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December 31, 2008

David L. Armstrong, Chairman Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd, P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

I understand that Kentucky Utilities Company has applied for a rate increase with the Public Service Commission. The City of Richmond is served by Kentucky Utilities and we are glad to have such an outstanding company serving our city. By having Kentucky Utilities as our electrical provider, it has helped with Industrial recruitment because of their rate structure.

The cost of doing business has greatly escalated in our current economic conditions. While it has increased for business, it has also increased for the consumer. It is hard to imagine the many families, who are struggling to pay their bills, being able to absorb an additional increase in their monthly bills, regardless of the source. A rate increase not only effects the families, but business and industry as well.

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Kentucky Utilities is a great company with a stellar reputation and traditionally low rates. While a rate increase may be justified, all due consideration should be given to the consumers who will have trouble paying a high rate increase.

I know that the Commission will take all input into consideration in making an informed decision that will be fair to Kentucky Utilities and the consumers.

Sincerely,

Connie Lawson

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Mayor

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