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Blackout  
The Big Shut down  
Southeastern Kentucky  
is a unusual place. It  
is made up of Valleys, hollows  
branches and creeks. ~~It~~ A good  
example is my immediate  
Community. Within a short  
distance from where I live  
is George's Branche, Houp Creek  
and Scuddy Hollow. Just recently  
they All went dark. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ A four or five inch  
SNOW storm made it All happen.  
This is the third time in the  
last six months this has happened.  
When the electricity goes off  
everything goes dark.

This region of Kentucky  
produces enough blackgold, ~~or~~  
otherwise known as coal to  
produce electricity, or as we call  
it guice to light up one ~~part~~ <sup>10</sup>/<sub>10</sub>  
of the whole Nation. Yet, we  
have to sit in the dark for  
a week at the time.

Our local electric company  
was once a local company. The  
people that worked for the company  
were local people who you could

hollow at and they would immediately get on the job and get the guice back on. That is Not the case today. If your guice goes off, you get on the telephone and call the Company. ~~Since~~ The Company is No longer a local Company but part of a large Co operation. Therefore, you No longer get a person on the telephone, you get a Computer. you are told to hold, push buttons and etc. After a while you are told to call back ~~that~~ and your problem has been recorded.

This latest outledge is a good example of our flusteration. It seems like all the people that were brought in to get us out of the dark again were people who did Not know the region or what they we up against. I talked to people from Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Virginia, ~~and~~ West Virginia and South Carolina. They were here to help but

didn't seem to know just how to do it.

When we had local people who ~~had~~ knew the region they knew what to do. They knew where the problems were likely to be and how to correct them. It was very rare to be out of quice for more than two days. Today it isn't rare to be out for two weeks.

Some local County grand juries are even looking into the matter. It doesn't seem that they would have much authority regarding the matter, but Kentucky's Public Service Commission does. Maybe they should look into it and see if Kentucky Power is doing enough to prevent this from happening.

Another ~~concern~~ <sup>question</sup> I have to consider is as to maintenance, ~~would be if our local branch even has a maintenance department. It has had one at 45~~ seldom seen.

Q. <sup>Does</sup> our local branch even ~~have~~ have

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a maintenance crew. I haven't seen one lately.

Those foreigners that finally came in and got my guice flowing again left a mess for me to clean up myself.

Almost immediately after the big blackout, I read in the paper that our power company was asking for a huge rate increase.

Maybe if they get one they may be willing to pay me for all of that food I have cleaned out of my freezers three times this year.

My wife believes in the theory of "When in doubt, throw it out."

Well, all is not lost, my dogs have been eating good lately.

Maybe they had something to do with this big blackout. ~~I~~ I bet the power company would blame it on them if ~~the~~ it could.

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Customer Classification	Current Revenue	Without Transmission Adjustment			With Transmission Adjustment		
		Proposed Revenue	Proposed Increase	Percent Change	Proposed Revenue	Proposed Increase	Percent Change
RS	\$196,964,517	\$265,806,203	\$68,841,686	34.95%	\$262,804,281	\$65,839,764	33.43%
SGS	\$14,551,918	\$17,806,165	\$3,254,247	22.36%	\$17,605,064	\$3,053,146	20.98%
MGS	\$51,640,578	\$62,538,275	\$10,897,697	21.10%	\$61,831,958	\$10,191,380	19.74%
LGS	\$58,995,442	\$71,576,186	\$12,580,744	21.32%	\$70,767,800	\$11,772,358	19.95%
MW	\$582,698	\$688,182	\$105,484	18.10%	\$680,410	\$97,712	16.77%
QP	\$54,976,107	\$64,138,780	\$9,162,673	6.67%	\$63,414,389	\$8,438,282	15.35%
C.I.P. – T.O.D.	\$124,336,206	\$140,655,061	\$16,318,855	13.12%	\$139,066,487	\$14,730,281	11.85%
OL	\$6,588,349	\$8,818,681	\$2,230,332	33.85%	\$8,618,681	\$2,230,332	33.85%
SL	\$1,129,448	\$1,363,743	\$234,295	20.74%	\$1,363,743	\$234,295	20.74%

The average monthly bill for each customer class to which the proposed electric rates will apply will increase approximately as follows:

Tariff Class	Average Customer KWH	Average Customer Demand KW	Without Transmission Adjustment			With Transmission Adjustment			
			Present Average Billing	Proposed Average Billing	Average Billing Change	Average Percent Change	Proposed Average Revenue	Average Billing Change	Average Percent Change
RS	1,427		\$114.57	\$154.62	\$40.05	34.95%	\$152.87	\$38.30	33.43%
SGS	508		\$53.60	\$65.59	\$11.99	22.37%	\$64.85	\$11.25	20.99%
MGS	6,247	26	\$557.43	\$675.06	\$117.63	21.10%	\$667.44	\$110.01	19.73%
LGS	73,192	224	\$5,650.90	\$6,855.95	\$1,205.05	21.32%	\$6,778.52	\$1,127.62	19.95%
MW	32,589		\$2,427.91	\$2,867.43	\$439.52	18.10%	\$2,835.04	\$407.13	16.77%
QP	859,815	2,096	\$52,659.11	\$61,435.61	\$8,776.50	16.67%	\$60,741.76	\$8,082.65	15.35%
C.I.P.-T.O.D.	10,724,306	20,770	\$575,630.58	\$651,180.83	\$75,550.25	13.12%	\$643,826.33	\$68,195.75	11.85%
OL	75		\$11.30	\$15.13	\$3.83	33.90%	\$15.13	\$3.83	33.90%
SL	11,406		\$1,518.08	\$1,832.99	\$314.91	20.74%	\$1,832.99	\$314.91	20.74%

Any corporation, association, body politic or person may by motion within thirty (30) days after publication or mailing of notice of the proposed rate changes request leave to intervene in Case No. 2009-00459. The motion shall be submitted to the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P. O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615, and shall set forth the grounds for the request, including the status and interest of the party. Intervention may be granted beyond the thirty (30) day period for good cause. The Public Service Commission's phone number is 502-564-3940.

Intervenors may obtain copies of the Application, testimony and any other filings by contacting Kentucky Power Company at 101 A Enterprise Drive, P. O. Box 5190, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-5190, attention Errol K. Wagner or by calling 502-696-7010. A copy of the Application, testimony and any other filings is available for public inspection at KPCo's offices located at 101A Enterprise Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601 with a phone number of 502-696-7010, 12333 Kevin Avenue, Ashland, KY 41102 with a phone number of 606-929-1463, 1400 E. Main St. Hazard, KY 41701 with a phone number of 606-436-1330, 3249 North Mayo Trail Pikeville, KY 41501 with a phone number of 606-437-3824 or from the Public Service Commission at the address and phone number stated above.