

RECEIVED

FEB 24 2010

PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION

23 February 2010

Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
P.O. Box 615
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Members:

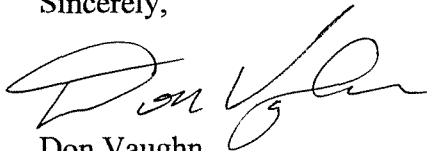
I am writing to protest the proposed rate hike on residential customers by Kentucky Utilities Company. With the present economic conditions that we are all faced with a rate increase of 13.54% is going way over the top. Unemployment rates at record levels, reduced hours and benefits for workers, cutbacks in services, deficits in state and local governments, no inflation increase in social security, all make this a very bitter pill to swallow.

I am a retired senior citizen living on a fixed income. I planned wisely for my retirement or so I thought. I built in a inflation calculation to ensure that I would not be faced with hard times, but in just over one year I am looking at it square in the face.

Why can't our utility companies do like all other companies have had to do and cut expenses? When other businesses raise their prices we have a choice not to buy their product but we do not have the same choice with utilities.

Make the hard choice for once and deny the rate increase or only grant a two or three percent increase in keeping with the rest of the world.

Sincerely,



Don Vaughn
227 Windermere Drive
Middlesboro, Ky. 40965