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Dear Members of the Public Service Commission:

We are writing to express our concerns about the proposed Kentucky Power increase in both the flat rate and the per-kilowatt-hour electric usage rate. This increase would place a tremendous burden on low income families in the poorest region of Kentucky, the Eastern counties served by Kentucky Power.

For the past twenty years, one of our Ursuline Sisters has run an assistance agency on the border of the Tug River, serving Martin County and neighboring areas. She has told us that her agency's most frequent request is for assistance in averting electricity terminations. Families living on low-income jobs, which are few in that area, or public assistance, are unable to pay both rent and electricity at the present rates. The proposed increase would drive them deeper into poverty and desperation.

We ask that you reject the proposed Kentucky Power increase not only for the poverty counties of Eastern Kentucky, but for all of Kentucky.

These rate proposals will also restrict the growth of Kentucky's clean energy economy, including jobs in the solar and energy efficiency industries at a time when these industries are booming in other states

Sincerely,

Leadership Circle of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville


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