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Public Service Commission

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Dear Commissions,

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I received a letter stating the Kentucky Utilities Company (KU) is seeking an **increase in all their rates including the deposits** necessary to receive service. I do not know of any major companies that received or gave raises to their staff last year except for the banking industry where we, the government, bailed them out. Companies asked their employees to understand that there were no raises of any type & to be appreciative that we had employment.

With the difficult economic times, this is the **wrong time** to ask people needing service to pay a large deposit (19-57% increase) as well as pay for a hefty electric bill with increases ranging from 10 – 13.5%. This is a ridiculous amount requested. KU raised the Environmental Surcharge so I now pay over \$20/month for that alone. By the way, can you explain environmental surcharge? Once this was added, it is never rescinded, at least so far.

Think of people who have recently graduated high school or college, the single parent who are looking for jobs in their fields, having to have so much money for each utility, water, apartment, food, car payments, insurance as well as every other kind of expense necessary to live. My son is just such an example, working 2 jobs trying to save money while trying to find a full-time job.

It is time companies live within their means. Not in any of the letters sent to their customers is there a reason given for the increase. And the rate is supposed to take effect in less than a month. That leaves us little time to fight their request.

As a consumer, I certainly hope you will listen to my concerns. We expect good service. We also want companies to be financially frugal just as we try to do everything we can to be conscientious. I fully expect this department to listen to my concerns & not be led by "big business". Do you listen to the people of our commonwealth?

Please do not grant this request without having hearings that could be broadcast on KET and public stations after working hours. Have KU give their rationale for their requested raises, why so exorbitant, what they are doing to help keep costs down, how much they spend on advertising to entice new customers, etc.

Sincerely an all electric consumer,

Mrs. Linda Watts

