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To Whom It May Concern:

I appreciate the hard work of the workers for Kentucky Power who will sacrifice time away from family to restore power.

However, the people and businesses of East Kentucky cannot afford any additional rate increases. High inflation is already making life hard for the population and a rate increase will make everything much harder to afford, if not impossible. An 18% increase, added to the unpredictability of fuel adjustment charges will only make things worse.

Increasing rates because of a declining population will only drive more people and businesses away. Why not have Kentucky Power sell power to Central Kentucky or other areas to make up for our population loss?

Please do not approve the rate increase!

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