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Dear Sir/Madam:

I implore you to deny ANY rate increase for **Kentucky Utilities Company**.

Here are some simple facts:

- KU is owned by LG&E Energy which is owned by PPL Corp of Pennsylvania
- PPL is listed on the New York Stock exchange
- PPL annual revenue for 2015 was 7.67 Billion dollars
- PPL gross profit for 2015 was 4.01 Billion dollars
- PPL pre-tax income for 2015 was 2.07 Billion dollars
- PPL chairman, president and CEO William H Spence's 2015 total compensation for 2015 was \$9,580,938.
- KU's chairman, president and CEO Victor Staffieri's total compensation for 2015 was \$3,494,876.

A company that makes over a billion dollars a year in PROFIT after all expenses and pays their local president 3.5 million doesn't need to increase customers costs to build additional facilities to be in compliance with government regulations. Most businesses use their profits to expand and/or make infrastructure improvement. They just don't out and raise prices to do these things.

I live on Social Security and my raise this year was 0%. And I honestly cannot afford any additional charges on my utility bills or I will have to cut back on medicines or groceries.

PPL has more than enough capital and ability to afford their own construction. I respectfully request that you do not at this time allow ANY rate increases.

Thank you,

*James David Burton*