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I would like to give my opinion and make my comments known on the purposed rate hike from the Kentucky Power Company.

After my family, neighbors, and I had to do without electricity from 8:50pm on December 19, 2009 to 6:30pm on December 26, 2009, then I think that Kentucky Power can do without a rate hike. That is until some certian concessions are meet.

I believe Kentucky Power (along with say the phone and cable companies) should be held responsible for what trees broke, during the ice/snow storm, that took out the electric, phone, and cable lines. The 116,000 plus folks from here in Eastern Kentucky, Southwestern West Virginia, and Western Virginia had to do without power, phone service, and cable service for over aweek (with some folks still doing without one or all these services). I feel in my heart, soul, and mind that Kentucky Power, along with phone and cable providers should have to be made to get out and clear out at least a 50 foot right of way (cut all trees taller than the lines) on both sides of the electric, phone, and cable lines before another disaster hits and takes services provided to people that they count on. Kentucky Power does that, then I can see giving them the rate hike they want. The right of way should be totally cleared out, finnished, and checked out by the commission before any rate hike is given.

Now if you all want to give Kentucky Power a rate hike with out any concessions, like clear cutting a right of way and trees cut back from the lines, then give it to them for your the powers that be. People off from here might consider us trash, hicks, and hillbillies, but we still have the same heart, soul, and feelings as other folks and deserve top of the line quality service like everyone else.

I just hope you all do the right thing and make Kentucky Power clear the right of way before any rate hike is given. If a rate hike is given before trees are cut back far away from the power lines, then it will be like my old Grandmother use to say "The rich gets richer and the poor gets poorer".

Thank You

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