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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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David L. Armstrong, Chairman Kentucky Public Service Commission P.O. Box 615 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

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Dear Chairman Armstrong:

As Mayor of the City of Middlesborough and at the request of our City Council, I am writing to the Commission regarding Kentucky Utilities Co. proposed rate increase of 13.54% for residential customers as reported in our local newspaper.

We would like to go on record as being totally opposed to such a large increase. We realize the difficulties that Kentucky Utilities has had due to storms which resulted in damage to their infrastructure and other related costs. However, due to the present economy our citizens simply cannot afford to pay higher utility bills; particularly a raise like the one proposed. Also there are many charges other than actual usage being placed on bills from Kentucky Utilities Co. that need to be reduced and perhaps even capped if possible.

Therefore, we ask that you deny this rate increase when it comes before you for final approval. Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Respectfully,

Ben Hickman, Mayor City of Middlesborough, Kentucky

cc: The Honorable Brandon Smith, Senator The Honorable Rick Nelson, Representative

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