From: PSC Public Comment
To: Jonas Cooper

Subject: RE: Veto Utility Rate Increase

Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 8:39:00 AM

Case No. 2025-00113

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: Jonas Cooper
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 9:19 AM

To: PSC Public Comment < PSC.Comment@ky.gov>

Subject: Veto Utility Rate Increase



I DO NOT think a rate increase for KU / LG&E is an appropriate request - specifically the drastically increased proposal. Kentuckians are struggling enough, don't make us pay even more for bare necessities. We can't afford it.

Jonas C - Lexington

 From:
 PSC Public Comment

 To:
 Ethan Russell

 Subject:
 RE: Utility Bill Increase

Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 8:40:00 AM

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From: Ethan Russell

Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 7:58 PM

To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>

Subject: Re: Utility Bill Increase



Good Evening,

Case 2025-00114 and 2025-00113

I would also like to amend after looking at the rate increases in the past there should be no rate increase to account for inflation.

This would be for KU in Lexington as well as LG&E.

V/r Ethan



From: Ethan Russell

Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 8:57 AM

To: PSC Public Comment < PSC.Comment@ky.gov>

Subject: Utility Bill Increase

KY PSC,

Good morning, please do not increase utility bills. If increased it should be limited to inflation.

Using existing customers to subsidize utilities building infrastructure for large corporation data centers is not fair to existing customers whose service quality does not change.

V/r

Ethan Russell

From: PSC Public Comment

To: Adam M.; Adam Moore; Moore, Adam (State Rep.) (LRC); Adam Moore; LaForge, Annie (LRC)

Cc: Donworth, Anne (State Rep.) (LRC); PSC Public Comment; Armstrong, Cassie (State Sen.) (LRC); Aull, Chad

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Subject:RE: DRAFT Data Center Utility and LEAP BillDate:Wednesday, October 22, 2025 8:40:00 AM

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| From: Adam M. | |
| Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 10:54 PM | |
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Subject: DRAFT Data Center Utility and LEAP Bill
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Greetings Representative Adam Moore,

I encourage your efforts to ensure the cost of data centers does not become the burden of the citizenry. I read your Facebook several days ago, and put together a rough draft. See attached. I copied Ms. LaForge in this email (Annie is Representative Donwoth contact).

I did take the liberty of incorporating my Mountain Democrat values (Mrs. Stevenson) into the document -- LEAP programs.

Adam

AS ALWAYS, A private citizen. I am not a lobbyist.

I am still leaving the Commonwealth over pro-choice/reproductive rights. I have narrowed it down to

| Panama (and well that is really it, It uses the U.S. dollar0) |
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| *********** |
| On Tue, Oct 21, 2025 at 8:09 AM Adam Moore < |
| Dear Adam, |
| Standing Up for Kentucky Ratepayers That evening, I was back in Lexington to speak at the Public Service Commission hearing on KU and LG&E's proposed 11.5% rate hike. I stood up for Kentucky families who are already stretched thin and supported the tariff requiring large data centers to share responsibility for their projected power use. I also urged the Commission not to weaken our net metering law, which supports renewable energy and local energy independence. And I raised a concern shared by many: if new power plants and transmission lines are being built mainly to serve data centers, those costs shouldn't fall on everyday Kentuckians. If you'd like to weigh in, you can send your own comments to PSC.comment@ky.gov |
| Best, |
| |
| Adam Moore State Representative, House District 45 |
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I'm a real person and I'll respond to this email; but if you don't want to hear from us, click here to <u>Unsubscribe</u>.

DATA CENTER UTILITY RESPONSIBILITY AND LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE ACT

AN ACT relating to data center infrastructure costs, utility rates, and low-income energy assistance.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Data Center Utility Responsibility and Low-Income Energy Assistance Act."

SECTION 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

The General Assembly finds that:

- (1) Data centers are critical to the infrastructure and economy of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, but they also place significant demands on essential utilities, including electricity, water, and wastewater services;
- (2) Data centers represent significant infrastructure developments that require substantial utility infrastructure upgrades and expansions that may impose financial burdens on existing ratepayers;
- (3) Utility costs related to data center operations have increased over time, and it is essential to ensure that these costs are borne by the owners of data centers and not passed on to private citizens;
- (4) It is the policy of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to ensure that utility costs related to the construction, maintenance, and operation of data centers do not result in rate increases or financial burdens for the general public;
- (5) Residential and small commercial ratepayers should be protected from subsidizing the utility infrastructure costs associated with data center development and operations;
- (6) Data center operators should contribute to ongoing maintenance and system improvements necessitated by their energy-intensive operations; and
- (7) The Commonwealth recognizes the importance of supporting low-income households in Kentucky through programs such as the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) and that revenues from data center utility premiums can provide meaningful assistance to those facing energy burdens.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

As used in this Act:

- (1) "Data center" means a purpose-built facility or portion thereof specifically designed and operated to house computer systems and associated components, including telecommunications and data storage systems, that:
- (a) Consumes or is designed to consume more than one megawatt (1 MW) of electricity at full operational capacity; or
- (b) Occupies more than 10,000 square feet of raised floor space dedicated to the placement of computer servers.
- (2) "Data center operator" or "data center owner" means any person, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other business entity that owns, operates, leases, or manages a data center facility within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- (3) "Infrastructure costs" means all costs associated with the planning, design, permitting, construction, installation, upgrade, expansion, or improvement of utility facilities, including but not limited to:
 - (a) Distribution lines and transmission facilities;
 - (b) Substations and transformers;
 - (c) Generation capacity additions;
 - (d) Water and wastewater treatment capacity;
 - (e) Pipeline and pumping infrastructure;
 - (f) System interconnections and grid improvements; and
 - (g) Any other facilities necessary to provide adequate utility service to a data center.
- (4) "LEAF" means the Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund established under Section 6 of this Act.
- (5) "LEAP" means the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program administered pursuant to federal law and state regulations.
- (6) "Public utility" means any utility as defined in KRS 278.010, including electric utilities, water utilities, and wastewater utilities, whether investor-owned, municipally-owned, or cooperative.
- (7) "Ratepayer" means any residential, commercial, or industrial customer of a public utility who is not a data center operator as defined in this Act.

SECTION 4. PROHIBITION ON RATEPAYER-FUNDED DATA CENTER INFRASTRUCTURE

- (1) No public utility shall recover infrastructure costs attributable to serving a data center through general rate increases, base rate adjustments, or any other rate mechanism that would allocate such costs to ratepayers who are not data center operators.
- (2) All infrastructure costs necessary to provide utility service to a data center shall be borne exclusively by the data center operator through one or more of the following mechanisms:

- (a) Direct payment or reimbursement to the utility for all infrastructure costs;
- (b) Construction and dedication of necessary facilities to the utility at no cost; or
- (c) A combination of direct payment and facility construction as agreed upon between the data center operator and the utility, subject to approval by the Public Service Commission.
- (3) Data center owners shall be responsible for all costs associated with the construction, maintenance, and operation of utilities, including but not limited to electricity, water, and any other utilities necessary for the operation of the data center.
- (4) Data center owners must pay all utility bills directly to the utility service providers, including any costs related to the installation and upkeep of the necessary infrastructure.
- (5) Any economic development incentive, tax credit, or other financial benefit provided to a data center operator by the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof shall not be used to offset or reduce the data center operator's obligation to pay infrastructure costs as required by this Section.
- (6) Under no circumstances shall the cost of constructing, maintaining, or providing utilities to data centers be passed on to residential or commercial utility customers in the form of rate increases, surcharges, or any other form of cost allocation.

SECTION 5. INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE PREMIUM

- (1) In addition to standard utility rates, each data center operator shall pay an infrastructure maintenance premium to offset the ongoing costs of maintaining and upgrading utility systems necessitated by data center operations, and to fund low-income energy assistance programs as provided in Section 6 of this Act.
- (2) The infrastructure maintenance premium shall be calculated as a percentage surcharge applied to the data center operator's total utility charges on each billing cycle, as follows:
 - (a) For electric service: twenty percent (20%) above the otherwise applicable rate;
 - (b) For water service: fifteen percent (15%) above the otherwise applicable rate; and
 - (c) For wastewater service: fifteen percent (15%) above the otherwise applicable rate.
- (3) The additional premium shall be determined by the utility providers, based on the increased demand for services attributable to the operation of the data center, and shall be subject to approval by the Public Service Commission.
- (4) The Public Service Commission may adjust the premium percentages specified in subsection (2) of this Section after conducting a rate proceeding if it finds that:
- (a) The current premiums are insufficient to cover actual system maintenance and upgrade costs attributable to data center operations or to adequately fund the LEAF;
- (b) The current premiums exceed what is necessary to cover such costs and constitute an unreasonable burden on data center operators; or
- (c) Adjustments are necessary to ensure adequate funding for low-income energy assistance programs.

- (5) Revenues collected through infrastructure maintenance premiums shall be allocated as follows:
 - (a) Sixty percent (60%) shall be used for:
 - (i) Maintenance, repair, and replacement of utility infrastructure serving data centers;
- (ii) System improvements and upgrades necessitated by the cumulative impact of data center operations on the utility system;
 - (iii) Grid reliability enhancements and backup systems; and
 - (iv) Emergency response capabilities related to data center service requirements.
- (b) Forty percent (40%) shall be deposited into the Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund established under Section 6 of this Act.

SECTION 6. LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE FUND

- (1) There is hereby established within the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the "Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund" or "LEAF."
- (2) The LEAF shall consist of:
- (a) Forty percent (40%) of all infrastructure maintenance premium revenues collected pursuant to Section 5 of this Act;
 - (b) Any grants, donations, or other contributions designated for the fund;
 - (c) Interest earned on the fund balance; and
 - (d) Any other moneys appropriated to the fund by the General Assembly.
- (3) The LEAF shall be administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or such other agency as designated by the Governor.
- (4) Moneys in the LEAF shall be used exclusively to:
- (a) Provide financial assistance to low-income Kentuckians through the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP);
- (b) Fund other energy-related assistance programs aimed at reducing energy burdens for eligible households;
 - (c) Support weatherization and energy efficiency programs for low-income households; and
- (d) Cover administrative costs of the programs authorized under this Section, not to exceed five percent (5%) of annual fund revenues.
- (5) The LEAF shall prioritize assistance for households that are at or below one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the federal poverty level.
- (6) Funds from the LEAF shall supplement, not supplant, existing federal and state appropriations for LEAP and related energy assistance programs.
- (7) The administering agency shall establish eligibility criteria, application procedures, and benefit levels through administrative regulations promulgated pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A, consistent with federal LEAP requirements and the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 7. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AUTHORITY AND IMPLEMENTATION

- (1) The Public Service Commission shall promulgate administrative regulations pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A necessary to implement and enforce the provisions of this Act, including but not limited to:
 - (a) Procedures for determining infrastructure costs attributable to data centers;
 - (b) Standards for cost allocation and payment mechanisms;
 - (c) Reporting requirements for utilities and data center operators;
 - (d) Methods for calculating and collecting infrastructure maintenance premiums;
 - (e) Procedures for transferring premium revenues to the LEAF;
 - (f) Accounting and tracking procedures for premium revenues; and
 - (g) Enforcement mechanisms and penalties for non-compliance.
- (2) Before approving any utility rate, the Public Service Commission shall ensure compliance with Section 4 of this Act by verifying that no data center infrastructure costs have been allocated to general ratepayers.
- (3) The Public Service Commission shall require utilities to maintain separate accounting for:
 - (a) Infrastructure costs associated with serving data centers;
 - (b) Revenues collected through infrastructure maintenance premiums; and
 - (c) The allocation of premium revenues between utility system maintenance and the LEAF.
- (4) The Public Service Commission shall submit an annual report to the General Assembly by December 1st of each year detailing:
 - (a) The number and capacity of data centers operating in the Commonwealth;
 - (b) Total infrastructure costs incurred for data center service;
 - (c) Infrastructure maintenance premium revenues collected;
 - (d) The amount of premium revenues transferred to the LEAF;
 - (e) Uses of premium revenues retained for utility system purposes;
 - (f) Impact on utility system reliability and capacity;
- (g) The number of households assisted through LEAP and other energy assistance programs funded by the LEAF;
 - (h) The average amount of assistance provided per household through the LEAF; and
 - (i) Recommendations for legislative or regulatory changes.

SECTION 8. CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

- (1) Any contract or agreement entered into between a public utility and a data center operator after the effective date of this Act shall comply with the requirements of Sections 4 and 5 of this Act.
- (2) For contracts or agreements executed prior to the effective date of this Act:
- (a) The provisions of Section 4 shall apply prospectively to any new infrastructure costs incurred after the effective date;

- (b) The infrastructure maintenance premium required by Section 5 shall apply to all data center operations within twelve (12) months of the effective date, regardless of when the contract was executed; and
- (c) Utilities and data center operators shall renegotiate existing agreements to conform with this Act within eighteen (18) months of the effective date.
- (3) No contract or agreement may waive, circumvent, or diminish the requirements of this Act.

SECTION 9. EXEMPTIONS

The following facilities shall be exempt from the provisions of this Act:

- (1) Data centers operated by:
 - (a) The Commonwealth of Kentucky or any of its agencies or instrumentalities;
 - (b) Local governments or political subdivisions of the Commonwealth;
 - (c) Public educational institutions; or
 - (d) Public hospitals or healthcare facilities.
- (2) Data centers with power consumption below one megawatt (1 MW) and occupying less than 10,000 square feet, provided they serve primarily local or regional customers within Kentucky.

SECTION 10. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

- (1) The Public Service Commission shall have exclusive jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this Act with respect to utilities under its jurisdiction.
- (2) Any utility or data center operator that fails to comply with this Act shall be subject to:
 - (a) Civil penalties of up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per violation per day;
 - (b) Injunctive relief requiring compliance;
 - (c) Restitution to ratepayers for any costs improperly allocated in violation of Section 4; and
- (d) For repeated violations or willful non-compliance, suspension or termination of utility service to the data center.
- (3) If a data center owner fails to pay the required utility premiums or attempts to pass these costs onto private citizens, they shall be subject to the fines and penalties specified in subsection (2) of this Section.
- (4) Any data center that repeatedly fails to comply with the requirements of this Act may have its utility service suspended or terminated by order of the Public Service Commission, following a hearing conducted pursuant to KRS Chapter 278.
- (5) The Attorney General may bring an action to enforce this Act if the Public Service Commission fails to take appropriate enforcement action within ninety (90) days of receiving a complaint.

SECTION 11. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Act shall take effect ninety (90) days after its passage and approval by the Governor, or upon its otherwise becoming law. All provisions shall be fully operational within one hundred eighty (180) days of the effective date.

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From: Joe Mapes

City: Paris State: KY Zip: 40361

Comments:

The rates have already increased due to inflation, covid, and all the other excuses used to get more money out of us. Kentucky Utilities says its for improving the infrastructure, but the CEO and the rest of the higher ups all accepted raises for the past 10 years. They should focus on their business and put their money back into it for a few years first before coming to us.

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Received through Public Comments

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

From: Pam Barrett City: Lexington State: KY Zip: 40517

Comments:

Rate increase is ridiculously high. Please vote against this or at least wait until spring to even consider it.

\$9 a month? Each household? I need an explanation of what the heck they intend to spend the money on!

What type of "improvements" are they even taking about? My guess is a pay raise to the big shots.

Have mercy! Property taxes and home insurance has exploded and they wat to pile more expense on us?

I pray you have a heart and will stop this increase. \$108.00 a year is a lot add to our budgets.

Pam Barrett

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