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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in opposition to Kentucky Power's recent requested rate increase of 35 percent. As the state senator from the 31st Senatorial District, I do not believe higher electric bills will be beneficial to our citizens. I believe this large of an increase would be too much of a burden on my constituents in Pike, Johnson, and Martin counties.

Even though Kentucky Power has gone more than four years without requesting an increase, I feel that 35 percent is entirely too high to expect the local residents to willingly accept. If approved by the KPSC, the bill for a typical residential customer using 1,427 kilowatt hours of electricity per month will rise from the current price of \$114.57 to \$154.62. That would be a considerable increase in these trying financial times.

I would encourage you to look at all of the information, but to please keep in mind that many of my constituents on fixed incomes or low incomes will be hard pressed to make even tougher decisions on what to pay if their electric bills go up significantly.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 502-564-8100 extension 681.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ray S. Jones, II".

Ray S. Jones, II
State Senator