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RE: KU Proposed Rate Increase (Case#2009-00548)

Dear Mr. Melnykovich:

I am writing with regards to an article in a newsletter that we received with our KU billing statement back in March 2010. In the newsletter it stated that they (KU), were requesting a rate increase of approximately \$11.85 per household (or 11.5 %), and that they filed it with KPSC in January. I think the amount they are requesting to be approved is totally out of line especially based on the fact that most people are already struggling as it is. KU seems to feel that the amount is justified in their eyes, but I think it is over the top. I could possibly understand it if they were asking an increase of say \$1.00 per household (that would still be a lot of money coming in to them), but to ask well over that seems excessive. I have been trying to keep up with what may be going on and did notice that it is suppose to come before KPSC for an actual vote on June 8th or soon after.

I also saw the letter that you followed up on that was written to the Governor by a Marty Lawson (case #2009-0058) and without being redundant, I have to totally agree with him on his reasons for hoping that KU's request will be denied. I realize that during the ice storm of 2008/2009, KU (or who they brought in to help), worked hard to restore people's electricity at least in our area, so I cannot fault them for doing their job,

but are we then expected to see a rate increase request of that magnitude each time there's an emergency? No one would be able to live in a home, apartment, or anywhere for that matter because of the electricity costs alone.

I do hope KPSC will consider carefully what the answer will be to KU about their request. Please keep in mind the people who live in the communities throughout KY, who live day to day on fixed budgets and although some may qualify for assistance, others hope to do it on their own without a handout (which this state probably cannot afford anyway). Most people not only in KY, but around the nation are struggling, so why put more of a burden on all of us and please start looking out for the "little guy"! Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Rue".

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