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To whom it May Concern:

My letter is in response to an insert from KU stating the proposal for an increase to be passed on to consumers using KU Electricity. My bill would increase in the amount of \$11.70 per month or \$140.40 per year. This is a significant increase that will cause an undue hardship on thousands of people including myself.

I feel compelled to respond to you with a <u>protest for this increase</u> and to share an itemized list of additional monies that I will pay this year due to increases.

- State Farm Auto Insurance \$90.00 per year (I have never filed a claim)
- Monumental Life \$60.00 per year
- Anthem Blue Cross \$90.00 per month or \$1,080.00 more per year
- Cable & Internet \$25.00 per month totaling \$300.00 per year

These increases will take \$1,530.00 additional dollars out of my pocket this year (not including the proposed KU increase) and please keep in mind that KU rate increases to Retail, Industrial, etc. will be passed on to consumers as well, therefore consumers wind up footing all the bill.

I will not receive a cost of living raise this year to help ease the blow additional rate increases will have on my spending power so in return my inability to spend money will add to the negative effect our economy is presently experiencing.

Consumers cannot continue to foot the bill every time a utility or big business suffers a loss or incurs an added expense. Cable and Internet are luxuries I can dispense with once my contracts are fulfilled but public utilities are crucial necessities for our very survival and it's not ethical for utility companies to gouge consumers.

Please consider the negative affect this rate increase will have on consumers who are already baring a heavy load and please investigate the legitimacy of the proposed needed revenue by KU.

Sincerely,

Terry Holt