



Steven L. Beshear
Governor

Leonard K. Peters
Secretary
Energy and Environment Cabinet

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Public Service Commission
211 Sower Blvd.
P.O. Box 615
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615
Telephone: (502) 564-3940
Fax: (502) 564-3460
psc.ky.gov

David L. Armstrong
Chairman

James Gardner
Vice-Chairman

John W. Clay
Commissioner

February 2, 2009

Charles E Hanking
1595 Bunch Road
Cave City, Kentucky 42127

RE: 2008-00414
Farmers RECC

Dear Mr. Hanking:

This is in response to your letter received on January 29, 09 regarding your concerns in the case referenced above. Your letter is being treated as an official protest and will be placed in the case file of this proceeding. The Commission will take your concerns into consideration in its review and decision in this matter.

If you wish to participate further in the proceeding, you must request, in writing, **"full intervention"** with the Commission within 10 days of receiving this letter.

You may view all documents filed in this case on the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

Thank you for your letter of interest and concern in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Brown".

Executive Director

JD/TW

cc: Parties of Record

Charles E. Hanking
1595 Bunch road
Cave City, KY 42127

January 24, 2009

KY Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 615
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

RECEIVED

JAN 29 2009

PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION

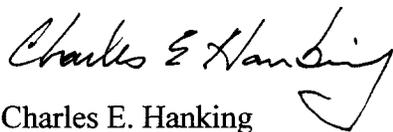
Dear Commissioners:

I want to voice my concerns as a consumer of Farmers Rural Electric Cooperative, about the request for a rate increase. First, the timing is bad. At a time when the economy is worse than it has been since the Great Depression, they want to hit us with a rate increase. They say, "Well the Board of Directors asked for it." You know as well as I do, having been around boards and trustees for the past twenty years, they do whatever the President or CEO suggests.

According to my information, the price of coal is cheaper than it was the last time they asked for a rate increase. They say, "We don't get to keep the fuel surcharge, or the environmental charge." That doesn't matter to the consumer. It is an increase in our cost for electricity.

At a time when we are bailing out banks and we hear they are going to Hawaii and spending that money, it is revolting. I know the board members go to places like Florida to have meetings. I know they pay the board members' health insurance. I know they pay board members \$200.00 to sit in a meeting then say, "We have to have more money." Why does FRECC have to advertise? We are a captive audience. Why is it necessary for them to publish a magazine? In times like these we all have to be prudent. I trust in the wisdom of the commission. Thank you.

Yours truly,



Charles E. Hanking