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Public Service Commission:

I never expected to believe that I would even have cause to write and voice my view on the proposed \$58,000,000 increase for Kentucky Utilities customers. Over \$24,000,000 will come from residential customers like myself. I know this letter will probably be one of few that should be written but most are probably like myself and figure it would just be a waste of time and don't bother because we think that P.S.C. will do as usual and give big business what they are asking for and not watching out for the public as they are or were set up to do. I personally have never seen P.S.C. not give what the companies want.

I just want to let you know that when I bought my property in HANSON, Ky. that I had been in touch with K.U. before hand and before purchasing it and was told that if I built my home to KU conditions, (all electric - no gas, insulation as required, and windows that met certain requirements and allow KU official to see these items as they were installed that my new home (1990) would become a Wise Choice home and would receive Full ^{Electric} Residential Service (FERS) which means lower rates. This is how it was but not under the proposed rate increase. I have lived with a heat pump as part of KU requirement for FERS and would have preferred to have the much warmer feeling air with Gas heat. I can not afford to switch over to Gas now due to cost so I am at their

mercy and have to pay what they charge. Utility companies are all alike in some ways as they are almost a monopoly due to the customer not having competition due to the fact that there is nothing to switch over to.

I also am a member of a Volunteer Fire Dept that was served by KU and they no longer are going to give them a FERS rate under the new proposed rates. I have been on the Dept since 1978 and believe me every little bit helps the non profit fire department and no one on the dept. draws any pay for their time due to the expense of keeping it running.

I guess the part that bothers me the most is that these German investors saw that there could be high profits to be made by purchasing these well established U.S. companies and the P.S.C. would not stand up and not allow them to just change as they please to us customers. I know the old K.U. was not operating at a loss or they wouldn't have made it this long.

Think about it \$58,000,000 per year increase. I only wish that you could not only be just watching out for me and the utilities but when I would like that much of pay increase that you could be there to tell my company that they had to pay what I would like to have.

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