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To: PUC

Subject: docket NG16-014 Farm Tap Customers

This letter is in regards to the proposed regulation that would result in disconnection of service to our long-standing natural gas farm tap. A discontinuation of service would have a detrimental effect on my immediate and extended family as well as four agri-businesses.

Our one farm tap serves three households: my wife and I, our son and his fiance, as well as my sister and brother-in-law and niece. This same farm tap also services four business: my family farm operation including grain drying, my son-in-law's trucking operation, my son's Precision Planting business, and our seed corn dealership.

I have done the research and found the expense to convert to propane would be costly for one household, and a financial hardship, especially in today's ag economy, to convert three households and four businesses.

My grandparents signed the pipeline easement in 1956 under the understanding the farm site would receive natural gas service going forward indefinitely. Pursuant to that easement, my family and I have the right to receive natural gas service. It is the Public Utility Commission's duty as a publicly elected body to uphold its districts rights and to go to bat for its district if those rights are threatened or infringed.

My family and I are calling on you, our elected representatives, to step up to the plate and ensure our access to and receipt of natural gas continues as it has for decades.

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