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June 2, 2004

Thomas M. Dorman **Executive Director Public Service Commission** 211 Sower Blvd. Frankfort KY 40602

Dear Mr. Dorman:

I have been watching with interest the proceedings surrounding Kentucky Utilities' rate increase request. While it may be that some increase is justified, I'm concerned with their proposed increase to a \$9.00 base obligation. That seems excessive and particularly burdensome to low and fixed-income families and individuals.

A constituent of mine, Mr. Bayless Wadlington, whose letter of May 4 you have on file, discussed the issue with me at length, and I'm convinced of the inequity of the \$9.00 base proposal. Mr. Wadlington is not the only constituent who has brought the issue to my attention and objected to the base increase.

I urge, at the risk of stating the obvious, you and your commission to look long and hard at the KU proposal and find a fair alternative to the base increase provision contained therein.

State Representative

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Attorney General Greg Stumbo cc:

Mr. Bayless Waldington