

Public Service Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

I purchased this home in Madisonville, KY in 2004. The house is an all electric home. Before I purchased the home I checked the total monthly bills for the house with Kentucky Utilities at Earlinton, KY. This office was owned by Kentucky Utilities of Lexington, with many stock holders in our beloved state of Kentucky. The best I can recall in a period of a year not one bill was over \$120.00. Till you allowed a rate increase, I can not recall a bill being over \$120.00. Since the Public Service Commission allowed increases, I have had a monthly bill for \$265.49. In fact, the rate of increase is like the waters in New Orleans. I ask, has the levees or the protection we once believed in been destroyed?

When our home was built, Kentucky Utilities was concerned about selling electric current at a reasonable price. It is my understanding that KU would pay the home owner \$250.00 if your service connector line was buried, \$250.00 if you had an all electric home, and \$250.00 if you would install required installation. It is my understanding that KU has gone globe the KU no longer offers these incentives.

The good company, KU, that was headquartered in Lexington, and many stockholders were Kentucky residents, and a good company that was good to its employees, KU was loved by the people it served. It is my understanding that some locate KU branch offices has been closed. We used to mail our bill to Lexington, now we mail to Atlanta, GA, or some other location outside of Kentucky. It is my understanding that management has instituted other programs that reduces company employees which in my opinion is not in the best interest of our great state, the purpose is to save KU money.

We are being told that a 19% rate increase will go for improvements to four plants. Now I ask, why should I, as a customer, pay for plant improvements? The company to purchased KU should have known about the improvements instead of paying so much profit the the CEO's for the right to buy something that needs fixing.

Improvements should be paid for from current earning, and they should not expect the custom^{er} to increase their bill for such. If the purchasers of KU make a bad investment, then they need to file bankruptcy.

**IT IS recognized that the working people can be
oppressed by excessive taxation and monopolies.
Utilities are monopolies. KATE IS A TAX.**

This business of buying a utility at a high price, asking for a small increase of \$1.96 next year causing utility bills to double, in a state that is laying off state workers due to recession, pensions and social security are frozen, and a war going on, should be told the truth to their request. The answer should be a no.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Billy R. Carling".

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