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August 20, 2007

Both O'Donnell, Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Ms. O'Donnell,

Several representatives from our organization attended the informal meeting held Thursday, August 16, in Frankfort to discuss the August 1, 2007, Franklin Circuit Court Opinion and Order which could be interpreted to affect surcharges without specific statutory authorization. During that meeting, it was suggested that the Commission would appoint a task force to consider, among other potential solutions, legislative remedies to the Order and its implications.

Community Action Council operates or administers several surcharge-funded Home Energy Assistance and Energy Assistance Programs which provide services to low-income utility customers who otherwise may not be able to pay their bills. Without these programs, some customers could be left in extreme cold in winter or extreme heat in summer, creating life-threatening conditions.

As the designated community action agency for Fayette, Bourbon, Harrison and Nicholas counties and as an operator of multiple utility assistance programs and a regular intervener, the Council is well poised to represent the interests of low-income people in these discussions progress. This letter is to formally request consideration for appointment to any such task force that might be created. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or Charlie Lanter, Manager, Program Development, at (859) 244-2211 or charles.lanter@commaction.org.

Sincerely,

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