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

RE: Case No. 2009-00459

Dear Commissioners:

It grieves me to hear of the proposed rate increase submitted by Kentucky Power Company in light of the financial hardships being faced by individuals, companies and school districts alike. Although I can not speak on behalf of others, I can express the weighty burden that this rate increase will place upon school districts. We have already been faced with budget cuts from the state of Kentucky in the form of grant funding reductions, SEEK per pupil amounts have stayed the same while we are mandated to provide raises, and employer contributions to the Kentucky Employees Retirement Systems have increased. And on top of budget cuts, legislators are now considering taking any contingency funds districts have maintained to weather economically difficult times.

The board members and administrative staff of the Johnson County School System work diligently to safeguard our district's capability to educate our children while confronting budget cuts and increased mandated expenses. While the school system labors to educate children under these demanding economic times, Johnson County communities are also being financially burdened with increased electric rates and increased tariffs while endeavoring to support their families.

I do not have to remind you that over the past few years, utility rates have steadily increased and yet Kentucky Power Company is proposing another such "adjustment". On behalf of all of Johnson County residents and the Johnson County Board of Education, I respectfully ask the Public Service Commission to decline any electric rate and tariff increase proposals in Case No. 2009-00459, especially during this time of economic uncertainties. Please allow families and

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schools to get on a better financial footing before consenting to additional rate increases at this most critical time.

I realize the arduous decision placed before you. Thank you for your time and any consideration you give this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Trimble". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "S" and a long, sweeping underline.

Steve Trimble
Superintendent

CC: Mr. Errol K. Wagner, Kentucky Power Company
Senator Ray Jones
Representative Hubert Collins