

I.C.C.

Gentlemen:

I have been a retired person for the last sixteen years.

And have used Peoples Gas as my supplier. I oppose a rate increase for Peoples Gas because, I am aware that they made record profits the last few years, so they dont truly need the money. But the increase will increase the over all inflation that our nation is experiencing and that our government is trying desperately to control at this time.

Sincerely

ELI LEWIS

5455 S. HYDE PARK

CHICAGO IL.

60615-5805-59

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION, 1-7-2010

WE ARE APPALLED THAT YOUR DEPARTMENT HAS PLANS TO APPROVE YET ANOTHER RATE INCREASE FOR PEOPLE'S GAS. AS YOU UNDOUBTEDLY ARE AWARE - PEOPLE'S GAS MADE RECORD PROFITS IN 2008 AND THEIR TOP EXECUTIVES MADE MILLIONS.

WHAT ABOUT ALL THOSE WHO CANNOT AFFORD TO HEAT THEIR HOUSES EXCEPT WITH SPACE HEATERS THAT ARE DANGEROUS, CAUSING FREQUENT, FATAL HOUSE FIRES?

PEOPLE'S GAS NEEDS TO STOP GOUGING THE PUBLIC. IT IS SIMPLY WRONG.

PLEASE RECONSIDER THE RATE HIKE APPROVAL.

SINCERELY,
Christine Clark
R Clark

1025 S HAMLIN
PARK RIDGE, IL

Mr Charles Box

Illinois Commerce Commission

People's Gas is a monopoly, and as such can't be in competition for customers.

We as customers must operate within a budget and fiscal responsibility. You need to reduce executive expense and not increase customer cost.

Reginald L Smith

January 10, 2010

Mr. Bob Box and Commissioners
C/o Illinois Commerce Commission
160 N. LaSalle -8th Fl.Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Sir:

I am a senior citizen and I have been informed that the Peoples Gas is about to receive an increase of \$160 million. How in the world can you award such an amount to a company who recently paid dividends to their stockholders of a whopping 9.5% during the first two quarters of 2009. After such a "DEAL" they had the audacity to send 80,000 shut-off notices to the consumers. Some of these people were my friends, family members and fellow seniors.

This is very important to not only us, but to those of us who have a limited income, and are shut-in and have been promised that we would have reasonable rates for all of us. This is a form of dictation in what we call this United States of America. Some of the worse things that happen to us as citizens is that large companies like Peoples Gas exploit the poor and the elderly. Please do not allow this to happen.

Sincerely,

Ms. Leora Riley

3939 S. Calumet Ave., Apt. 711

Chicago, Illinois 60653

01-12-10

Mr. Cox:

Some years ago, the country was appalled to learn that many seniors were eating cat food because after paying rent and utilities, they could not afford to purchase food.

Today, we still live in a society where the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. Of the rich, a People's Gas rate increase will have no bearing on whether or not they eat out every night, or go on a vacation, or which imported wine to have with dinner. Their buying new cars and clothes will not be affected. How much they tip their doormen will not be affected, nor how much they tip waiters, or their annual sloop fee, or their catering fee.

But when you consider a situation where a household has only one fine-figured income, where maybe two families may be forced to move together to share expenses because neither can make ends meet alone, we must recognize and address the financial disparity between the rich and the poor.

There is no way a rate increase and surcharge can be justified when stockholders are receiving $9\frac{1}{2}\%$ interest on their dividends. Should they be made richer at the expense of those who can barely afford to eat? I don't think so.

The Public Utilities Act of 2001 states in part, "It is the policy of the state that public utilities shall be regulated effectively ... to ensure the rates of utility services are affordable and therefore preserve the availability to all citizens." Affordable and available to all citizens. This law cannot be enforced by paying $9\frac{1}{2}\%$ interest to a few, while adding additional

burdens to the masses already bent to the ground by the excessive rates and fees already imposed upon them.

As a citizen of this state who will go to jail if I do not adhere to the laws implemented by this state, demand that you adhere to the Public Utilities Act and not approve a rate increase, nor impose any new surcharges, and that you restore service to those who have already been disconnected.

If you don't have anyone in your life eating cat food, or sitting in a cold house, you are blessed. Now it is time for you to bless others, as we are our brothers' keepers.

Thank you.

Evang. Dolores A. Smith
3939 S. Calumet #207
Chicago, IL 60653

January 10, 2010

I'm against the rate increase because it's unaffordable for most residents during a time when many are unemployed, including myself. In addition, though I ~~was~~ understand the need for utilities to operate profitably, there needs to be a cap on increases that ~~only~~ don't contribute to the welfare of all.

Bernadyn
12326. 63rd
City. 60637

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Jan 10th, 2010

Mr. Charles Box
S.C.C.

Mrs. Vanessa Lanier
7337 So. Kingston Ave. #2
Chgo, Il 60649.

I am a resident of Chgo, Il and I also
pay for my heating gas. I cannot pay for
an additional rate increase due to the
following reasons: I have a spouse who is
on disability and we are spending thousands
dollars of money on maintenance, medication
& doctor's visits. We are already enduring
astronomical gas bills that make an addl
increase a hardship for us. Respectfully Yours
Vanessa Lanier

Mr. Charles Box,

A.C.C.

01/10/10

I am against the Peoples Energy
because of the growing increase of our winter
bills. Understanding the economic times
that business and residents are suffering, sacrifices
are being made on a consistent basis and in order
to restore the business to customer relationship, Peoples
Energy must endure w/ the people as we endure with
the hardship of these times.

Tony Busca

9147 S. Mansfield
Chicago, IL 60620

1/8/10

MR. CHARLES BOX

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THE PEOPLES
GAS RATE INCREASE DUE TO PEOPLE
ARE SUFFERING. AND MOST PEOPLE CAN NOT
AFFORD THE RATES THAT ALREADY EXIST.
FAMILIES THAT HAVE TO SUPPLY THEIR
OWN HEAT HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION
ON ~~BE~~ EATING OR HAVING HEAT.

John Wampert
113 E 45 ST 2E
CHICAGO, ILL. 60653

Monday JANUARY 11 - 2010

Ravi Salinas 3642 S. DAMEN 60609

Dear Chairman CHARLES BOY

Yo Personal mente Ravi Salinas
Demando a Peoples GAS.
Por suvir el precio del GAS.

Por lo que a sen lo han a pagar
MUY caro. Por lo que a sen
con la gente. Por nosotros
tienen el negocio.

Bueno le daremos a sabe a pueblo
que ustedes van a recibir
millonada de dinero para que no
saban el precio del combustible
Y es lo primero que a sen.

Yo y mi familia nos oponemos
al alto precio de GAS.

A si como esta la economia
en el pais deberian ser mas
Razonables con el ~~per~~ precio del GAS.
Mucha familia que no tiene trabajo
no tiene o no tenemos dinero
para pagar los servicios del GAS.

Milton James, A.C.F.
8220 S. Kasold
Chicago, Ill. 60620

5: Illinois Commerce Commission

I am writing to inform the
bodies that I do not approve
of the plan by Peoples Gas to
~~the~~ increasing rates. I find
this practice to be greedy and
socially unacceptable in these
economically changed times

Feel free to contact
Milton James
773-483-7209



1/11/10

Dear Charles E. Box and Commissioners,

The fact that it is only illegal to ~~shut off~~ people's gas/heat when the outdoor temperature is below 32°F

is a joke. Throughout the winter,

even when the temperature is above

that my roommate and I wear our

winter coats and scarves indoors. We

do have heat - and so far we can

afford to pay our monthly gas bills -

but this is only because we keep the

thermostat turned down to a minimum.

My roommate is employed full-time as

a paralegal; I work as a nanny/baby-

sitter. We are fortunate enough to

have an income and to be two

single people; what about those paralegals and nannies with families to support? what about the unemployed? what about service workers and other low-income workers? ~~if~~ If my roommate and I* can barely afford to keep our home at a bearable temperature, it's no wonder so many people are already being forced to choose between food and heat. It ~~is~~ also follows that families opt for less expensive ways of staying warm—more dangerous ones, like using electrical heaters which can (and have) cause house fires.

This is all before your

*both paying off student loans,
by the way

proposed rate hike. To those of you who deal with millions or thousands of dollars on a daily basis in your ~~work~~, it is understandable that you might forget that an extra \$12 per month can be a significant part of a family's income and ~~can~~ will lead to more people without heat this winter.

Please fulfill your responsibilities and ensure that the rates of utility services are affordable and available.

SINCERELY

Jessica Bower
1807 S. Carpenter St. 2nd Floor. 60608

1/11/10

Dear ICC

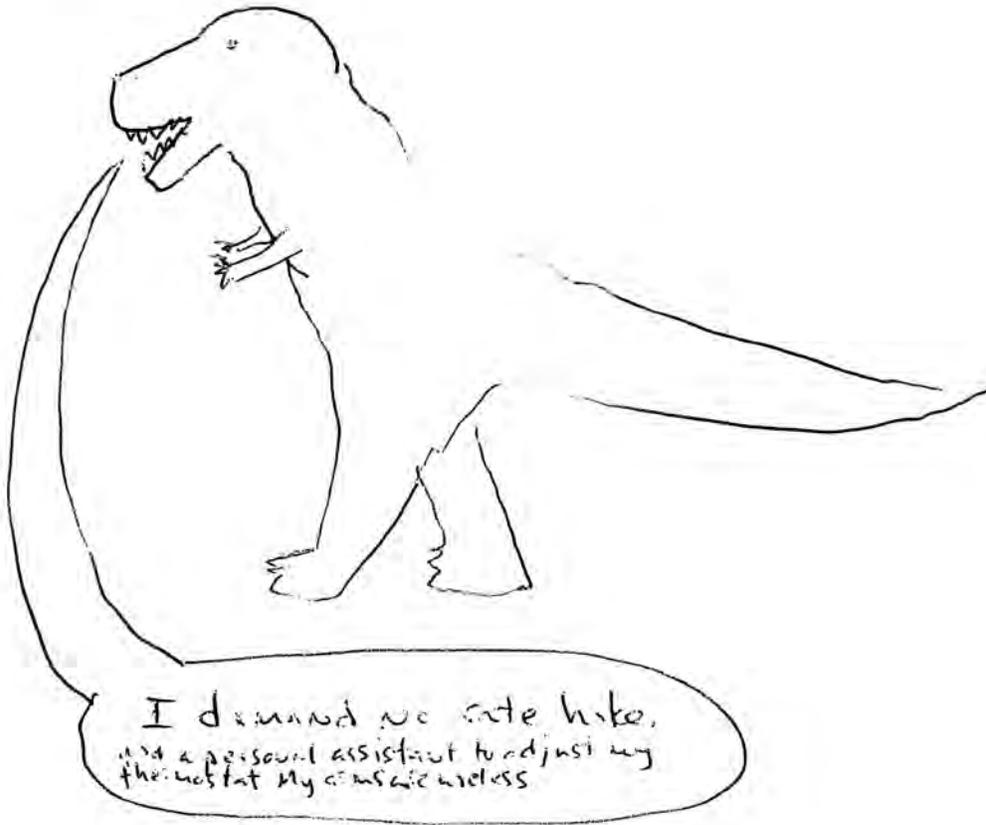
I am a resident of Illinois and a retired public school teacher. I have seen my gas bill continue to rise over the years while my salary has remained the same, slightly increased, and finally in retirement decreased. Unfortunately while the Peoples Gas Company plans to seek an increase in its rates, I like many other Illinois residents don't have that option. While many people find themselves in a financial crisis as jobs disappear and costs for food and necessary services rise. The "good" people of Peoples Gas will remain comfortable and warm all winter long, while they line their pockets with the dwindling dollars of Illinois residents. Please stop this assault on the pockets and livelihood of Illinois residents, and stop the shut off of heat in Illinois homes.

Felicia Grant Weston
 Retired Teacher/Artist
 527 E. 46th place
 Chicago, IL 60653

Jan 4, 2016

Illinois Commerce Commission
Mr. Charles Bort Commissioner

I am writing to demand the ICC reject
any rate increase for Peoples Gas for 2016 and
take responsibility to demand Peoples Gas
Reconnect Service for all.



Sincerely,

David Perez-Lauterbach
1627 S. Louis
Chicago, IL 60608

Jan 5, 2010

Illinois Commerce Commission
Mr. Charles Box and Commissioners

I write to demand the ICC reject any rate increase for Peoples Gas in 2010. I also demand the state take responsibility to the Public Utilities Act of 2001 to keep utilities "affordable and available to all," and demand that Peoples Gas reconnect services to all households.

As a social worker, I've seen the annual difference twenty dollars a month can make for a low income household, the difference between being able to get a receipt and having to stay on TANF, the difference between being able to stay healthy and not affording medicine.

We need to have a public hearing with notice in Chicago. Again I demand you to reject any rate increase.

Sincerely,
Ruth Bell Mejias
Ruth Bell Mejias
2137 W 18th St
Chicago IL 60608

January 4, 2010

Illinois Commerce Commission
Mr. Charles Box and Commissioners,

I am writing to demand that the ICC reject
any rate increase for Peoples Gas for 2010 and
take responsibility to demand Peoples Gas reconnect
Service for all.

Please fulfill your Public Utilities Act of 2001,
have a public hearing in Chicago with notice,
and again deny any rate increase.

Sincerely,
Laurie Eppler

Laurie Eppler
4832 N Kenmore Ave #3
Chicago, IL 60640

Jan 4, 2010

Illinois Commerce Commission
Mr. Charles Box and Commissioners,

I am writing to demand - the ICC
reject any rate increase for People's Gas
for 2010 and take responsibility to demand
People's Gas reconnect service for all.

There are many families around Chicago who
cannot afford heat, particularly in this difficult
economy. Furthermore, some have had their
heat disconnected. With Chicago winters, that
is criminal!

Please fulfill the Public Utilities Act of 2001,
have a public hearing in Chicago with notice,
and again, deny any rate increase.

Sincerely,

Joel Gehl
912 W. Ireland
Chicago IL 60640

6720 S Cornell #208
Chicago IL 60641
January, 2010

Dear Illinois Commerce Commission's
Several months ago, I sent
you a letter expressing my
concern about the proposed rate
hike requested by Peoples Gas.
To date, no response has been received
from you and it appears
that you are proceeding to grant
this. As a result, I am thoroughly
disgusted with your agency as
I was led to believe that one
of your purposes was to ensure
that utilities are available and
affordable to all
So much for my ex-
pectations.

Charles A. Gray

11/4/10

DEAR CHARLES BACT OF THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION.

IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION
THAT PEOPLES GAS IS REQUESTING
A RATE HIKE INCREASE.

HOW CAN THIS BE DONE
WITHOUT A PUBLIC HEARING,
WITH SO MANY PEOPLE THAT ARE
UNEMPLOYED & STRUGGLING
TO KEEP THEIR HEADS ABOVE WATER,
WE FIND THIS REPRENENSIBLE.
WE URGE YOU TO REJECT THIS
RATE INCREASE.

IT WILL BE A HARSHHIP FOR
US BECAUSE ONE OF US IS
UNEMPLOYED AT THE MOMENT

Sincerely,
Luis Ramirez
1935 GRACE ST
CHGO, IL
60613

1/6/10

Dear Charles Bach of the Illinois Commerce Commission,

I am writing you to reject the rate increase for People's Gas. It is ridiculous to think that there is a proposed rate hike when the economy is like this. People are barely making ends meet right now so having to pay more for their bill will just make it harder. I can see that my family would be affected by this action. With my mother being unemployed right now, times are hard for us. I just want you to know that by increasing the rate, you will not only be hurting my family, but hundreds of other families as well. Finally, you could also think about making this notice public and having a public hearing in Chicago so people can tell you their thoughts. I hope you take the time to read this.

Sincerely,

Vivonne Aparicio

~~Vivonne Aparicio~~

1935 W. Grace
Chicago, IL 60613

1/8/10

To the Members of the Illinois Commerce
Commission:

In November, I had written previously to object to the proposed rate increase and the effect it would have on low-income workers throughout the City of Chicago as well as the State. I understand that despite opposition to this ill-advised rate hike, another increase is imminent. This will have repercussions that may take years to rectify. I implore you to stop an increase that will have more negative effects than beneficial. The number of people involved will exceed 80,000 to more than 100,000, especially at the current rate of increased rates. The citizens, as well as myself, are gravely concerned with those consequences of continuous increases to the people of the State, whom are no longer able to keep parity with excessive rate hikes. We strongly recommend a rescission of this hike.

Sincerely,
Ralph Livingston
8339 S. Rhodes Ave
Chicago, Illinois 60619

January 9, 2010

Allstate Commerce Commission
Mr. Charles Box and Commissioners.

I am writing to Demand
the ICC reject any rate increase
for people gas for 2010 and
take responsibility to demand
people gas record service for
all because ~~we~~ we really
need it.

My family cannot afford heat,
and I'm just 14 years old. I
can't really do much but I
try to take responsibility with
my family. I think that's a
crime and I think you have
to take responsibility for your
actions I hope you can help
us.

Sincerely,
Katie Cruz
4610 S. Wolcott
Chicago, IL 60609

1/9/2010

To Whom It may Concern

As an I.T. professional and a resident of Chicago. I strongly object to the rate increase that you are planning on granting to Peoples Gas. During a time of the worst economic downturn since the great depression and a national unemployment rate over 10% the last thing that Chicago residents need is to pay more money to heat their houses and cook their food. After a \$71 million dollar increase only last year why is it necessary for them to have a further increase when no one is getting a pay increase? As a matter of fact many people are having their pay and hours cut or losing their jobs entirely. I myself have not seen a pay raise in two years so where exactly am I supposed to find the extra money for arbitrary rate increases? Its not like they are going to go under if the rates remain what they are now. In fact their parent company Integrys showed a 61.3% increase in profits last year when most companies (including the company I work for) showed a loss. A rate increase at this time is just counter productive, and only puts a further strain on an already taxed populace. In fact right after they sent the request for a rate increase they sent out 80,000 disconnection notices. That is 80,000 MORE homes in Chicago who cannot afford the rates they are already charging. So how can they justify further rate hikes? Do your duty to the people that you are supposed to represent and refuse this rate increase.

Sincerely



David O'Toole
6135 West Dakin St.
Chicago Il 60634

1/6/10

Illinois Commerce Commission
Mr. Charles Box And Commissioners,

I'm writing because I can't believe that you are moving forward with the rate increase. At this exact day & time the country is not only experiencing a recession, but truly a depression. ☹

It is Appalling that people are literally freezing to death in this cold weather and you want to raise the rate so more people's gas accounts can be shut off.

No one is getting raises on there jobs. More people are losing there jobs and unemployment ~~benefits~~ benefits. Chicago is creating warming centers "everywhere they can." Vet Children, elderly and the under employed workers are cold and ~~hungry~~ hungry.

Why can't you help the people by turning on all shut off accounts during the winter so people can stop

dying from the use of space heaters?
Why can't you help people and give
back a rebate on some of the
millions of dollars of profits you
already have accumulated off the
backs of the poor.

Actually people that have low income
should have a lower rated bill
then the middle & upper class group.

Please stop harming people to just
get more money in the rich people's
pockets.

Did you know that \$160 million
dollars could save over 300,000
families? I actually could be
wrong, it would probably save more
families.

Why does the poor have to live like
3rd world citizens right here in
the people's gas territory?

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Porter
4351 W. 76th St. #108
Chicago, IL 60652

1-8-10

To Whom May Concern,

I begging you not to increase the rate on the gas to 160 million dollars.

I am a poor woman and it will be hard for me to make that payments on my bills with this increase. Please keep the rate the same for us low income people. Thank you for your understanding.

Yours truly,
Riane Kraus



Jan 09, 2010.

Illinois Commerce Commission
Mr. Charles Box and Commissioners,

I am writing to demand the ICC
Reject any rate increase for Peoples Gas
for 2010 and take responsibility to demand
Peoples Gas reconnect service for all!

As a student at the University of Chicago,
I have seen a lot of poor families which
simply cannot afford any rate increase. ~~It~~ Considering
the harsh cold winter, I think it is inhuman to
disconnect any heat supply to families and ~~put~~
put them in extremely difficult situations.

Fulfill your ~~public~~ Public Utilities Act of
2001, Have a public hearing in Chicago with
notice and please deny any rate increase for the
sake of thousands of family stranded out there in the cold.

Sincerely,
Peter Dong
1101 E 56th St.
Chicago, IL. 60609.

Jan 9, 2010

Illinois Commerce Commission
Mr. Charles Box and Commission

I am writing to demand the ICC Reject
any rate Increase for Peoples gas for 2010
and take responsibility to demand people gas
reconnect service for all!

My family cannot afford heat, My mom
and dad have not worked so months. I
can't do that much cause I am only 16 years
old so I can't get a job. I have 4 little
sisters and one little brother so I don't
want them to be cold, if my parents can't
afford to pay the ~~gas~~ gas.

So please fulfill your public utilities act
of 2001, Have a public hearing in Chicago
with notice, and again deny any rate
increase.

Sincerely,
Salvador Cruz
460 S. Wolcott
Chicago, IL. 60609



452 W. 47th Street

Chicago, IL 60609

(312)939-7ire (8473) Fax: (773)268-6301

To Fee

MR CHARLES BOX

I WANT LET YOU KNOW
THAT THERE IS LOT OF
PEOPLE IN OUR AREA
WITHOUT HEAT. I WOULD BE
VERY UN HAPPY WITH ANOTHER
INCREASE FOR PEOPLE GAS.
THE PRESIDENT REED
\$6,000,000.


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CITY TIRE

PLEASE
CALL



6135 W Dakin
Chicago, IL 60634
January 11, 2010

Illinois Commerce Committee
527 E. Capitol Ave.
Springfield, IL 62701

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you today to share my disgust at the People's Gas's proposal to raise Illinois' gas rates. Our gas rates were raised \$71 million dollars in February 2008. Why do they need to raise them again? How is it possible that a *public* utility company should be allowed to again raise taxes to turn a profit? In Illinois, there were over 80,000 people whose gas has been threatened due to the fact that they are unable to pay their bills. Some of their bills were as low as a few dollars. The people at the top of the social class may be able to pay their bills, but the lower class citizens are unable due to the poor economy. Instead of raising our gas bills, maybe they should be lowered so that ALL people could have affordable gas bills.

I strongly oppose a \$160 million rate increase for 2010. This increase would put a large percentage of the people of Illinois in jeopardy of having their gas turned off. No one in the United States of America should have to choose whether they feed their family or give them a warm, safe environment. This possible increase is criminal. Please rethink your decisions. Think of the people, not how much will line your pocket.

Sincerely,



Heidi A O'Toole

January 9, 2010

Dear Mr. Box and ICA Commissioners,

I am writing to you to ask you to consider with great care the requested rate increase for People's Gas. Many families and individuals have already had their heating gas disconnected because they cannot afford the current rates and face an uncomfortable, if not dangerous, winter in their homes; a further increase is certain to endanger many more of the most vulnerable among us in some very dangerous weather conditions. It would be, for me, unconscionable for a utility or a corporation which has profited handsomely recently to be granted even more profits by endangering others' health and well-being.

Please use your unique position and authority to work with People's Gas and perhaps citizens' advocacy groups to safeguard the people of Illinois.

Thank you,
Jerald Boisseau
Jerald Boisseau
1435 W. Greenleaf 2S
Chicago, IL 60626

Mr. Charles Box
And Commissioners % Illinois
Commerce Commission

I a senior, and a retired Chicago Public school Teacher I am writing to ask that you vote
no

To any additional fees for the rate increase for Peoples Gas. As a home owner the cost
Of paying my utilities have presented hardship . Please consider those of us who are
Struggling ,

Thank You
Lyneth Nesbit
8033 So Paulina
Chicago Illinois
60620m

Lyneth Nesbit
1/10/10