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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing you today to encourage you to deny Kentucky Utilities request for an 11/5% increase in their rates. I just received my bill today and used 2286 kwh and my electric charge was \$160.66 and an additional \$9.64 for taxing. This brings my total bill to \$170.30. I can barely afford this as it is and I will not pay them another dime. In looking at last year's bill, it is obvious KU has already raised their rates significantly in the past year and since I am not receiving a raise, they should not receive one either. The more money I have to pay them, the less money I have for groceries and prescriptions. I am a state employee and do not make nearly as much as the big wigs in the private sector or utility companies make. Because my November bill was more than I expected it to be, I lowered my thermostat to 60 degrees when I'm not home and 68 when I am home. Sixty degrees makes my house incredibly cold and I should not have to be cold in my own home, let alone pay \$170.00 to be cold. I have already done the necessary improvements to my home such as adding additional insulation and replacing leaky doors so I know my house is not the problem since it is less than 10 years old and only 1050 square feet.

Consumers are already stretched thin as it is and if you allow KU to increase our rates then you would be just be hurting us even more. People are losing jobs, running out of unemployment, taking pay cuts, and being forced to take time off unpaid. Do you really think most consumers can afford an additional \$12.00 per month right now when no one is getting raises? Do you think KU helps struggling consumer's out when we need it? No. I was unemployed for a year last year and they don't even offer low income or assistance for those of us who are unemployed and barely bring in enough money to afford groceries. Why should we give them more money and help them out when they don't help us when we need it? Please help us out for once and do the right thing by denying KU's request for an 11.5% rate increase.

Thank you for your time,

Tabitha Schnell



This same time last year I used 2419kwh and my total bill was \$172.22. I