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Dear Commissioners,

At a time when many people in our state are financially still recovering from the losses of the December snowstorms the citizens of Eastern Kentucky are receiving letters stating that KEP has issued a request to you for an increase of over 30% in their power bills. I understand that AEP employees worked many hours to restore power to our area. I also understand that families in our area were without power for up to two weeks. They lost food and had to seek alternate housing for this time. The burden of paying for this should not rest so heavily on the residents of the area - KEP should also be responsible for the cost of a cleanup that could have been at least partially prevented by careful maintenance of the power line areas and tree trimming before this.

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