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Ms. Jan Sanders
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RE: Docket: 96-030-U

Dear Ms. Sanders:

Attached for filing in the above referenced docket are copies of the:

Public Service Announcement sent to radio and television stations,

Mailing list of all radio and television stations to which the Public Service
Announcement was mailed,

Letter to State Legislators and City Mayors,

Mailing list of all State Senators, State Representatives and City Mayors to which
the letter was mailed, who have constituents living in the AWG service area,

Letter to selected newspapers,

Mailing list of selected newspapers to which the letter was mailed. These
newspapers serve customers living in AWG's service area.

Sincerely,

Jerrell Clark

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attachments



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July 3, 1996

Mr. Stewart Brunner
KKTZ-FM/KPFM-FM
Box 930
Mountain Home, AR 72653

RE: Arkansas Western Gas Company's Proposed Rate Increase Hearing

Dear Mr. Brunner:

On January 30, 1996, Arkansas Western Gas Company (AWG) filed an application with the Arkansas Public Service Commission requesting a general modification in rates.

AWG is asking for an overall increase or decrease in rates of 9.66% from its customers. Based upon its application, AWG proposes to recover the increase or decrease from various classes of customers as illustrated in the following summary of the present and proposed revenues by rate class:

ARKANSAS WESTERN GAS COMPANY'S REQUESTED CHANGES IN RATES

	Present Revenues	Proposed Revenues	Increase Amount	Increase Percentage
Residential	\$ 37,025,728	\$ 42,242,760	\$ 5,217,032	14.09%
Small Business	\$ 17,477,895	\$ 19,541,860	\$ 2,063,965	11.81%
Medium Business	\$ 6,345,054	\$ 6,751,227	\$ 406,173	6.40%
Large Business	\$ 2,564,108	\$ 2,564,108	\$ 0	0.00%
Large Business Spot Market Program	\$ 9,117,789	\$ 9,066,003	\$ (51,786)	-0.57%
Large Business Transportation Service	\$ <u>2,878,764</u>	\$ <u>2,526,535</u>	\$ <u>(352,229)</u>	-12.24%
TOTAL	\$ 75,409,338	\$ 82,692,493	\$ 7,283,155	9.66%

There will be a public hearing on this matter on Wednesday, July 17, 1996, at the Public Service Commission Building, 1000 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the First Floor Hearing Room #1. Any public comment on the AWG's proposed rate increase will be heard at that time.

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Since your station serves the public in the areas affected by this proposed rate increase, I thought that you might be interested in airing a news report regarding the proposed rate increase and the public hearing date.

If you should have any further questions or need additional information, please contact Robert Booth at 501-682-5685.

Sincerely,

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Senator Bill Walters
P.O. Box 280
Greenwood, AR 72936

RE: Arkansas Western Gas Company's Proposed Rate Increase Hearing

Dear Senator Walters:

This is to inform you that the Public Service Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, July 17, 1996, to consider Arkansas Western Gas Company's (AWG) request for a general change in rates. Since you may have constituents who are served by this company, I thought this information might be of value.

The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m., in the hearing room on the first floor of the Commission, 1000 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201. If you or your constituents wish to make a statement to the Commission on AWG's rate increase request, you are invited to do so at that time.

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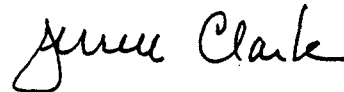
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Mr. Bob Qualls
The Baxter Bulletin
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RE: Arkansas Western Gas Company's Proposed Rate Increase Hearing

Dear Mr. Qualls:

On January 30, 1996, Arkansas Western Gas Company (AWG) filed an application with the Arkansas Public Service Commission requesting a general modification in rates.

AWG is asking for an overall increase or decrease in rates of 9.66% from it's customers. Based upon it's application, AWG proposes to recover the increase or decrease from various classes of customers as illustrated in the following summary of the present and proposed revenues by rate class:

ARKANSAS WESTERN GAS COMPANY'S REQUESTED CHANGES IN RATES

	Present Revenues	Proposed Revenues	Increase Amount	Increase Percentage
Residential	\$ 37,025,728	\$ 42,242,760	\$ 5,217,032	14.09%
Small Business	\$ 17,477,895	\$ 19,541,860	\$ 2,063,965	11.81%
Medium Business	\$ 6,345,054	\$ 6,751,227	\$ 406,173	6.40%
Large Business	\$ 2,564,108	\$ 2,564,108	\$ 0	0.00%
Large Business Spot Market Program	\$ 9,117,789	\$ 9,066,003	\$ (51,786)	-0.57%
Large Business Transportation Service	\$ <u>2,878,764</u>	\$ <u>2,526,535</u>	\$ <u>(352,229)</u>	-12.24%
TOTAL	\$ 75,409,338	\$ 82,692,493	\$ 7,283,155	9.66%

There will be a public hearing on this matter on Wednesday, July 17, 1996, at the Public Service Commission Building, 1000 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the First Floor Hearing Room #1. Any public comment on the AWG's proposed rate increase will be heard at that time.

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Since your newspaper serves the public in the areas affected by this proposed rate increase, I thought that you might publish a short article regarding the proposed rate increase and the public hearing date.

If you should have any further questions or need additional information, please contact Robert Booth at 501-682-5685.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerrell Clark". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jerrell Clark

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