Dear Ms. Rutherford:

Thank you for your comments regarding the rate increase proposed by Kentucky Power Co. (American Electric Power Co.) Your comments will be placed into the case file for the Commission's review as it considers this matter. For your future reference, the case number in this matter is 2009-00459. Please cite it in any future correspondence regarding this case so that your comments may be readily directed to the case file.

Thank you again for your interest.

Andrew Melnykovych
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Kentucky Public Service Commission
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From: PSC - Public Information Officer Sent: Monday, January 25, 2010 11:55 AM

To: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)

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I respectfully request that the requested rate hike for the Kentucky Power Company NOT be granted. I understand their costs have gone up; but a 35% increase at one time is TOO much. My own power bill more than doubled last month. This type of increase would cause an added hardship on many persons, especially with the current economic situation and impending layoffs all around. I would add also that they might more closely monitor their own crews and the crews of the company they use to cut trees and clear right-of-ways. It is very common knowledge that the best use of time is not made from either of the crews. I sympathize with the long shifts they had to work (my husband works 12-hour shifts every day) during the power outages; but the old saying "take care of the little things and the big things will take care of themselves."