

Public Comments Received for Case Number: 2025-00113
Response Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Thank you for your comments. 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, 2025-00113 in any further correspondence.

The documents in this case are available at: [View Case Filings for: 2025-00113 \(ky.gov\)](#).

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Received through Public Comments

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

From: Lindsey Wilson University
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State: KY
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Comments:
Dear Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of Lindsey Wilson University regarding the Kentucky Utilities Company (KU) application in Case No. 2025-00113, which seeks to increase electric rates.

We fully understand KU's responsibility to maintain reliable service and invest in critical infrastructure. However, the proposed rate increase of approximately 11.5% represents a significant burden for nonprofit educational institutions that already operate within tight budgets.

Impact on Lindsey Wilson University and the Community

Lindsey Wilson University is a mission-driven institution serving students from across Kentucky and surrounding states, many of whom are first-generation college students or come from low-to moderate-income families. Energy costs directly affect our ability to sustain campus operations, from residence halls and classrooms to dining and athletic facilities.

Our Board of Trustees has consistently prioritized affordability for our students. Over the past several years, our average tuition rate increase has been just 2% per year, and our Board recently approved only a 2% increase for the upcoming academic year—a deliberate effort to keep higher education accessible and cost-effective for Kentucky families.

An electric rate increase more than five times that amount would place additional strain on our institution's budget and could force difficult choices, such as reducing essential student services, delaying maintenance projects, or diverting funds from academic initiatives. Beyond the university, the surrounding Columbia and Adair County communities—served by KU—would also feel these cost pressures.

Request for Consideration

We respectfully urge the Commission to:

1) Thoroughly review the cost basis and justification for KU's proposed rate increase, ensuring only essential and well-supported costs are approved.

2) Consider a smaller or phased adjustment to soften the immediate financial impact on educational institutions, municipalities, and nonprofit organizations.

3) Require clear reporting and transparency from KU regarding how additional revenues will specifically improve reliability, sustainability, or efficiency.

4) Evaluate broader economic effects, particularly on rural campuses and communities where affordability challenges already exist.

We support KU's efforts to provide safe and reliable service, yet the timing and scale of this increase raise legitimate affordability concerns. The Commission's balanced approach is essential to maintaining both infrastructure investment and fairness for consumers and public-serving institutions.

Thank you for your consideration and for ensuring that all voices, including those of higher education and rural communities, are heard in this process. Please include this correspondence in the official record for Case No. 2025-00113.

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