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211 Sower Boulevard  
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Re: Ky Power Co Case No. 2009-00459

Families are struggling to make it from payday to payday without pay increases. Our insurance's have increased, as well as all other monthly living expenses and now, we are told that the Power Company will increase our electric bills by as much as 35%.

When will this end? We need help if we are to survive. People will be forced to choose keeping warm over buying groceries, or medicine, or seeking medical help when needed.

The economy is in one of the worse conditions ever, and the consumer is being attacked from all sides.

I am on a fixed income and this increase will cause an undue hardship to my survival. During the recent power outage, I found myself in a position that I pray never happens again. I was on the verge of freezing to death before the power was restored. Yet, when we received our power bills, they were staggering. I am not a wasteful person and save as much energy as I can. What are we to do when these bills continue to escalate but our income continues to decrease? We need help and we need it now.

Please tell us if there is anything we can do to survive this economic hardship.

Sincerely,



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