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Dear PUC Representative

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It has come to my attention that the ability to access natural gas via my farm tap is in jeopardy. As part of the agreement my Grandfather signed with the natural gas company, we were assured that we would have access to natural gas on this farm in exchange for an easement to put the pipeline in. In many ways this farm was built around the ability to use natural gas. Examples would be grain bin dryers, heaters for water tanks as well as heating our home.

The cost of losing the natural gas to our family farm would be enormous. Tanks, digging in new lines, piping, different furnace, and different water tanks would be a great economic burden for us.

With all of the controversy about pipelines in this state at this time I do not think it would be wise to let a pipeline company not live up to their agreement made years ago. It is exactly what folks are concerned about. We have had a great relationship with the pipeline folks for many years and I simply ask that they continue to hold up their end of the bargain.

I am asking the PUC use any means at their disposal to make the gas company continue to allow us to continue to purchase natural gas at a fair market value from them and live up to their agreements.

Thank you

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