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Re: Rate increase by Kentucky Utilities

I **object** to the structure of the proposed rate increase. As proposed it will be an increase of about 30% for many residential customers. KU lists it as 13%. My math says different.

The proposal is to increase the cost to have a residential service by \$10 per month. For a household that is conservative and keeps usage to \$30 to \$35 per month as many elderly people living on fixed income do the bill then becomes \$40 to \$45 per month. Do the math and tell me it is 13%.

I have no way to know if KU needs the money they propose to raise through the increase to fund the projects they propose or if they need the facilities they claim to propose to build. This need may be to pay huge bonuses to company executives who can increase revenue through a huge rate increase.

A more fair and equitable way to raise the funds KU says they need is to put the increase on the electricity used. It is a less sure amount to the company but those who use more will pay more. That is reasonable.

If an increase is granted, I recommend that it be based upon usage and not by an increase on individual services. Thirty percent is too much and unreasonable.

Very truly yours,



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