

From: [Melnykovych, Andrew \(PSC\)](#)
To: [Reality Consulting](#)
Subject: your comments in case 2019-00271 - Duke Energy Kentucky rates
Date: Monday, February 17, 2020 3:20:00 PM

Dear Mr. Jones:

Thank you for your comments on the application of the Duke Energy Kentucky for an adjustment in its base rates for electric service.

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From: Reality Consulting <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 17, 2020 3:05 PM
To: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov>
Subject: Re: your comments to the Public Service Commission

Jason Jones
103 Christine Ct, Fort Wright, KY 41011.

Thanks.

On Mon, Feb 17, 2020 at 2:59 PM Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)
<Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov> wrote:

If you wish to have your comments placed into the case file, please REPLY TO THIS E-MAIL and provide your full name and place of residence.

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From: PSC - Consumer Web Inquiry <PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 17, 2020 1:12 PM
To: Melnykovich, Andrew (PSC) <Andrew.Melnykovich@ky.gov>
Subject: FW: Duke request for hike increase.

From: Reality Consulting <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 17, 2020 8:52 AM
To: PSC - Consumer Web Inquiry <PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>
Subject: Duke request for hike increase.

Please vote no to this. It is crazy that as a monopoly that they think that this is reasonable. If anything rates should come down as efficiencies improve. Not to mention CEOs making more in one year than most will make in their lifetime.

Thanks.

Jason

From: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
To: [Courtney Neltner](#)
Subject: your comments in case 2019-00271 - Duke Energy Kentucky rates
Date: Monday, February 17, 2020 3:19:00 PM

Dear Ms. Neltner Kleier:

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From: Courtney Neltner <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 3:47 PM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: EV Letter of Support_ Case No. 2019-00271

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Dear Public Service Commission,

On behalf of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, I'd like to formally submit the attached letter in support of your body approving Duke Energy Kentucky's application for the proposed Electric Transportation Pilot Program.

Please reply or contact me at the below if you have any questions.

Best,

Courtney Neltner Kleier

Public Affairs Coordinator

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Commerce

January 23rd, 2020

Michael J. Schmitt, Chairman
Kentucky Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 615, 211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

Re: Support for Duke Energy Electric Transportation Pilot Program, Case No. 2019-00271

Dear Mr. Schmitt:

On behalf of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, we request you approve Duke Energy Kentucky's application for its proposed Electric Transportation Pilot Program. The pilot's purpose is to study the impact electric vehicles will have on the electric grid and how Duke Energy Kentucky can help prepare for their adoption. We support this proposal as it closely aligns with our role to improve economic vitality and health in regions of NOx non-attainment.

Specifically, the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce supports the four main goals of the pilot, which are to:

- Deploy a foundational level of fast charging infrastructure across the Duke Energy Kentucky service territory
- Study the effects of increasing adoption of multiple types of electric vehicles
- Study customer charging behavior
- Ascertain the potential financial and environmental benefits to the state of Kentucky

The NKY Chamber represents over 1,500 employers in northern Kentucky and the surrounding region. We enjoy a diverse economy, with broad representation of employment in all sectors of the economy, including manufacturing, distribution, agriculture, finance, and services. Our region has enjoyed and is positioned for economic growth. We are committed to protecting human health and the environment and at the same time preserving and empowering a robust economic climate in our community.

This pilot program would help our region as it will target lowering emissions in Boone, Kenton and Campbell counties, which could help our region attract business and improve our transportation network.

The proposed ET pilot will help our organization meet our needs and ultimately transform the future of transportation and air quality in the Northern Kentucky area.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me for more information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kristin Baldwin
Vice President, Public Affairs and Communications
NKY Chamber of Commerce

(c) [REDACTED]

From: [Melnykovych, Andrew \(PSC\)](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: your comments in case 2019-00271 - Duke Energy Kentucky rates
Date: Monday, February 17, 2020 3:18:00 PM

Dear Ms. Gallagher:

Thank you for your comments on the application of the Duke Energy Kentucky for an adjustment in its base rates for electric service.

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From: PSC - Consumer Web Inquiry <PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 7:33 AM
To: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov>
Subject: FW: KY PSC Utility Inquiry

From: KY Public Service Commission <pscfilings@ky.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 10:21 PM
To: PSC - Consumer Web Inquiry <PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>
Subject: KY PSC Utility Inquiry

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
[REDACTED] on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 10:20 PM

Name: Adrienne Gallagher
Address: 1022 Rose Cir

City: Park Hills

State: KY

Zip Code: 41011

Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Home phone:

Utility Name: Duke energy

State the nature of your concern: Another rate increase is excessive especially one that is 8 times the rate of inflation. This is just corporate greed and mismanagement. No company si pops be able to increase rates like this especially one that provides a service that everyone must use. People can't budget 16% more for their energy bills that creates an unrealistic and unsustainable burden.

Have you contacted the utility about the problem: No

From: [Melnykovych, Andrew \(PSC\)](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: your comments in case 2019-00271 - Duke Energy Kentucky rates
Date: Monday, February 17, 2020 3:17:00 PM

Dear Ms. Gregory:

Thank you for your comments on the application of the Duke Energy Kentucky for an adjustment in its base rates for electric service.

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-----Original Message-----

From: James, Lourena (PSC) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 9:27 AM
To: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov>
Subject: FW: Duke rate increase

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: Joan Gregory <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 5:13 PM

To: James, Lourena (PSC) <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Duke rate increase

This 16% rate increase will have catastrophic effects on the poor and I am not wont to hyperbole. It will certainly hurt the middle class as well. I can't imagine the need for this. Joan Gregory, 261 Military Parkway, Ft. Thomas, KY.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Melnykovich, Andrew \(PSC\)](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: your comments in case 2019-00271 - Duke Energy Kentucky rates
Date: Monday, February 17, 2020 3:16:00 PM

Dear Ms. Bradford:

Thank you for your comments on the application of the Duke Energy Kentucky for an adjustment in its base rates for electric service.

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From: James, Lourena (PSC) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 9:43 AM
To: Melnykovich, Andrew (PSC) <Andrew.Melnykovich@ky.gov>
Subject: FW: DUKE RATE HIKE HEARING - February 13 - Northern KY

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From: Alta Bradford <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 5:59 PM
To: James, Lourena (PSC) <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: DUKE RATE HIKE HEARING - February 13 - Northern KY

Dear Ms James,

As a concerned Northern Kentucky citizen, I am requesting that you consider either denying the Duke rate hike or allowing a second hearing, so that interested parties can voice their opposition.

This increase should not be approved because of the disproportionate harm it will do to both low-income and people of color in our community. Seniors and those living on fixed incomes have no means to absorb any additional costs for these type of services when many are already forced to make a choice between food and healthcare or utilities.

Since it is widely reported that Duke Energy paid less than zero in Federal taxes in recent years, Duke Energy should be challenged to examine their finances for other ways to make up for any shortfall.

Respectfully,
Alta Bradford
208 8th Ave, Apt 312
Dayton, KY 40174

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Alta Bradford

mobile [REDACTED]

From: [Melnykovych, Andrew \(PSC\)](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: your comments in case 2019-00271 - Duke Energy Kentucky rates
Date: Monday, February 17, 2020 3:15:00 PM

Dear Mr. Gallenstein:

Thank you for your comments on the application of the Duke Energy Kentucky for an adjustment in its base rates for electric service.

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From: Chandler, Kent (PSC) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 3:08 PM
To: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov>
Subject: Fw: Duke Rate Increase Hearing

From: Joseph Gallenstein <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 10:28 AM
To: James, Lourena (PSC) <[REDACTED]> Chandler, Kent (PSC) <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Duke Rate Increase Hearing

Hello Mr. Chandler and Ms. James,

I am writing to oppose the 16.2% proposed increase in Duke Energy rate increase that you will be hearing on February 13th. I also hope that you will allow for a second local public hearing

for PSC case no. 2019-00271.

I want to make sure that as many people in my community—particularly working people—have an adequate amount of time to prepare comments for, and make plans to attend the hearing, which is currently scheduled for tomorrow Thursday, Feb. 13. The Commission [decided to hold this hearing only two weeks before Feb.13](#), and I am concerned that this doesn't give many residential customers, like myself, the time to request time off work or to prepare their commentary for how the proposed rate change would impact them .

I hope that you hold a second, later hearing for this important case, in northern Kentucky. I know there is a hearing on the 19th in Frankfort, but like many others, I cannot make the trip down for this hearing during businesses hours.

Thank you,
Joe Gallenstein

From: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
To: [Chris Wiest](#)
Subject: your comments in case 2019-00271 - Duke Energy Kentucky rates
Date: Monday, February 17, 2020 3:14:00 PM

Dear Mr. Wiest:

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From: Chris Wiest <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2020 8:46 PM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Rate case 2019-0027

To whom it may concern:

Please allow this correspondence to serve as comments — and opposition — to the Duke Energy proposed rate increase. These comments are submitted on behalf of my clients, Bernard and Angela Kunkel, Erik Hermes, and the Northern Kentucky Tea Party organization and its constituent members.

I want to begin by submitting into the public record today's Duke Earnings release, a copy of which is contained here:

https://www.duke-energy.com/_/media/pdfs/our-company/investors/news-and-events/2019/4qresults/4th-qtr-19-earnings.pdf?la=en

Duke achieved record earnings and share price today. The cost of fuel to generate power has dropped over the past year by over 20% at at this rate will increase \$150 million to their bottom line. Thermal coal has dropped 39% in the last year, natural gas 18% and fuel oil 10%. Hydroelectric and solar input costs don't change. Given the outlook for fuel costs dropping, a 17% rate increase is egregious. Fuel costs 30% of the total cost of generating and distributing power. For the record, this 20% of 30% is a drop of 6% of Duke's costs. In forward looking statements Duke expects profits to grow 4% to 6% per year for the next 4 years.

It appears that no rate increase, and perhaps a rate decrease, are in order. In any event, the proposed rates are excessive in light of the financial picture and outlook by Duke in its own earnings release. Further, Duke has sought to be compensated for 2018 storm events. Those events represent past costs that are now fixed. Assuming Duke did not have insurance, it is still unreasonable to raise rates to deal with a one time event that, over time, will be recaptured within the existing earnings of Duke, particularly with the financial picture and cost decreases, which are ongoing, as provided above.

We would appreciate our comments, and the full earnings report by Duke in the link above, placed in the public record for the Commission's consideration.

Sincerely,

Christopher Wiest
Chris Wiest, Attorney at Law, PLLC
25 Town Center Blvd, Ste 104
Crestview Hill's KY 41017

From: [Melnykovych, Andrew \(PSC\)](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: your comments in case 2019-00271 - Duke Energy Kentucky rates
Date: Monday, February 17, 2020 3:13:00 PM

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Thank you for your comments on the application of the Duke Energy Kentucky for an adjustment in its base rates for electric service.

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From: PSC - Consumer Web Inquiry <PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2020 10:02 AM
To: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov>
Subject: FW: KY PSC Utility Inquiry

From: KY Public Service Commission <pscfilings@ky.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2020 9:48 AM
To: PSC - Consumer Web Inquiry <PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>
Subject: KY PSC Utility Inquiry

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by ([REDACTED]) on Friday, February 14, 2020 at 9:47 AM

Name: David W Thompson
Address: 10339 Highland Dr
City: Florence
State: KY

Zip Code: 41042

Phone number where you can be reached: (859) [REDACTED]

Home phone:

Utility Name: Duke

State the nature of your concern: I strongly disagree with the proposed Duke rate hike. If you review the current bill of a customer you will find that 20 to 25 % of the bill is additional surcharge which you need to know is added to the bill. I really do not know how duke gets away with this. I would like to see a tax credit applied to all customers since all charity work performed by Duke is based upon customer bill pay not Duke profit. Respectfully, Dave Thompson

Have you contacted the utility about the problem: Yes

From: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
To: [Paul](#)
Subject: your comments in case 2019-00271 - Duke Energy Kentucky rates
Date: Monday, February 17, 2020 3:13:00 PM

Dear Mr. Templeton:

Thank you for your comments on the application of the Duke Energy Kentucky for an adjustment in its base rates for electric service.

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From: Paul <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2020 6:28 PM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2019-00271

Is the rate increase absolutely necessary to maintain a profit?

I understand costs go up and rates have to eventually increase.

The problem is my pay isn't increasing so it's just bigger bites out of the same size pie.

The increase may seem trivial but even a small increase can have a big impact on an already strained budget.

Paul Templeton
Newport Ky

From: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
To: [Lee Stewart](#)
Subject: your comments in case 2019-00271 - Duke Energy Kentucky rates
Date: Monday, February 17, 2020 3:04:00 PM

Dear Mr. Stewart:

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From: Lee Stewart <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2020 4:55 PM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2019-00271

Good afternoon,

I'm writing to voice my concern regarding case 2019-00271 and the proposed 16.2% rate increase from Duke Energy.

This proposal is astronomical. In my neighborhood Duke Energy is both the electric and natural gas supplier creating a true monopoly in providing energy.

The lack of available options, along with Duke's already high fees should prohibit them any additional rate increase, especially in such a large amount as 16.2%. That would increase my energy bill by approximately \$200 a year, and my home uses far less energy than many of my neighbors.

Please deny and block this absurd rate increase.

Thank you,

Christopher L Stewart

[REDACTED]
9171 Fire Wood Ct.

Covington KY 41017

Sent from my iPhone

From: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
To: [Stephen Cumpton](#)
Subject: your comments in case 2019-00271 - Duke Energy Kentucky rates
Date: Monday, February 17, 2020 3:03:00 PM

Dear Mr. Cumpton:

Thank you for your comments on the application of the Duke Energy Kentucky for an adjustment in its base rates for electric service.

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From: Stephen Cumpton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, February 16, 2020 10:12 AM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2019-00271

I request the Commission deny the request of a rate increase from Duke Kentucky. Case number 2019-00271. I live at 6270 Hobbitsrun Florence, KY.

Again, please do not approve the requested rate increase.

Stephen Cumpton

Stephen Cumpton

From: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
To: [Karen Fletcher](#)
Subject: your comments in case 2019-00271 - Duke Energy Kentucky rates
Date: Monday, February 17, 2020 3:03:00 PM

Dear Ms. Fletcher:

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From: Karen Fletcher <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, February 16, 2020 11:56 AM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Duke Energy raising rates

Hello, My name is Karen Fletcher and i live in Covington, Ky. I am aware that Duke Energy wants to raise their rates and add \$15.62 to our bill. I cannot afford to have that happen. My bill in the winter is about \$200. I do not feel that Duke should raise our rates to recoup money spent to repair the damage from the ice storm in 2016. What are they doing with the money they receive from all of their customers? I will not stand for this, as i hope any of the other Duke energy customers will. I was not aware that there was a meeting where the public could come and share their concerns about this issue. I would have been there and let them know how i felt about this. I hope i can get an answer about this soon.

Thank You,

Karen Fletcher

From: [Melnykovych, Andrew \(PSC\)](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: your comments in case 2019-00271 - Duke Energy Kentucky rates
Date: Monday, February 17, 2020 3:01:00 PM

Dear Ms. Owens:

Thank you for your comments on the application of the Duke Energy Kentucky for an adjustment in its base rates for electric service.

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To: PSC - Consumer Web Inquiry <PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>
Subject: KY PSC Utility Inquiry

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Name: Sylvia owens
Address: 26 big bear circle

City: Crittenden

State: Ky

Zip Code: 41030

Phone number where you can be reached:

Home phone:

Utility Name: Duke energy

State the nature of your concern: As a consumer we feel helpless. We are struggling to pay electric as it is now. We ask that you deny Duke Kentucky's new increase.

Have you contacted the utility about the problem: No

From: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
To: [Dan Bowerson](#)
Subject: your comments in case 2019-00271 - Duke Energy Kentucky rates
Date: Monday, February 17, 2020 3:00:00 PM

Dear Mr. Bowerson:

Thank you for your comments on the application of the Duke Energy Kentucky for an adjustment in its base rates for electric service.

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From: Dan Bowerson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 17, 2020 12:12 PM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2019-00271 Support Letter

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Good morning,

My name is Dan Bowerson and I am the Director of Environment and Energy for the Alliance for Automotive Innovation, the trade association representing 99% of light duty car and truck manufacturers. I am interested in submitting the attached letter of support for Duke Energy Kentucky's Transportation Electrification Pilot Program, Case Number 2019-00271.

I have registered on the Kentucky PSC website, and verified my email address, but at this time I am unable to submit comments through the PSC e-Filing Portal. Since the hearing for 2019-00271 is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19th, I wanted to send the attached letter via email to try to ensure that they are included in the hearing. If I am permitted to submit comments via the e-Filing Portal today or tomorrow, I will submit through that as well.

Can you please help me in ensuring that the attached letter of support is included in the hearing for case 2019-00271?

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide.

Dan Bowerson

Director, Environment & Energy

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February 17, 2020

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RE: Duke Energy Kentucky's Electric Transportation Pilot Programs – Case No: 2019-00271

The Alliance for Automotive Innovation, Ford Motor Company, Mercedes-Benz USA, Hyundai Motor Company, General Motors LLC, American Honda Motor Company Inc, and Kia Motors Corporation (collectively referred to as “Joint Automakers”) thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter in support of Duke Energy Kentucky's Electric Transportation Pilot Programs. Duke Energy Kentucky's proposed program would drive transportation electrification for individuals, fleets, and transit agencies by adding infrastructure for charging in the home, at the workplace, and in public spaces.

Our association and companies are invested in and support the electrification of vehicles, and our companies are working diligently to expand offerings, including plug-in and fuel cell electric vehicles, in a variety of ranges, price points and vehicle types to meet all customers' needs and further the reduction of transportation-related carbon emissions.

Kentucky is an important state in the value chain of the automotive industry, with over 155,000 automotive jobs in the state.¹ Duke Energy Kentucky's proposal offers an opportunity for Kentucky to keep this workforce strong while growing the electric vehicle (EV) market. Currently, Kentucky is in the lower fifth of states for plug-in and fuel cell vehicles,² and lack of EV charging infrastructure continues to be one of the main reasons listed by consumers for not purchasing an EV. We are supportive of Duke Energy Kentucky's proposed program that will help eliminate this as a reason for not purchasing an EV. Delaying approval of this application will only slow the state's response to the need for electrification infrastructure.

The program proposed by Duke Energy Kentucky comes at an important time, as it represents an opportunity to increase charging stations and equipment. These are both critical components to building a robust market for electric vehicles and to encouraging people to drive EVs. More specifically, expanding infrastructure will ultimately support an increase in the number of EVs in Kentucky.

The proposed program addresses several specific objectives, all of which are important to increasing the amount of electric vehicle infrastructure available to accommodate the growing number of EVs entering the market. We want to specifically comment on Direct Current (DC) Fast Charging, proposed residential rebates and load management programs, commercial EV charging for fleets, and education and outreach. We also see value in off-road and transit electrification given the broad benefits for diverse communities but have no comments at this time on the specific pilots for those sectors.

DC fast charging allows EV customers to get a “quick charge,” similar to stopping for gasoline in a conventional internal combustion engine vehicle. Public DC fast charging is an essential part of any charging infrastructure and can enable a more seamless journey across a state for both residents and

¹ <https://autoalliance.org/in-your-state/KY/>

² <https://autoalliance.org/energy-environment/advanced-technology-vehicle-sales-dashboard/>

visitors, while also bringing fast charging capability to additional communities. Duke Energy Kentucky's proposal for five locations and ten ports throughout the state is modest, but a good first step for Duke Energy Kentucky to understand the market, site locations, and consumer behavior.

Residential charging continues to be the main charging source for EV customers. Duke Energy Kentucky's proposed \$500 rebate for the installation of qualified L2 electric vehicle service equipment (EVSE) for 300 residential units will reduce some of the cost burden of the installation of such equipment for EV customers. Reducing the cost burden of EVSE can also make the purchase of EVs more appealing for potential customers, hence increasing the EV market in Kentucky. Additionally, Duke Energy Kentucky has included an innovative pilot program for customers by allowing utility management of home charging during defined hours. In addition to providing customer savings, this should yield valuable data to inform future efforts.

Fleets with the right operational characteristics and requirements can provide excellent opportunities for transportation electrification. Fleets regularly return daily to "home base," which allows for charging to occur at a time that is most beneficial to the fleet and the utility grid. Duke Energy Kentucky's proposal for a \$2,500 per unit rebate up to 160 units, along with time-of-use rates, will increase the value proposition for fleets to make the switch to electrified vehicles.

Finally, the inclusion of an "Education and Outreach Plan" is a critical element because utilities have an existing, wide, and broad network for reaching customers. They also have the right level of information to assist customers in understanding important concepts like home charging set-ups, rates, and advantageous times to charge. For example, in the State of California, utilities have long played a role in distributing information, offering competitive charging rates, and working directly with consumers to provide rebates for chargers and charging, all of which result in increased customer awareness and enhanced customer experience; these efforts have greatly contributed to California's ever-growing EV market. Thus, we cannot underscore enough the importance of implementing a plan for customer outreach as part of Duke Energy Kentucky's proposals.

Given the broad consumer benefits, we urge the Kentucky Public Service Commission to approve Duke Energy Kentucky's proposed electric transportation pilot program to assist in continuing to move Kentucky on a path toward a sustainable energy future. Overall, the pilot programs Duke Energy Kentucky has proposed should provide widespread benefits from transportation electrification, and they are designed to provide valuable data to inform future efforts.

Sincerely,

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From: [Melnykovych, Andrew \(PSC\)](#)
To: [Bond, Tara \(Gateway Student\)](#)
Subject: your comments in case 2019-00271 - Duke Energy Kentucky rates
Date: Monday, February 17, 2020 3:21:00 PM

Dear Ms. Bond:

Thank you for your comments on the application of the Duke Energy Kentucky for an adjustment in its base rates for electric service.

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From: Bond, Tara (Gateway Student) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 17, 2020 3:00 PM
To: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov>
Subject: Re: Deny Duke Energy Rate Increase

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From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 17, 2020 2:59:03 PM
To: Bond, Tara (Gateway Student) <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Deny Duke Energy Rate Increase

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From: PSC - Consumer Web Inquiry <PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 17, 2020 1:13 PM
To: Melnykovich, Andrew (PSC) <Andrew.Melnykovich@ky.gov>
Subject: FW: Deny Duke Energy Rate Increase

From: Bond, Tara (Gateway Student) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 17, 2020 11:12 AM
To: PSC - Consumer Web Inquiry <PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>
Subject: Deny Duke Energy Rate Increase

Deny Duke Energy's rate increase!

Tara Bond

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From: [Melnykovych, Andrew \(PSC\)](#)
To: [Molly Green](#)
Subject: your comments in case 2019-00271 - Duke Energy Kentucky rates
Date: Monday, February 17, 2020 3:28:00 PM

Dear Ms. Green:

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Subject: Re: your comments to the Public Service Commission

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> From: Molly Green <[REDACTED]>
> Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2020 7:54 AM
> To: PSC - Consumer Web Inquiry <PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>
> Subject: Case 2019-00217

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> My family is totally against the rate increase that Duke Energy has requested. This increase would cause an extreme hardship for us financially.

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> We already do our part in reducing our power consumption in order to be good stewards of the environment. We really would have a hard time reducing our power usage to offset a 16+% rate increase and keep to our monthly budget.

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> Regards,
> Molly Dickens

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