

Public Comments Received for Case Number: 2025-00392
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Comments:
Public Comment for Case No. 2025-00392

To the Kentucky Public Service Commission:

My name is Annette Hines, and I am submitting this comment as a Kentucky resident and electric customer who is deeply concerned about the rising cost of utility bills for regular people.

I understand this case is about proposed pole attachment tariffs for rural electric cooperatives. I also understand that pole attachments can involve broadband, cable, telecommunications, and other companies using electric utility poles. I am not opposed to fair rules, safe infrastructure, or rural broadband expansion. In fact, rural Kentucky needs reliable service, safe poles, and better access to communication infrastructure.

But I am asking the Commission to look very carefully at these proposed tariffs and make sure they are fair, transparent, and do not create another hidden way for costs to be shifted onto electric customers.

Many of us are already paying electric bills that are too high. Families, seniors, people on fixed incomes, renters, and working people are having to make hard choices every month. In Eastern Kentucky and rural communities across the state, utility bills are not just a line item in a budget. They can determine whether someone can afford groceries, medicine, transportation, or rent.

Because of that, I ask the Commission to require clear answers to these questions:

Will these proposed pole attachment tariffs protect electric ratepayers from subsidizing private companies that use cooperative poles?

Will the utilities be required to show that pole attachment revenues are credited back in a way that benefits members and customers?

Will the Commission make sure that any costs related to pole replacement, maintenance, make-ready work, or administrative expenses are reasonable and not inflated?

Will these tariffs support rural broadband and needed infrastructure without putting additional pressure on electric bills?

Will regular cooperative members be able to understand how these tariffs affect the utility's finances and their monthly bills?

Rural electric cooperatives were created to serve people and communities, not to quietly pass costs onto households that are already stretched thin. If outside companies are using utility poles, those companies should pay their fair share. Electric customers should not be left covering costs that belong to telecommunications companies, broadband providers, or other attachers.

At the same time, the Commission should make sure the tariffs are not so unreasonable that they slow down needed rural broadband expansion or create barriers for rural communities that already struggle with access. The goal should be fairness: fair to the cooperative, fair to the attaching companies, and most importantly, fair to the people paying electric bills every month.

I urge the Commission to carefully review these proposed tariffs, require full transparency, and protect Kentucky ratepayers from any cost shifting. Please make sure that any approved tariff is reasonable, publicly understandable, and designed to benefit rural communities rather than add another burden to families.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,
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