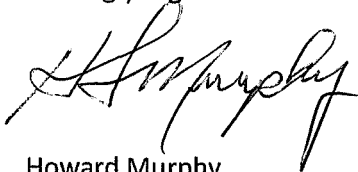


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I wish to comment on the notice that I received from KU regarding their request filed with the PSC for a rate increase. I understand that much of the rate increase is to recover the expense KU incurred in last winter's ice storm. And while I can only speak for the immediate area in which I live, much of the expense here could have been avoided had the company not neglected to clear trees that had overgrown the power line right-of-way. Workers climbed ice-covered trees in the dark with chain saws in sub-freezing temperatures to clear the minimum necessary to restore power. The right-of-way still needs to be adequately cleared to avoid a potential repeat of the same condition.

In the latest "POWERSOURCE" leaflet from KU, the KPSC's report on the ice storm is cited and, in part, KU's words state "Overall, the KPSC's report recommended the electric utilities it governs consider hardening as part of their routine maintenance. Hardening may include more aggressive tree trimming,"

I strongly urge that the KPSC REQUIRE, not RECOMMEND, more aggressive tree trimming.



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