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RE: Docket No. G-04204-08-0571

To ALL Whom are Concerned:

With my most recent UniSource billing statement was a notice of public hearing on the application of UNS Gas, Inc for a permanent base rate increase referencing a Hearing on August 10, 2009.

Personally, I object, as I am sure a number of AMERICAN citizens object. With the state of the economy, why do the utility companies keep requesting an increase in fees almost annually? Since my husband was laid off from work in early August 2008, we are struggling to pay our mortgage, utility bills, groceries and putting gas in our vehicles.

What part of STUPID do you not understand? Sure! Give the billions of dollars of bail out money to the BIG corporate entities who spend those funds on BIG bonuses, raises and expensive retreats, while the working class are trying to keep a roof over their heads, pay their bills, put food on the table. Excessive selfish spending needs to end now. The bailout monies would have been better spent on giving it to the WORKING class, as it would have infused the economy. The expenditure of bailout money to BIG corporate America did NOT infuse the failing economy; the funds were just put in someone's pocket, not helping the economy.

Every time I turn around the basic necessities of life are increased, while our income is reduced! What part of STUPID is that? Oh! Wait a minute . . . it is government mentality – NO COMMON SENSE. Government is thinking ASS backwards. We . . . the Working Class are the tax base that keeps this country up and running, yet the government wants to give away billions of dollars to Corporate entities and tax the working class to death, while taking away our income by layoffs so that we are not able to pay taxes and pay for basic necessities of life. What part of STUPID is that? How many brain cells are dead in YOU GOVERNMENT???? Use common sense, IDIOTS!

What the Hell are You thinking – STUPID IDIOTS!!!!

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF UNS GAS, INC. FOR A PERMANENT BASE RATE INCREASE (DOCKET NO. G-04204A-08-0571)

Summary

On November 7, 2008, UNS Gas, Inc. ("UNS Gas" or "Company") filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a permanent base rate gross revenue increase of \$9,480,876, or 17.92 percent over current revenues. For residential customers (R10), the Company's application requests an increase in the fixed monthly customer charge from the current \$8.50 rate to \$10.00, with subsequent increases in the customer charge to \$12.00 one year later and to \$14.00 two years later. Under the Company's proposal, the usage charge applicable to customer bills would increase initially, but would then decline in the second and third years as the fixed monthly charge increases. The initial level of authorized overall revenues would remain the same until adjusted by the Commission.

As an example, if the Company's proposal were to be adopted by the Commission in its entirety, a residential customer with 20 therms of usage would experience a base rate increase of \$2.80 per month in the first year, \$3.92 per month over current rates the second year, and \$5.04 per month over current rates the third year. Including the current cost of gas of 88.7 cents per therm, with 20 therms of usage, a current residential customer bill would increase from \$32.78 to \$35.58 (8.5 percent) the first year, to \$36.70 (12.0 percent over current rates) the second year, and to \$37.82 (15.4 percent over current rates) the third year.

As a further example, if the Company's proposal were to be adopted by the Commission in its entirety, a residential customer with 100 therms of usage would experience a base rate increase of \$8.00 per month in the first year, \$5.60 per month over current rates the second year, and \$3.19 per month over current rates the third year. Including the current cost of gas of 88.7 cents per therm, with 100 therms of usage, a current residential customer bill would increase from \$129.90 to \$137.90 (6.2 percent) the first year, to \$135.50 (4.3 percent over current rates) the second year, and to \$133.09 (2.5 percent over current rates) the third year.

These examples are for illustrative purposes only and the actual percentage rate increase for individual customers would vary depending upon the type and quantity of service provided.

The Commission's Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") is in the process of auditing and analyzing the application, and has not yet made any recommendations regarding UNS Gas's proposed rate increase. The Residential Utility Consumer Office is also a party to this proceeding and will analyze the application and make recommendations to the Commission. The Commission will determine the appropriate relief to be granted based on the evidence presented by the parties. The Commission is not bound by the proposals made by UNS Gas, Staff, or any intervenors; therefore, the final rates approved by the Commission may be higher or lower than the rates requested by the Company.

How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Rate Proposal

Copies of the application and proposed rates are available from UNS Gas offices: One South Church Ave., Ste. 100, Tucson, Arizona (520/884-3742), 2498 Airway Ave., Kingman, Arizona (928/681-8913), 2749 Maricopa Ave., Lake Havasu City, Arizona (928/505-7002), 1710 N. Mastick Way, Nogales, Arizona (520/761-7999), and at the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona, for public inspection during regular business hours and on the Internet via the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) using the e-Docket function.

Arizona Corporation Commission Public Hearing Information

The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter beginning **August 10, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.**, at the Commission's offices, Hearing Room #1, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona. Public comments will be taken on the first day of the hearing. Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing Docket No. G-04204A-08-0571 to Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or by e-mail. For a form to use and instructions on how to e-mail comments to the Commission, go to http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/public_comment.pdf. If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 1-800-222-7000.