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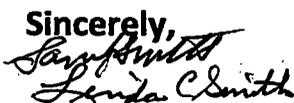
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Once again Kentucky Utilities is asking for a price increase and once again I find it necessary to voice a complaint for myself, my husband and all the others living on Social Security and Disability. The last time I heard about KU asking for an increase, it didn't sound too bad, just a few dollars that time, a few months ago. BUT this recent request is TOTALLY out of reason. To raise the Basic Service charge from \$10.75 to \$22.00 is ALMOST a 105% increase. HOW can that be allowed!!! Senior citizens trying to live on Social Security and people on disability had no increase this year, last year or in 2010 and 2011 and not expected to get but a \$1 or \$2 in 2017. ALL of the COLA increases added up for the last 35 years do NOT even add up to a total of 105%. There is NO way to try and keep our bill down WHEN it is the Basic Service charge that is increased at such an OUTRAGEOUS amount.

You have no idea all the ways we try to save money and cut corners in our budget. Cut the thermostat back!!! Don't burn lights unless in the room!!! Almost to the point of using a flashlight to walk through the house!!! I have a friend with electric heat who keeps her thermostat about 58 degrees, then wears 4 layers of clothing INSIDE!!! We are already living in COLD, DARK houses, so what do we cut out if this horrible 105% increase is put on our electric bill? Will it be food or medicine? Right now we are mainly eating ONLY 2 meals a day, so that will be difficult to cut any more.

I am asking the commission to PLEASE do NOT allow Kentucky Utilities this OUTRAGEOUS increase on the Basic Service charge. Thank you for listening to a frustrated old woman (age 77 and husband, age 79).

Sincerely,



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