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Gentlemen:

Once again we are faced with a proposed price increase in our electric rates from Kentucky Utilities. One paper stated the request would raise rates by 6.5 Percent. Yet in another paper the complete proposed rate adjustment was printed and one item we really have a problem with. The proposed increase in the RS Basic Service Charge per month from \$8.50 to \$13.00 is OVER 50 % increase not 6.5 per cent. Just 2 years ago this charge was \$5.00 and was raised to \$8.50 which was a 70% increase. Those are exorbitant increases. This is a charge which the customer has NO WAY of cutting their usage to reduce the charge..

My husband and I are retired and age 75 and 72. We have to work hard to live on our income and keep our bills paid. We went 2 years without any increase in our Social Security income, then when we do finally get a much needed increase all of our bills start increasing at a faster rate. We, the public, the customers of Kentucky Utilities are helpless, at the mercy of the BIG company which provides a necessity and without batting an eye raise their prices on people who can NOT afford increases like this!!!!. We can't shop around for a better price on electricity like we can for food, clothing, etc.

PLEASE don't let the company raise our rates in this manner!!

Sincerely,



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