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Ref: Case File 2009-00459 (request for rate increase)

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It has come to my attention that Kentucky Power has requested that the Public Service Commission approve a rate increase of nearly 35 percent. I am sending this letter as an expression of my strong opposition to this request. My stance is based upon several factors:

- Kentucky Power has not demonstrated to its customers that it has earned an increase
- an increase in annual electric bills of nearly \$500 would place an unreasonable burden upon customers during a time of marked economic downturn
- any increase would not be accompanied with any additional services or efficiencies for customers

While I am aware that a business must be profitable and that being profitable sometimes requires rate changes; I cannot accept that it is the right time for Kentucky Power to receive any rate increase, let alone at the level requested. Therefore, please consider my opinion during this time of deliberation.