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I am writing this note in the defense of Duke Energy consumers.

I am a 72-year-old lady who lives on a fixed income.

I live in a small (1) bedroom Apartment. My utilities are close to \$100.00 a month now. I set in the dark and in a cold apartment. I keep my winter heat on 65 degrees. I use as little electric and gas as possible. No way could I pay \$200.00 a month for utilities.

If our government does not step up and protect us older people, I do not know where or how we can live with a little dignity.

The gas situation is way out of control. Why should I be penalized for someone else greed?

Why are our state officials selling us out?

The American people had better wake up. The elected officials are supposed to work for us.

To thank Duke is threatening to raise our utility bills 53% by 2012. They will get 53% increase when I get 2.3% raise in social security. Which I have paid in to from 1952 to 2004.

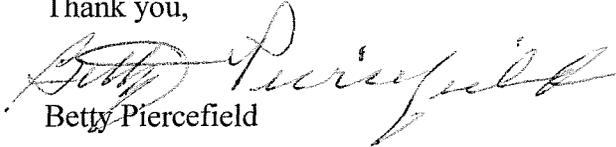
Three years ago, I had open-heart surgery. I am no longer able to work.

Kentucky has enough natural resources to help its people.

How does people like Mr. Rogers sleep at night?

I am begging you to help me and other customers of Duke Energy by not giving them the right to increase rates.

Thank you,


Betty Piercefield

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Please take notice that Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. is filing an application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission to increase its Demand Side Management rates as follows: for electric service: Rate RS, Residential Service - \$0.001416/kWh (0.8% increase); Rate DS, Service at Distribution Voltage - \$0.001405/kWh (1.24% increase); Rate DP, Service at Primary Distribution Voltage - \$0.001405/kWh (1.36% increase); Rate DT, Time-of-Day Rate for Service at Distribution Voltage - \$0.001405/kWh (1.37% increase); Rate GS-FL, General Service Rate for Small Fixed Loads - \$0.001405/kWh (1.3% increase); Rate EH, Optional Rate for Electric Space Heating - \$0.001405/kWh (2.56% increase); Rate SP, Seasonal Sports Service - \$0.001405/kWh (0.9% increase); Rate TT, Time-of-Day Rate for Service at Transmission Voltage - \$0.000154/kWh (0.2% increase); and a decrease for gas service: Rate RS, Residential Service - (\$0.109294/MCF) (1.4% decrease). The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. However, the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from these proposed rates. Such action may result in rates for consumers other than the rates in this notice. Any corporation, association, body politic or person may by motion within thirty (30) days after publication of notice of the proposed rate changes request leave to intervene. The motion shall be submitted to the Public Service Commission, 211 Sewer Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40502, and shall set forth the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. Intervenor may obtain copies of the application by contacting the following: Ms. Dianne Kuhnel, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc., Room 2500 Atrium II, P.O. Box 960, Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-0960. A copy of the application is available for inspection at Duke Energy Kentucky's offices at 1697 A Monmouth Street, Newport Shopping Center, Newport, Kentucky 41071.