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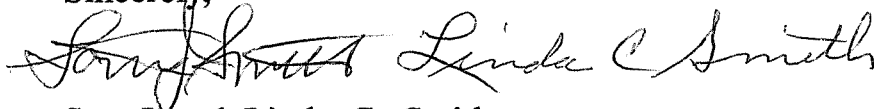
Gentlemen:

Once again we read that KU has proposed rate increases before the Public Service Commission. My husband and I are 72 and 70 years of age and have to try to get by on our Social Security checks. The federal government decided there was negative inflation last year and there was no COLA increase to Social Security or disability checks. How and where they come up with negative inflation is beyond us because every time we turn around we find something in our tight budget is up or going up.

The proposed KU increase of Residential Service -RS basic service charge from \$ 5.00 to \$ 15.00 is tripling the fee. That is a huge increase!!!! We are already trying to cut our use of electricity in every way possible to reduce our bill as much as possible. There would be no way of cutting back on lights to reduce the bill with a flat rate increase. Also, we see KU wants to increase the fee for Cable Television Attachment Charge from \$2.71 per year to \$8.93 per year. That is not as much according to the Residential Service charge, but if the Cable companies are charged more they will pass the charge along to the customer and we will have another bill increase.

Many of the Residential Service customers are like us, on a fixed limited income just barely getting by. Please take this into consideration and don't let this huge increase hit us at a time we can't afford it.

Sincerely,



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