## **FIVCO**

## AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

January 22, 2010

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

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

On behalf of the mayors and judges comprising the FIVCO Area Development District Board of Directors in Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Greenup, and Lawrence counties, I vehemently oppose the almost 35% increase proposed by Kentucky Power, an operating unit of American Electric Power.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, approximately 22% of persons living in the FIVCO region live below poverty. Educational attainment is low and unemployment is high.

Kentucky Power President Tim Mosher's comment in The Daily Independent that the increase will still result in "fairly priced" power rates shows an obvious disconnect with the people of our region. This increase will place an undue burden on families already struggling to meet their day-to-day needs. I ask you to please give this matter your full attention.

Sincerely, Layle D. Shritzan

Gayle D. Smith

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