

Dear Ms. Sinclair :

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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Dear Sir or Madam:

I understand the need of any corporate endeavor to increase prices occasionally in order to meet rising costs. However, excepting the oil companies, which made billions last year, I don't know of a corporate entity that raised it prices 35% last year and is still in business. I think I understand that the providers of electricity have a monopoly and are spared the need to compete for business; for if they had to compete for customers, they might do the same thing other businesses have done during these tough economical times . . .cut expenses, get rid of deadwood, and increase productivity.

Further, excepting of our tax payer bailed out financial institutions' employees, I don't know of anyone who received a thirty-five percent (35%) wage increase this past year or aggregately for the past five or more years! How can we pay for this increase if you permit it?!! Let's be reasonable and think more in terms of 5%, if the power companies can demonstrate that they have, indeed, cut expenses, removed deadwood from their payrolls, and increased productivity. I work for an entity which has not been granted a fee increase in Medicaid services since the mid 1990s. so if they require assistance or lessons in ratcheting down costs and managing better, have them contact me. In the interest of many Kentucky citizens who cannot afford this massive increase to our electric bills I am asking you to act responsibly, and deny the power companies a thirty-five percent increase.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this request.

Sharon Sinclair