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Sirs:

Upon receiving my KU bill this past week and reading where KU wishes to raise our rates; I couldn't just sit here and not let KU and PSC know how I feel.

First, I realize the ice storm in 2009 cost the utility companies a lot of revenue. All of us out here appreciate the efforts of all involved in getting us back up and "running". My power was off for four days - I was fortunate it wasn't longer.

Don't the utility companies have funds in reserve for emergencies like this? We, as homeowners, etc. had better have a reserve set aside for any emergency that may befall us. Because of the power being off, my sump pump wasn't working - I had to pay to have that mess cleaned up - I didn't get to pass the expenses on to someone else.

I am retired and on limited income. This past year alone, my homeowner's insurance went up 9% and my automobile insurance went up 9.1%. Madison County raised the value of my house by 63% - never mind I could never get that much for my house with the market being what it is. That means my taxes went up accordingly. My Medicare Advantage went up 37%. Medicare did not give us a cost of living increase this year. The cost of gasoline is staying high.

With so many unemployed, and on a set income, do you think it's wise to hit us with a 13.54% increase? I have cut back on my usage of electricity. I use space heaters so I don't heat my whole house, I keep the temperature at 65 degrees and wear warmer clothes. What happens to the folks who just cannot do it? Do you let them be cold? Take from the rest of us to pay for those of us who can't pay? That's not fair, either. Some of us do what we can to be conservative - I don't want to pay for those who won't even try to help themselves because they know someone will come along and rescue them. The rest of us are running out of the "rescue" funds to care for ourselves - we just can't keep doing this.

The rates you put on the entities included on your increase list will be passed on to someone else and that will be passed on to me as a consumer sooner or later. Again - who do I get to pass it on to????

This is how I feel and probably thousands of others feel the same. We have all sat back and let the insurance companies, utilities, etc. do pretty much what they see fit to do. We can't afford to do that any longer; the economy is ruining us. I wish I knew what the answer is, better minds than mine will have to figure that out. I just don't feel 13.54% increase is the answer - the consumer simply cannot handle it any longer.

Thank you for your consideration.

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