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Kentucky Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 615  
211 Sower Boulevard  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

Case No. 2015-00093

RE: Cintas Corporation vs. AEP Kentucky Power

Dear Sir or Madame:

Enclosed please find three copies of the complaint of Cintas Corporation in the above referenced matter that I am filing on its behalf as its attorney. Please let me know if you need any further information as you review our complaint. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Christopher J. Skufca  
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cc: Matt Konn  
Rob Szelesta

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of:

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Cintas Corporation )  
(Your Full Name) )  
COMPLAINANT )

VS. )

AEP Kentucky Power )  
(Name of Utility) )  
DEFENDANT )

COMPLAINT

The complaint of Cintas Corporation respectfully shows:  
(Your Full Name)

(a) Rob Szelesta  
(Your Full Name)

4125 Winchester Ave. Ashland, KY  
(Your Address)

szelestar@cintas.com  
(Your Email Address)

(b) AEP Kentucky Power  
(Name of Utility)

P.O. Box 24401 Canton, OH 44701-4401  
(Address of Utility)

(c) That: See Attachment  
(Describe here, attaching additional sheets if necessary,

the specific act, fully and clearly, or facts that are the reason

and basis for the complaint.)

Formal Complaint

Cintas Corporation vs. AEP Kentucky Power

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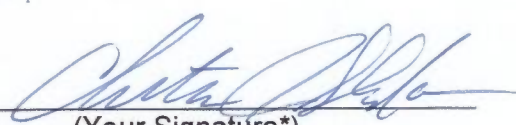
Wherefore, complainant asks AEP Kentucky Power to  
(Specifically state the relief desired.)

refund Cintas Corporation \$21,422.07

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Dated at Cincinnati, Ohio, Kentucky, this 18<sup>th</sup> day  
(Your City)

of March, 2015.  
(Month)

  
(Your Signature\*)

Christopher Skufca  
6800 Cintas Blvd  
Mason, OH 45040  
(Name and address of attorney, if any)

3/18/15  
Date

\*Complaints by corporations or associations, or any other organization having the right to file a complaint, must be signed by its attorney and show his post office address. No oral or unsigned complaints will be entertained or acted upon by the commission.

AEP Kentucky Power is the electric utility for Cintas Corporation at the facility identified in this formal complaint. This facility is an industrial laundry, which launders uniforms and facility services products such as entrance mats and towels. In Spring 2014, Cintas discovered that its AEP meter was not functioning correctly, and that the meter was underreporting usage. Cintas notified AEP of the malfunctioning meter. Following notice from Cintas, AEP issued a bill to Cintas for \$66,000 for the past two years of underpayment. Cintas paid the \$66,000 under protest.

Cintas believes the \$66,000 bill is not correct. The AEP bill did not identify the number of units consumed by Cintas but instead calculated the bill based on the average of three high-usage months. This average did not account for months in the year when Cintas consumed substantially less electric. AEP's bill is not based on Cintas' logical use, but instead is a significant overestimate without any documentary support or calculations from AEP.

Cintas believes the proper bill should have been \$44,527.93, based on the following reasons:

- Average pounds of laundry processed per day at the Cintas facility from May 9, 2013 through April 8, 2014 was 62,100 lbs. (before the issue was identified to the utility).
- Average pounds processed per day at the Cintas facility from May 8, 2014 through December 9, 2014 was 63,700 lbs. (after the utility fixed the meter).
  - Total difference per day is 1,600 lbs., which would equate to an additional 4 loads of laundry per day and result in a minimal increased electric usage overall.
  - The omitted time frame of April 9, 2014 through May 7, 2014 as meter was repaired on April 26<sup>th</sup>
  - The overall poundage increase from the year before the meter was fixed was a 2.58% increase; meaning the Cintas facility used more electric after the meter was fixed.
- Knowing that the meter is 3 legs and only 2 were working Cintas estimates that the utility short billed it by 33%.
  - The average billed kWh from April 2012 through April 2014 was 55,943 kWh per month.
  - If all three legs were working this would equate to 74,404 kWh per month which is a difference of 18,461 kWh that would have been unbilled during the two year time-frame that the utility can legally go back.
  - Taking random months between April 2012 and April 2014, electric costs ranged from \$.094 to \$.107; therefore, taking the average of 18,461 kWh times the average of \$.1005 times the 24 month look back, the actual amount AEP should have billed Cintas is \$44,527.93 and not the \$66,000 that was actually billed.

Based upon Cintas' documentation and the above calculations, the correct amount Cintas should have been billed is \$44,527.93. Cintas paid \$66,000 billed to it by AEP and asks the board to grant a refund of \$21,472.07.