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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** your comments in case 2019-00271 - Duke Energy Kentucky rates  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:57:00 AM

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Dear Ms. Oppenheimer:

Thank you for your comments on the application of the Duke Energy Kentucky for an adjustment in its base rates for electric service.

Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration.

Please cite the case number in this matter, 2019-00271, in any further correspondence.

The documents in this case are available at [http://psc.ky.gov/PSC\\_WebNet/ViewCaseFilings.aspx?case=2019-00271](http://psc.ky.gov/PSC_WebNet/ViewCaseFilings.aspx?case=2019-00271).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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**I am asking the KY Public Service Commission to deny Duke's proposal for higher rates.**

I am 96-years-old, widowed, retired and still live in my home only on Social Security. I keep my home cold and my water warm to save money on my electric bill. I wear a fleece coat all day, pants and booties and watch TV with a blanket wrapped around me.

I sleep with three down blankets and freeze when I shower off every morning. My house is never warm until summer.

Although I'm extremely scared I don't leave my porch light on in the dark anymore to save money. If I hear something outside I go turn the light on for two minutes and turn it back off and go back to the bed lying there in terror until I fall asleep again. Sometimes it takes me hours.

I cannot afford to pay more for electricity and can't conserve anymore. I don't know what I'm going

to do if you let Duke increase their rates again! I can't see to read so I guess I'll have to stop watching TV and live in complete silence to save electricity.

What do they expect me to do? My bill just went up a little over a year ago. My social security goes up only 3 percent or they increase it and your medical premium too. Duke can increase their rate 3%, I guess, so it won't leave me less money to scrape by on.

My garbage's gone up, my sanitation's gone up, and my property taxes have ALL gone up. I'll have to stop another prescription I guess and end up back in the hospital again and then the state of Kentucky has to pay tens of thousands of dollars in medical bills.

So DENY Duke's rate increase and save the state of Kentucky and poor senior citizens who worked since teenagers, raised a family, volunteered and built this country, money, and dignity. Their shareholders will just have to make \$3 less a month in 30 years when they retire, I guess.

I thank my neighbor for doing this on their computer for me as my writing has been ineligible for years and I couldn't write to you myself but this is so very important. It literally can be life or death!

Please think about us that don't have stock market accounts, retirement plans or savings accounts and just barely get by every single day.

Thank you.

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I no longer have a phone.

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