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Chairman Tyler House Transportation and Energy Committee Colorado General Assembly

RE: Please Support SB 15-261 - "Utility's Public Notice of Schedule Changes"

Dear Chairman Tyler and Committee Members,

I would like to ask for your support of SB15-261 ("Utility's Public Notice of Schedule Changes") today.

While I was honored to testify in person in support of this bill to the Senate Judiciary committee last week, I regret that a prior commitment prevents me from attending today's House Transportation and Energy Committee in person.

I am Manager of Rates & Regulatory for SourceGas – a natural gas utility company headquartered in Golden, CO and serving about 90,000 customers in northeastern Colorado, portions of northern Colorado, much of the Western Slope, and portions of southern Colorado. My responsibility includes coordination of our company's filings with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), so I understand the benefits of this bill first-hand.

This bill makes a minor change to Colorado's statutory notice requirements, allowing utility companies like SourceGas to request permission for alternative means of consumer notice – usually to decrease costs for ratepayers and improve effectiveness of the notice – as part of the relevant CPUC filing. Without this bill, the utility must trigger an entirely separate legal proceeding to make such a request.

The changes made by this bill will benefit the citizens of the State of Colorado because they will:

- Reduce administrative burden for utilities and the CPUC,
- Reduce the costs passed along to utility consumers, and
- Improve the transparency of alternative notices by combining them with the relevant filing.

Thank you for your support of SB15-261 today.

If there are any questions that would best be answered by me, please provide them to Mr. Carl Larson, who represents SourceGas, or email me directly at Michael. Harrington@SourceGas.com.

Sincerely,

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