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PSC Issues Order to Investigate the Affordability of Electric and Natural Gas Utility Service in Kentucky

FRANKFORT, Ky. (August 26, 2026) – Today the Kentucky Public Service Commission opened a case to provide an opportunity for the public and stakeholders in the Commonwealth to identify and discuss concerns, and potential measures to improve the affordability of electric and natural gas utility service for residential ratepayers.

The Commission made all regulated electric utilities and the five largest natural gas utilities party to the proceeding to create a comprehensive record. The Commission invites interested groups or individuals with a special interest in the affordability of electric and natural gas utility service to participate by seeking intervention to the case or by filing public comments. Public comments may be submitted through the Commission's website at <https://psc.ky.gov/Case/SearchCasesPublicComments> or by sending an email to psc.comment@ky.gov.

Access to electric and natural gas utility service is fundamental to the health, safety, and well-being of Kentuckians. Today's order notes that data collected from the Energy Information Administration (EIA) show that the calculated average residential electricity price in Kentucky was 10.87 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) in 2020 and was



13.24 cents per kWh in 2025, showing a 21.8 percent increase from 2020 to 2025. Given the current environment of rising utility costs, the Commission believes that a broader examination of electric and natural gas utility affordability issues would help the Commission better understand the factors affecting affordability across the Commonwealth and evaluate existing and potential approaches for addressing those concerns. The Commission intends to convene a technical conference in 2027 for parties to examine issues developed in the record. The Commission requests that parties file their initial comments and proposed topics for this case on or before September 30, 2026.

Today's order and other records in the case are available on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov. The case number is 2026-00185.

The PSC is an independent agency attached for administrative purposes to the Energy and Environment Cabinet. It regulates more than 1,100 gas, water, sewer, electric and telecommunication utilities operating in Kentucky and has approximately 90 employees.

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