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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to register a protest to the requested rate hike by Kentucky Utilities. I am a customer who works very hard to keep by utility bill low. My programmable thermostat is set no higher than 62 degrees in the winter (that only in the evenings and on Sundays when I am home). My air conditioning is set for 78 degrees in the summer when I am home. I am conservative because I have to be. I work 2 jobs, 6 days per week to pay all my bills.

The proposed minimum charge rate increase is what I feel is most unfair. It is my understanding that KU proposes to increase the current minimum charge of \$5 per month to \$15. I think this is outrageous and want the Commission to know that this will seriously affect my monthly budget. In the same newspaper that KU posted its proposed rate increase, I see that the water company has also requested an increase.

I understand the rising cost of everything. That is one of the reasons I am now taking on a third job. As for the rate increase: I would even support a (much) smaller rate increase request. However, to increase my monthly electric bill by an estimated 13.54% when I haven't received a raise at my job for 3 years, is asking too much of me and all residential customers.

Thank you for considering my protest.

Sincerely,

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