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RE: Case No. 2012-00221 – Opposition to **Kentucky Utilities'** Proposed Rate  
 Increases and Improper Structure

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- Unreasonably discourages future private investments in efficiency;
- Unreasonably rewards wasteful users of energy;
- Unjustly and unfairly impacts those who use energy sparingly (i.e. – the poor, the elderly and the efficiency-minded), and;
- Unreasonably impairs deployment of renewables and distributed generation;

In short, KU's proposed structure is bad public policy. A public utility with monopoly and guaranteed profit should not employ such structure. I pray the Commission will not allow it, either after hearing or in any proposed settlement.

Very truly yours,

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