rate increase will have a profound negative effect on my monthly budget and make it difficult to keep up with my bills. When I bought my home just months ago, I did so under the impression I would be paying similar utility costs as the last homeowner, and budgeted accordingly.

Sincerely,

Donna Climer
, MO

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

As a senior on SS, any increase in the rate for natural gas would make it impossible to buy food and possibly pay my co-pays for medicine.

Sincerely,

mary lebow
606 Elizabeth St
Crane, MO 65633

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I live on fixed income,,It's hard enough now to pay.

Sincerely,

Eva Willis
2414 Colorado Dr.
Joplin, MO 64804

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

When your on a fixed income and your don't get a decent increase in SSI its very hard to pay for Health Ins., rising cost of home insurance, rising cost in all utilities in general all living expenses. It takes away from seeing a Dr., medicine, food and a half way decent style of living. I am not sure if the amount of 40+ dollars was monthly or yearly. I think most could handle it if its 40.00 per year but not 40.00 per month. I think something has to be done besides depending on our Government to try to exist, by enrolling in Medicaide or other type os assistance. So yes it will hurt not only us but countless others. I am in the process of selling our home because we can no longer afford living here with the rising cost so looking to down size hoping that will help!

Sincerely,

Ashley Ray
5760 Kingsbury Place
St. Louis, MO 63112

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

This would negatively impact my household.

Sincerely,

Corky Bishop
#11 B Court Square
Fredericktown, MO 63645

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

In Madison County MO. The families in this area, for the most part, are below the poverty level or on fixed incomes at best. Many of them are in rented homes or on perscribed medications. In some cases both. An increase such as this would be devastating to them. I only know about this area, but I am sure that this problem is statewide.

Sincerely,

euhlan leeders
1215 valley st
Hannibal, MO 63401

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

can.t afford gas bill in winter now My wife and I are disabled on a fixed income

Sincerely,

Kathleen Fisher
2626 S 22nd Street
St. Joseph, MO

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Im tired of having to pay not only MY gas bill but the gas bills of other people who can't afford it. It doesn't do any good for you to gouge me and then ask me to foot the bill for someone else. This needs to stop. I don't get a raise every time I need to pay more bills, why should you?

Sincerely,

Virginia Shell
189 Munson Hill Drive
Marshfield, MO

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

We are on a fixed income and cannot afford a cost increase on our gas or electric bill. We will have to do without some or all of our medications if we get a cost increase especially in the Winter months when the cost of gas is higher. Please help.

Sincerely,

L. Freeborn
4901 JAMIESON AVENUE
St. Louis, MO 63109

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Getting by on a pension check; always afraid each month that I will end up going over my checking acct. amount and get a big additional charge from the bank. This is currently; if utility rates keep going up, may have to reduce utility usage as much as possible to keep my bills from going up, which will be detrimental to my health, since I have several health issues. I could possibly manage a very small increase, but anything more than would cause me problems; I'm sure the same is true for others getting by on a small pension check.

Sincerely,

Jackie Wallach
1315 Washington Ave
St. Louis, MO 63103

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Costs have already skyrocketed to an unsustainable rate in my neighborhood. An increase may force me sell my home.

Sincerely,

Tammy Gammill
318 W. Cherry Street
Mt Vernon, MO 65712

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I am a teacher, who is a single parent. I get paid once a month, so I am on a very tight budget. A rate hike will force me to have to choose between feeding my family or paying my high gas bill.

Sincerely,

Susan Parker

1606 NE 55th TERR

Kansas City, MO 64118

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

My total monthly income is \$1,024. Not a typo... \$1,024.00... This will be the impact: I will have to lower my heat below 65, and give up my internet. The increase may affect my groceries and medications. Age 68 -- fixed income. Somebody has to look after seniors on tiny fixed incomes.

Sincerely,

Benjamin West
937 Morrison Ave
St. Louis, MO 63104

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

We own a 150 year old home, where modern insulation for all rooms is simply not possible. The estimated increase in yearly gas bills will rival what we pay for insurance on our home.

Sincerely,

James Cissell
1428 St. Gregory Ln.
St. Charles, MO 63304

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

There are to many people who can't afford to pay there gas bill now. I say no to the raise all it does is make the big shots richer

Sincerely,

James Courtney
1722 S Sergeant Ave
Joplin, MO 64804

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I am a retired teacher, and my wife is still teaching. We live on a fixed income. We already had an unexplained hike of \$20 when our annual level plan was calculated; we can't absorb another price hike.

Sincerely,

Rachel Miles
, MO

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

If the rates go up that much in our community most people will just go to propane. The only people that will adversely affected are the elderly, disabled and low income. Rates are already sky high and causing problems with people having to buy it. Push too far and you will lose your customer base.

Sincerely,

sarah heyman
, MO

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Why should they be allowed to do this if they are not also trying to mitigate the CO2 output and investing in renewable resources and conservation 1st.

Sincerely,

Daryl Stomberg
791 Memorial Drive
Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Myself, like a lot of other senior citizens are on a fixed income so it will have a huge impact by raising another utility. We will be forced to cut corners elsewhere to pay the additional rate, and as we all know most will not be eating as much or have to balance gas payments vs. prescriptions. I have not seen anything published by them to warrant the increase they are asking for.

Sincerely,

Mary Leblow
606 Elizabeth St
Crane, MO 65633

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I live on fixed income,,It's hard enough now to pay.

Sincerely,

Daniel Spector

15517 Chequer Dr.

Chesterfield, MO 63017

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Do not raise rates. Will all possible fracking going on, you cannot have your cake and eat it too - meaning, you cannot screw up our environment, AND screw up our pocketbooks

Sincerely,

bob chekoudjian
9418 parkside drive
St. Louis, MO 63144

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I use natural gas to heat my house. I don't make a profit off of that house. I don't run a business from my house. I use the minimum amount needed to keep my house habitable. Businesses put a huge burden on the system and use natural gas as a means to a profit...heating a production facility, heating a shop for their customers. Residential users should not be forced to subsidize businesses' natural gas usage. If anything, business should be subsidizing residential usage. Residents put a minimal impact on natural gas services while businesses cause the larger impact on the natural gas delivery system. As a public service utility, Laclede/Spire should be keeping the interest of the public first. We allow it to be a monopoly. We do that and control what you can charge because we let you be a monopoly. Raising rates on residents to subsidize commercial natural gas usage is betraying that trust given Laclede/Spire as a governed monopoly.

Sincerely,

Larry Griffin
3800 Bayless Ave.
Bella Villa, MO 63125

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Being a Senior, it will cause hardship , medicine, food , etc, please stop this obsessive compulsive greed . !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sincerely,

Richard Viehmann
5912 Kingshighway
St. Louis, MO 63109

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

This will have a direct effect on my household. Alos being as I seen laclede Spire rip up the lines in front of my house 4 times in the 2 years I think they should control their costs that way as opposed to charging us more. One time was for the whole line to be replaced and they had to do a section of it again 6 months later. We still smell gas leaking too.

Sincerely,

Mustafa Sarac
222 Lambeth Ln
St. Louis, MO 63125

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Gas prices are already high enough that we can barely pay for them. I am retired and don't have any other income source. I think we are paying for the name change on their new vehicles.

Sincerely,

Liz Dement
603 10th.
Monett, MO 65708

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I am senior citizen and lived on fixed income and there are other senior citizens that lived low income and single families. We can't afford a raise in rates and I don't think it is fair'

Sincerely,

Lou Warmack
2348 Tennessee st.
Poplar Bluff, MO 63901

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I am retired on a fixed income

Sincerely,

mary weddle
2845 angelique
St. Joseph, MO 64501

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

We are retired and on a fixed income. Rising costs on necessities will have a very negative impact on our lives. Recent increases in insurance, and health care, leave no money for any other increases. There is a glut of natural gas, this increase is simply a money grab.

Sincerely,

Rodney Best
1802 Marigold Drive
Joplin, MO 64801

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

We live on social security and these rate increases hit us very hard when our own income stays the same or only increases a tiny amount.

Sincerely,

Duane Peter
435 Locust
Liberty, MO 64068-1063

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

With a surplus of natural gas, the prices for home heating should be REDUCED today!

Sincerely,

Denis Rigdon
2740 Chrysler
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

We are on a fixed income with one handicapped adult child still at home. We are living payday to payday. Social Security ain't going up enough to keep up with costs.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Koontz
506 S. Hudson Street
Buckner, MO 64016

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Between Ameren and now spire we can barely afford these utilities anymore not to mention all the taxes put on by state and localities. This means that myself, a sixty-two-year-old woman, and my roommate who is 64 and disabled, we'll have to freeze to death this winter because we won't be able to afford to run the heat every day. Shame on you Spire. Bad enough you charge me \$25 a month just to be a customer when I don't use any gas in the warm months. What a rip off. And to you Public Service Commission, why is it we only have one choice for electric and natural gas and we're very limited and cable and internet providers? I see this is a monopoly and Southwestern Bell was broken up over this type of stuff why are you allowing this?

Sincerely,

Rene LaFerla
545 Hickory Manor
Arnold MO 63010, MO 63010

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

We simply cannot afford to pay more. Enough is enough, you know this is not necessary

Sincerely,

Dorothy Schaeffer
3214 Jennifer Lane
Country Club, MO 64506

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

This will be hard on me I am a senior citizen and on a very low income, I have trouble now with my utilities getting paid, this is just wrong when Spire was taking over they said not to worry no rate increase yet here we are....

Sincerely,

Pam Minehart
803 Stewart St
DeSoto, MO 63020

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

**Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216**

Dear Commissioners:

My parents are nearing retirement. This will affect their budget of course. With having no options for other companies it's not fair to be pigeonholed into a increase.

Sincerely,

Stacey Pugh
6031 Cascade Dr
Berkeley, MO 63133

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

**Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216**

Dear Commissioners:

First I am aware that this increase is not needed. There is no need for infrastructural increase it is not legal at this time, and the idea of shifting cost from private corporation to residents is deplorable. Like most customers I have family members who have fixed incomes, this increase will hurt them the most. Having them to chose between eating and a warm home because CEO's want an increase in their salaries or buy another company is unacceptable. Please vote NO on increase rates. Thank you

Sincerely,

Vickie Minter
1815 ARDMORE DRIVE
FLORISSANT, MO 63033

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission

Chairman Daniel Hall

Commissioner Stephen Stoll

Commissioner William Kenney

Commissioner Scott Rupp

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment

Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

Gas goes up. SS don't. Put in new gas line and moved meter next to the house about 10 years ago. That is all the maintenance I've had since 1963. Laclede didn't have to pay for that. I did thru rate increase. I guess the CEO's need a raise.

Sincerely,

Howard Leuthen
7704 NW Blue Grass Dr.
Kansas City, MO 64152

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

The neverending rate increases have to stop! Our income does not increase; we are just expected to do more work for the same pay because we can't lose our jobs. Our fixed retirement income is not going to keep pace with these continual hikes. It is hard enough to pay for health insurance and increasing health care costs, then all our utility costs just keep increasing. It may not be your fault that food prices, insurance, medical costs and everything else are rising, but these increasing rates feel predatory to those of us who worry about being able to keep up. Perhaps a little belt-tightening of your own could go a long way to make your customers feel less exploited.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Smith
19 Lake Charles Dr
St. Peters, MO 63376

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

We are retired on set incomes. The rates for gas to come into our home is way to high now, especially when every household is being charged over \$30.00 for just that, which does not include usage fees. All these rate increases for the utility companies is totally out of control.

Sincerely,

Susan Fields
6002 NW Klamm Dr.
Kansas City, MO 64151

October 5, 2017

Public Service Commission
Chairman Daniel Hall
Commissioner Stephen Stoll
Commissioner William Kenney
Commissioner Scott Rupp
Commissioner Maida Coleman

Public Comment
Cases GR-2017-215 and GR-2017-216

Dear Commissioners:

I am retired and on a modest fixed income, raising rates will cause me to have to reduce what I spend on other necessities. I hope Consumer Council and the Missouri Public Service Commission protect us!

Sincerely,

Tom Moss
760 Arbor Haven Dr
Ballwin, MO 63021

Laclede Gas / Spire Rate Comment

Laclede Gas Company / MGE (Spire) is asking to raise its natural gas rates throughout the state of Missouri. The combined proposal would increase their base rates by over \$100 million and shift additional costs to residential consumers.

To provide comment to the Public Service Commission on how this will impact your household, attend one of the hearings, or submit your comment with us.

The proposed rate increase will have the following impact on my household:

the consumer fee per month is high enough. with added to updated infrastructure the rates should go down.

I oppose this motion

Name:

Steele Campbell

Service Address:

2905 Wyoming St.

City, State & Zip:

St. Louis MO 63118

Contact (phone and/or email):

theend27@yahoo.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- July 10, 2017

Contact: Kevin Kelly (573) 751-9300

PR-18-07

**PSC Sets Local Public Hearing Schedule
in Laclede and Missouri Gas Energy Rate Cases**

September 19, 2017—Joplin. Missouri Southern State University, Mills-Anderson Justice Center, 3950 E. Newman Road. 6pm*

September 21, 2017—Independence. Mid Continent Public Library, North Independence Branch, Community 1 and 2, 317 W. 24 Highway. 12pm*

September 21, 2017—St. Joseph. City Council Chambers-Room 301, 1100 Frederick Avenue. 6pm*

October 2, 2017—Arnold. Fox C-6 School District, Fox Service Center, Roy Wilde Conference Room, 849 Jeffco Boulevard. 6:00pm*

October 3, 2017—St. Louis. Wohl Community Center, Multipurpose Room, 1515 North Kingshighway. 12pm*

October 3, 2017—St. Louis. Harris-Stowe State University, Early Childhood Development Center, Professional Development Auditorium-Room 204, 3026 Laclede 6pm*

October 5, 2017—St. Louis. Sunset Hills City Hall, Council Chambers, 3939 South Lindbergh Boulevard. 12pm*

October 5, 2017—St. Charles. St. Charles County Council, Council Chambers, 100 N. 3rd Street. 6pm*

October 11, 2017—Kansas City. Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center Auditorium, 3700 Blue Parkway. 6pm*

An informal question-and-answer session will begin at 6pm

October 12, 2017—Kansas City. Kansas City Public Library-Plaza Branch, Cohen Center, 4801 Main Street. 12pm*

October 12, 2017—Gladstone. Gladstone Community Center, Gladstone/Linden Room, 6901 N. Holmes Street. 6pm*

*Each session will start with an informal question-and-answer session, with the Commission taking testimony from the public at the conclusion of the question-and-answer session.

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The proposed rate increase will have the following impact on my household:

INCREASING ENERGY COSTS WILL HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL IMPACT ON MY PERSONAL FINANCES.

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The proposed rate increase will have the following impact on my household:

Additional expenses will push not only our household budget but many on our street past the healthy limit.

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The proposed rate increase will have the following impact on my household:

This will place a financial burden on my household.

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The proposed rate increase will have the following impact on my household:

Increasing the rate will have a huge negative effect on my household. My bill is already very large, and it's currently difficult keeping up with my bill. Winter will be very hard. Please don't raise the rate!

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Increasing the Rate will have a negative impact on the entire community.

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The proposed rate increase will have the following impact on my household:

It would have a negative impact on me because I can barely afford to pay the rates as they currently stand.

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The proposed rate increase will have the following impact on my household:

I WILL BE EXTENDED IN PAYING FOR ESSENTIALS. YOUR RATES SHOULD DECREASE WITH THIS MERGER.

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