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Attn:
Mr. Jeff Derouen
Public Service Commission
Commonwealth Of Kentucky
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Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

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Re: In the Matter of Application of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. For An Adjustment
of Gas Rates
Case No. 2009-00202

Dear Mr. Derouen

I am writing to request to be added as an intervenor to the above mentioned case.

I am in opposition to the proposed rate increases set forth by Duke Energy. The proposed increases are exorbitant and ill timed. As you are well aware Duke Energy is proposing a 150% customer charge increase for residential consumers that would go from \$12 to \$30. They are also proposing a 16.2% gas rate increase for residential customers.

During the cold winter months this increase will cause my gas bill to increase \$45. I live in a normal 4 bedroom house that was constructed 4 years ago. This increase will be standard to most homeowners across the area of KY affected. Our family has lost income during this economic downturn. We cannot absorb an additional \$45 bill. I can venture to say that many others cannot stretch another increased bill out of their budgets at this challenging economic time.

Please deny the proposed increase.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Craig Powell
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