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Sir,

I would like to offer my opinion on the rate increase request from e-on company and Kentucky utilities.

When I first learned from the news media that a foreign company (e-on) had purchased Kentucky utilities and Louisville gas and electric, We (the customers) would be in for a large rate increase, Well that day has arrived.

I'm asking you to please deny any rate increase at this time due to the state of the economy and other reasons shown and stayed below.

I can show where they have been sneaking in rate increases periodically.

Example;

June 2006 the rate was .04720 per kwh.

Feb 2007 the rate was raised to .04865 per kwh.

Nov 2007 the rate was raised to .05646 per kwh.

Apr 2008 the rare was raised to .05774 per kwh

Mar 2009 the rate was reduced slightly to .05718 per kwh

June 2009 the rate was raised to .05880 per kwh.

Jan 2010 the rate was raised to a large .06424 per kwh. Ahead of applying for the increase, Which was Jan. 29 2010.

I'm guessing that these raises were without your approval since I didn't see the request in the local media.

Why should your office approve over a 137 million dollar a year rate increase for K.U., When they can sneak in rate increases on their customers whenever the want too. In fact, If the rate increases were without your approval I think your office should require e-on to return the money from unapproved rate increases to the customers, with interest.

I also ask why should e-on be given such a large rate increase when we already pay for any and all out lays they have, such as listed below .

They are allowed to charge each customer a \$ 5.00 customer charge on each bill even before the customer receives one watt of power.

If the fuel cost<sup>is</sup> more than the basic amount in the contract, Guess who the costs are passed to, (the customer).

Who pays for the residential DSM. (Demand side management cost recovery mechanism) Whatever this means, I have no idea what the cost is for, and no one I have talked to knows. Anyway, We the customer gets to pay.

Environmental surcharge—Now I think this is another large rip-off for the customers of e-on. I think the cost of improvements to their coal fired plants (even if ordered by the government) should be from the profits received, But since you allow them to pass the cost to the customers I think the surcharge should only pertain to environment improvements, Not to the list below.

The surcharge should only be on the charge for energy, But they apply the charge to the \$ 5.00 customer charge, the fuel adjustment charge and the questionable DSM.

I think your office should take a close look at what the customer is being charged.

I am including a list of environmental surcharges I have paid since June 2006, Please pay close attention to the increases since march 2009. They probably could better use all of that money to build better and cleaner plants, instead of spending it on the older plants.

Kentucky residents, Especially ones on fixed income, Such as I, Cannot afford the large increase in rates e-on is asking for, Plus

the terribly high environmental surcharge that we are already paying.

I beg you to please disallow the requested rate increase and review the charges that are already being passed on to the customers.

  
Thank you

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## Environment surcharge

Month/year	% surcharge	Month/year	% surcharge
July 2006	.02530	May 2008	.05310
Aug 2006	.03580	June 2008	.05330
Sep 2006	.03410	July 2008	.06710
Oct 2006	.03410	Sept 2008	.05840
Nov 2006	.03520	Oct 2008	.06060
Dec 2006	.04180	Nov 2008	.06310
Jan 2007	.04070	Dec 2008	.06980
Feb 2007	.04660	Jan 2009	.07380
Mar2007	.01890	Feb 2009	.06500
Apr 2007	.01800	Mar 2009	.06520
May2007	.03100	May 2009	.09270
Jun 2007	.04400	Jun 2009	.09890
Jul 2007	.04470	Jul 2009	.11690
Aug 2007	.04860	Aug 2009	.09680
Sep 2007	.05270	Sep 2009	.11580
Oct 2007	.05310	Oct 2009	.11940
Nov 2007	.04670	Nov 2009	.11195
Dec 2007	.06110	Dec 2009	.12030
Jan 2008	.07140	Jan 2010	.13950
Feb 2008	.05270	Feb 2010	.12250
Mar2008	.03290		
Apr 2008	.05310		

These numbers were taken from my Kentucky utility bills for dates shown.

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