

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Bourne:

The PSC has received your comments regarding the rate adjustment requested by Kentucky Utilities Co. Your comments will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. For your future reference, the case number in this matter is 2008-00251. Please reference this case number in any future correspondence.

The case file in this matter, as in all matters before the PSC, is available at the PSC Web site.

Thank you for taking the time to share your views.

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Thursday, 28 August 2008

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RE: Kentucky Utilities rate hike request

This is the first that we have heard of this rate hike, and we can't believe you have seriously considered this.

Most of all, it is unethical in the extreme to allow KU (Eon) to charge 5% of your outstanding bill for a "late charge" only 10 days after they mail you the bill. Our electric budget, for example is \$122 or so a month. That would be a "late fee" of over \$6 dollars because of a moral hazard that THEY created in the first place by refusing to give 30 days for people to pay their bills. That \$6 is 3% of our grocery budget - and if we have to pay the KU bill from the grocery money because this policy doesn't allow us to wait until the second paycheck of the month, that means we have to spend 60%

of our grocery budget to pay KU. Obviously, starvation isn't practical, so KU would never, ever be paid "on time" at our household and thousands if not tens of thousands of other households. In case you didn't know, most people are only paid every two weeks, and most people's monthly budget only includes 2 paychecks, meaning the KU bill, like every other utility bill, has to be scheduled for the pay-period that does not include the mortgage payment if people's families are to have food to eat and gasoline to get to work.

It is a violation of people's basic consumer rights to demand payment for a bill in less than 30 days - even credit reporting companies don't consider a payment "late" unless it is over 30 days old. KU's (Eon's) proposal is highway robbery of a captive audience. It is greed-mongering and immoral and it is the job of the Commission to protect people from this type of exploitation. I'm ashamed to see that Kentucky is run by the Robber Barons and that public agencies are going to allow Kentucky citizens to be raped by multi-national corporations that are already making Billions-with-a-B in profits. Shame on you.

Sincerely,

The Bournes

Tactics is knowing what to do when there is something to do. Strategy is knowing what to do when there is nothing to do. Savielly Tartakover, Polish GM