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**To Whom It May Concern:**

This letter is in regards to the recent activity that has occurred between Columbia Gas and the P.U.C.O. on gas service line. It is my understanding that if granted Columbia Gas wishes to gain control of repairing, replacement and the installation of service lines. If this should happen, the livelihood of both my employees and myself will be devastated.

I am a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation plumber and have been working on gas service lines for 35 plus years. I employ four 2 men crews that work strictly on gas lines. If Columbia's wishes are granted, I would loose a half to 2/3 of my business and would have to lay these employees off. In short, this would be a major blow to my business. What would become of our D.O.T. certifications, which we have had since the beginning? What are my employees's supposed to do? Is the P.U.C.O. going to enforce other gas companies (Dominion Gas) to do the same? If not then why?

I do not see how the consumers' best interest would be served if only one company (or sub-contractor) would be allowed to repair the gas lines. I can however see consumers waiting days to have their gas lines repaired if (without choice) the single contractor were unable to keep up with the number of lines needing repaired. I hope you consider the truly negative impact that would occur if Columbia Gas were to take control of the service lines. Thank you for your time regarding this matter. If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact me at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

*Joe Raineri*  
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