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

Dear. Mr. Armstrong:

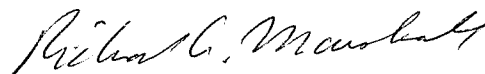
Kentucky Power is filing a request with your commission for a rate increase in northeast Kentucky of 35%. I would like to raise my voice in protest of such an outlandish increase.

The request comes at a time of real hardship for the citizens of northeast Kentucky as we are trying to climb out of the economic turmoil of the recent recession. Elliott County, where I live, currently has an unemployment rate of 12%. The medium annual family income is \$26,500. Many of the families here are living on fixed incomes. The people of this county are struggling for survival. Approval of Kentucky Power's request would add to their hardship. It is cruel and heartless.

Whether the request is justified is for your commission to decide. I would hope an alternative other than a rate increase could be found to aid the company in addressing whatever economic malaise in which they might be.

I trust that you will act on this request in such a way as to assure the company the profitability they need and to consider foremost the plight of the citizens of this region.

Yours,



Richard A. Marshall