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To: PUC

Subject: NG16-014 Farm Tap Customers

I am writing this letter in regards to the proposed natural gas farm tap disconnection regulation.

My family's farm tap has been in place since 1956 when my great-grandparents signed the pipeline easement with the intent of providing access to natural gas for all their future generations. Since then, we have expanded from one household to three, and now operate four businesses at this same farm site.

Discontinuation of our natural gas service would disrupt my Precision Planting business, my seed corn dealership, both my and my father's farm operations, and my brother-in-law's trucking enterprise. It would also disrupt my fiancé's and my household, as well as my parent's household and aunt/uncle's household.

After looking into the expenses that would be required to change my household and each of my businesses over to propane, I have found I would not be able to afford the conversion out-of-pocket and would have to look into financing - this would be a huge blow to my business cash flows at this time of poor ag commodity prices.

My fiancé and I are asking you, our elected PUC representatives, to fulfill your duty as a publicly elected body and represent us in this dispute over access to and receipt of natural gas to ensure our household and business futures continue and prevent us from incurring any undo hardships.

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