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Dear Sir,

I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed rate hike by Kentucky Utilities. An \$11.70 increase in "standing residential charge" does not seem fair. This is a lot of money to people on lower incomes. This is also very regressive - it will not really affect someone in 7,000 square foot home with a \$450 monthly electric bill but would mean a lot to someone with a small home and a \$54 bill. That would be as much as a 25% increase in some of our bills! (Our spring and fall bills are lower but would have the same \$11.70 increase.) That is \$11.70 that KU customers are spending in other areas of the economy right now that will be siphoned off by KU. The consumer has no choice in this. It is not as if I can conserve and use less power to save some of the increase - it is \$11.70 regardless of how much power we use. KU should not have a standing charge at all and increase the rate if they have too. This would encourage conservation.

I am also concerned about the 12.25% environmental surcharge. Is this how we got our "free" CFL bulbs? This month alone we paid \$19.45 for our "free" bulbs.



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