

HARLEY O. STAGGERS
2D DISTRICT, WEST VIRGINIA

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COMPANY, INC.
CHAIRMAN:
COMMITTEE ON
INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN
COMMERCE

HOME ADDRESS:
KEYSER, WEST VIRGINIA

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 17, 1974

Mr. John C. Weber, Jr.
Vice President
West Virginia Glass Specialty Company, Inc.
Weston, West Virginia 26452

Dear John:

Thanks very much for your letter of recent date together with the enclosure.

I certainly appreciate your keeping me informed with reference to the case pending before the Federal Power Commission in behalf of the twelve hand blown glass manufacturing factories in West Virginia.

As I said before, I do want to continue doing all I can to be helpful. I know this is of utmost importance to our glass industries in our State.

Again, thanking you for writing and with best wishes and kind personal regards to you and yours, I am

Sincerely yours,

HARLEY O. STAGGERS

West Virginia Glass Specialty Company ^{INC.}

MANUFACTURERS OF
BRILLIANT CRYSTAL GLASS WARE
PASTE MOULD BLOWN

SUPERB ARTISTIC DECORATIONS

WESTON, W. VA. 26452

March 15, 1974

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The Honorable Harley O. Staggers
Member of Congress
2nd District of West Virginia
2366 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

MAR 18 1974

Dear Congressman Staggers:

Enclosed is the Docket Case scheduled Tuesday, March 19, 1974 in Washington before the Federal Power Commission on a petition hearing in behalf of the twelve hand blown glass manufacturing factories in our State of West Virginia in conjunction with the Owens-Illinois Company of Fairmont, West Virginia, in reference to the Consolidated Gas Supply Corporation curtailment of natural gas to our industry in the fall of 1974 and entire year of 1975.

No doubt you are quite aware that the manufacturing of glassware in our industry is dependent on a steady source of supply of natural gas from the Consolidated Gas Supply Corporation. Any lowering of temperature in our tanks means curtailment of production. It is impossible to use another fuel to heat the tanks to manufacture glassware.

We sincerely hope that in this case we will prove that all companies in this case must have their full allocation of natural gas to keep their tanks in full operation. Any curtailment of natural gas would mean a decrease in employment and have a serious effect on the economy of the communities in which these factories are located.

We appreciate your interest in our behalf to help us keep our factories operating full capacity.

Sincerely yours,
WEST VIRGINIA GLASS SPECIALTY COMPANY, INC.

John C. Weber, Jr.,
Vice President.

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March 13, 1974

To Representatives of West Virginia
Glass Manufacturing Group

Re: Consolidated Gas Supply Corporation,
FPC Docket Nos. RP73-115, et al.
(Curtailement Case)

Gentlemen:

Enclosed are copies of petitions for leave to intervene which we filed today with the Federal Power Commission in the captioned proceeding on behalf of each of your companies, participating jointly as the West Virginia Glass Manufacturing Group; and on behalf of Owens-Illinois. We took the liberty of formulating a name for the group solely for purposes of convenience in representing your companies before the FPC. Should the Commission act favorably upon our petition, however, each company will be admitted individually as an intervenor.

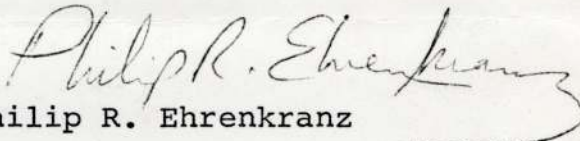
As you know, the hearings in this case will commence on Tuesday, March 19, 1974. We plan to attend the hearing on that day, primarily to participate in the resolution of procedural matters. Thereafter, because the hearings in all probability will be rather lengthy (perhaps 30 days of hearings), we will attend only those sessions at which we may have questions to ask on cross-examination of witnesses for opposing parties, or at which argument is presented upon important issues. Our principal activity will involve the preparation of briefs and pleadings presenting our position in support of Consolidated's curtailment plan. Most of this work will be accomplished following the close of the hearing record.

Representatives of West Virginia
Glass Manufacturing Group
March 13, 1974
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In the interim, we will keep you advised periodically upon the progress of the case.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,


Philip R. Ehrenkranz

Enclosures (2)

APPENDIX A

Bailey Glass Company
Morgantown, West Virginia 26505
Attn: Mr. Kenneth B. Bailey

Beaumont Glass Company
P. O. Box 803
Morgantown, West Virginia 26505
Attn: Mr. Rodney Berquist

Colonial Glass Company
P. O. Box 591
Weston, West Virginia 26452
Attn: Mr. C. Lee Borchert

Davis-Lynch Glass Company
P. O. Box 4286
Star City, West Virginia 26505
Attn: Mr. R. Emmett Lynch

The Fenton Art Glass Company
Williamstown, West Virginia 26187
Attn: Mr. Frank M. Fenton

Harvey Industries
P. O. Box 168
Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301
Attn: Mr. H. A. Harvey, Jr.

Lewis County Glass Company
Jane Lew, West Virginia 26378
Attn: Mr. Rudolph A. Kafer

Louie Glass Company
631 E. Third Street
Weston, West Virginia 26452
Attn: Mr. Michael Strum

Minners Glass Company
P. O. Box 388
Salem, West Virginia 26426
Attn: Mr. Donald G. Gibbons

Paul Wissmach Glass Company
Paden City, West Virginia 26159
Attn: Mr. Paul Feldmeier

Seneca Glass Company
P. O. Box 855
Morgantown, West Virginia 26505
Attn: Mr. James F. Sigwart, II

West Virginia Glass Specialty Company
Weston, West Virginia 26452
Attn: Mr. John C. Weber, Jr.

INTERSTATE: NATURAL GAS - PETROLEUM
EMERGENCY H. R. 11450 HOS

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Congress of the United States

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Washington, D.C. 20515

January 3, 1974

*Copies of the
Conference Report*

Mr. John C. Weber, Jr.
Secretary
West Virginia Glass Specialty
Company, Inc.
Weston, West Virginia 26452

Dear Mr. Weber:

Thank you for sending me copy of your communication of
December 28 to Mr. F. Paul Chambers, Attorney at Law,
Charleston.

I have read with much interest your letter setting forth
the urgency that your West Virginia Glass Specialty Com-
pany receive your continued supply of natural gas to
operate your factories.

You may be assured I can well understand your feelings
and how important this is to your company and the glass
industry. I want to continue being helpful in any way
possible.

Assuring you and yours of my continued interest and co-
operation and with kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

HARLEY O. STAGGERS

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SPECIAL DELIVERY

Dec. 28, 1973

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JAN 2 1974

Mr. F. Paul Chambers,
Jackson, Kelly, Holt & O'Farrell,
Attorneys at Law
1601 Kanawha Valley Building
P. O. Box 553
Charleston, West Virginia 25322

Dear Mr. Chambers:

Mr. Ervin Ransinger, our Vice President, reported that the conference in your office yesterday at 11:00 o'clock proved progressive and since you wish additional information to be mailed to you today we are sending this letter Special Delivery so that it should be in your possession no later than Monday morning.

The West Virginia Glass Specialty Company, Inc. was originally the Weston Glass Company of Weston that started in operation in our community in 1919. It was in operation until 1929 when the wooden structure caught fire and burned to the ground. The West Virginia Glass Specialty Company, Inc. was purchased as an old hand window glass factory in 1929 and the employees and management of the Weston Glass Company were transferred to the new factory, West Virginia Glass Specialty Company, Inc., and started in operation as a Hand Craft Paste Mould operation in February, 1929.

We have had a steady growth in the number of employees and sales. Weston, West Virginia has a population of approximately 9,000. Our company employs 550 employees with an annual payroll of \$3,000,000.00 per year. Employment is steady. We have excellent workers, majority are skilled craftsmen, categorically speaking, artists that know only one type of work, being a skilled, craft glassworker. If they were thrown out of employment they could not be retrained and therefore would have to join the rank and file of the unemployed and draw unemployment insurance.

Our factory operates two large continuous tanks of 125 tons each pulling 2 tons of molten glass each 24 hours, filling approximately 12 tons of material plus glass cullet each day. The melting temperature of each tank is 2700 degrees Fahrenheit. The working temperature on both tanks is between 1900 to 2000 degrees Fahrenheit. Both tanks plus the annealing lehrs, burners, etc. are all fired by natural gas purchased from the Hope Natural Gas Company. On both tanks we operate three shifts per day, five days per week, working 9 shops or teams of men. Have a total of 550 employees.

In order to make excellent glass you must have a constant temperature in the



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"YOU CANNOT SURPASS AMERICAN GLASS"

Dec. 28, 1973

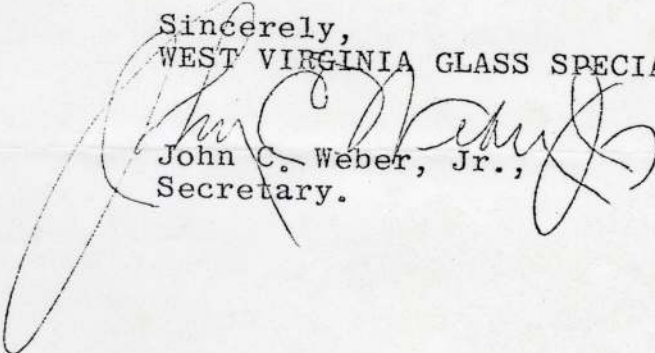
Mr. F. Paul Chambers,
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P. O. Box 553
Charleston, West Virginia 25322

tanks at all times. If temperature would be decreased we must automatically cut production. For your information, even on a weekend from Friday evening to Sunday noon we can only lower the temperature in the tanks 230 degrees. If a slight curtailment of around 10% is forced upon us we must automatically go to a four day production schedule, laying off factory employees for a full day with a loss of \$10,000.00 in wages. If the fuel would be cut 33-1/3% we must close down one tank, thus cutting our production one-half and laying off 50% of our employees. In a community the size of Weston the impact would be severe as Weston depends on the payroll of the glass industry. Also, the impact would be a severe blow to our profits. There is no question in my mind but that we would be forced to operate one tank. We would have no alternative except to put through an increase in the prices of our glass-ware.

Our industry must have natural gas to operate our factories. Any curtailment would be a severe blow to production. It is impossible for us to convert to other fuel to operate our factories. Any curtailment of natural gas in our factory would automatically reduce employment and profits.

We sincerely hope that with all the facts presented by the Hand Craft factories in the State of West Virginia when you appear in our behalf before the West Virginia Public Service Commission hearings that you will be armed with sufficient ammunition presented by all factories that you can convince the commission that the Hand Craft Glass Industry cannot take any reduction in natural gas.

Sincerely,
WEST VIRGINIA GLASS SPECIALTY COMPANY, INC.


John C. Weber, Jr.,
Secretary.

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January 2, 1974

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Harley O. Staggers, Chairman

FROM: Daniel J. Manelli, Chief Counsel *dm*

Ray Cole has just talked with Tom Jenkins who has recently returned from Weston, West Virginia, and I understand that you are scheduled to meet with your constituents in Weston on January 9, 1974.

Jenkins is apparently close to the owner of a glass factory in Weston that employs approximately 500 people or about one quarter of the total work force in the community.

The glass industry is worried about continuing their energy source, gas, under new regulations. The workers in the factory live in homes that can utilize coal as a source of heat and are willing to convert to coal so the gas may be diverted to their industry.

When you appear in Weston, you will be met by representative businessmen and factory employees, bankers, etc., and pressed for your views relative to their plan.