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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
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PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION SECRETARY'S BUREAU

Dear Ms. Chiavetta:

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We write this lefter to you to object to the Joint Petition for Settlement of Rate Proceedings proposed by Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, et al. v. Herman Oil & Gas Company, Inc. We feel the proposed gas rate increase is too drastic. Inflating our bill by 300% within three years seems outrageous for a public utility.

Herman Oil & Gas Company, Inc. indicates that the "rate filing is necessary to provide sufficient operating revenues to meet operating expenses, as they have not filed a rate case in 32 years." Although we understand they are trying to improve the quality of service, we feel the cost to the consumers should not compensate for the management decisions of the past three decades. Their proposed rate increase shifts the burden to their customers, especially to those with fixed incomes.

We feel Herman Oil & Gas Company, Inc. should cover their operating expenses by having the owners share in the costs and offering a more reasonable gas rate increase for their customers.

We appreciate your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Earl & Sue Christy

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