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RE: Protest of Kentucky Utilities Proposed Rate Increase

Dear PSC executive,

I recently called the PSC and expressed my displeasure with KU's proposed rate increase of 13.54% which will increase KU's revenues approximately 11.5% annually. I felt it was important to follow up with a letter to you.

I would like to put in writing my protest of this event for several reasons:

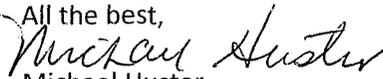
- KU now exacts a fuel adjustment charge every month – very rarely has it been negative.
- KU exacts an Environmental Surcharge which in February 2009 was 6.5% and now has risen to 12.25% a year later – almost a 6% increase in one year!
- KU continues to push for Demand Conservation (which seems to be a good thing) using programmable thermostats and sensors to turn off A/C in summer.
- KU offers paid assessments of an individual's home and they provide low wattage fluorescent bulbs in return.

It seems hypocritical to offer Demand Conservation (which drives down electric usage) and then turn around and raise rates negating any efforts by customers to drop their electrical energy usage

I have kept my utilities charges since 1996. Rarely did my electric charges exceed \$100 per month. It wasn't until 2003 when consistently my bills were over \$100 per month. Granted, KU and LG&E merged in 1997, however, when EON Holdings took over in 2003; my rates have increased each year.

From an end user perspective this rate increase is driven more by greed than anything else. KU has enough surcharges on their bill so that anything that comes up, they do not have to pay for – environmental efforts for pollution-control equipment, fuel adjustment, energy assistance fund, etc.

I would highly recommend the PSC research this proposed rate increase and provide reasons why this increase needs to be accomplished now in the worst economic situation the U.S. has known since the 1930's.

All the best,

Michael Huster