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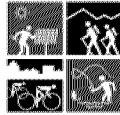
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Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
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Re: Docket 21-09001

Dear Chair Williamson and Commissioners Cordova and Manthe,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Southwest Gas rate case.

The Nevada Conservation League is appalled by Southwest Gas's proposal to raise its rates for the third time in less than four years, especially when hard-working Nevada families are still desperately trying to get back on their feet and recover from this devastating pandemic. The last thing people need is for their gas bill to go up yet again. The cost of fossil fuels is driving inflation and demonstrates the need to transition to clean energy that has lower and more stable prices.

Most of this proposed increase is driven by capital costs to replace and expand the gas system, a system which may be obsolete in the next few decades as communities shift to cleaner sources of energy. Expanding gas service is incompatible with our state's climate goals, harmful to our health and natural resources, and is clearly driving up costs for all ratepayers.

We urge the company to reconsider this ill-timed and ill-conceived rate increase and focus on planning for a low emissions future in line with the state's climate goals.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Signed,

Paul Selberg
Executive Director
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