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**From:** Melnykovich, Andrew (PSC)  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 31, 2009 11:36 AM  
**To:** 'NEVAND2@YAHOO.COM'  
**Subject:** your comments in case 2009-00459

Dear Ms. McGuire:

Thank you for your comments regarding the rate increase proposed by Kentucky Power Co. (American Electric Power Co.) Your comments will be placed into the case file for the Commission's review as it considers this matter. For your future reference, the case number in this matter is 2009-00459. Please reference it in any future correspondence regarding this case.

Thank you again for your interest.

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**From:** PSC - Public Information Officer  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 30, 2009 7:23 PM  
**To:** Melnykovich, Andrew (PSC)  
**Subject:** FW: utility rate hikes

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**From:** Neva McGuire[SMTP:NEVAND2@YAHOO.COM]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 30, 2009 7:22:37 PM  
**To:** PSC - Public Information Officer  
**Subject:** utility rate hikes  
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I just paid a \$175.00 gas bill with a notice in the bill that a 5% penalty would be added for payments received past the due date. I have occasionally received bills from them only 5 to 10 days before the due date. I cannot understand how you approved a rate hike for Columbia Gas calling it "fair, just and reasonable." If natural gas in the nation's most abundant resource, why are these bills so high? Now Kentucky Power Company is asking for a 35% increase in their rates. This calculates to approximately \$40.00 a month added to our existing rate. With the present economy, I don't see how any increase in utilities is justified. It seems Kentuckians' only options are to move or freeze to death.