To whom it may concern, This is in reference to Inter County Co Op in Danville, Ky wanting to raise their electric rates. I am a resident that gets my electricity from them and always have. I am also an employee of a public service company that works along side of them on several job sites and I know a lot of the guys on their crew. With that being said I have a little knowledge of what it takes the get the job done. Their work and my work are very similar. They have built a 6 million dollar building in the past 2 years or so that they work out of. It is a very nice work center but was it really necessary? I don't think so. The old building they had was fine as far as I am concerned. It was 100% better than our work center. We don't even own our building, we lease it. Yes I would like to have a nicer place but it is not necessary. They should have thought it out a little better as far as price was concerned but I am assuming this was all planned anyway. But the building is here and that can't be changed. Them passing the bill along to their customers can be though. Instead of just passing it on to us I believe they can cut spending within. Some examples, 3 men riding in a mule 4x4 atv to number poles- one man can do this by himself out of a small truck, I have seen several of their vehicles that are pretty nice like a Durango 4 wheel drive and others- employees don't have to have these nicer vehicles just to drive around work sites, smaller more gas economical trucks or even cars would be plenty for them. I am sure there are other ways that we don't even know about that could be addressed. They say they haven't raised the rates in 16 years so that is telling me they have been gouging us for 16 years on the rates. If this is a true Co Op and it is my understanding that the people own it so if that is true I want to be able to use the weight room they put in their at the new building. Was a weight room really necessary??? I think you get the picture. The building they have is nice but we the consumers shouldn't have to foot the bill for the whole thing. Thank you very much. Mark Petrey

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