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Kentucky Public Service  
Commission  
Post Office Box 615  
Frankfort, Ky. 40602

Dear Sirs:  
This is written in reference  
to the recent request, made by  
Kentucky Power Co., for a 34.95 percent  
increase in residential electric bills.  
My suggestion for Kentucky  
Power Co. is to change their name  
and move to another location.  
Kentucky has been a poor  
state and cannot afford Kentucky  
Power Co's greed.

If people are not struggling  
to make ends meet (and that  
means paying utilities, keeping  
a modest roof over their heads,  
affording medicine and medical  
bills, providing whatever kind  
of food they can afford) they  
have no idea how difficult  
and full of worry it is in

today's economy.

For the past winters, I have been cold on a daily basis, even though I layer clothing. I keep the house darker, in an effort to control my electric usage! I'm constantly worried about how much my utility bills will be. It made my winter depressing.

My husband struggles to work even though he has had four <sup>heart</sup> attacks - including open heart surgery and additional stents and finally a diagnosis of: "nothing else can be done until you have another heart attack". Presently, he has 3 blockages. Social Security granted him disability, but not being 65 he would have lost our insurance. He has no pension - after 40+ years of working every day in the automobile business. Literally - we could not afford medical insurance premiums. And no company would have given us insurance (I had cancer and he had coronary

artery disease.

We don't belong to a country club, eat steak, hire home repairs done, drive luxury cars, wear expensive clothing, glasses, shoes or furniture, take expensive vacations, eat at expensive restaurants, own a boat, entertain, have a swimming pool, hire yard work, send our child to a prestigious university of her choice, buy her a car, have an adequate bank account to cushion our retirement, receive a retirement benefits package etc.

We live in the same town where an oil company was once located. We know that management positions do indeed include lucrative lifestyles. The past year certainly has given us examples of companies that possess a greediness that ordinary people cannot fathom.

I would really appreciate an honest letter from American Electric Power explaining why they find themselves in such dire financial condition that

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they must again ask for such a large increase in times that families are sliding ever downward and only a few are living in the top of luxury.

As a child I read about Robin Hood. I think the story indicated that he stole from the rich to give to the poor. I had been taught that stealing was wrong - but I could appreciate his sympathy for the poor.

Now I'm pondering another situation. Can the rich take from the poor so that they can become richer? I suppose that could be an ethical dilemma requiring a lot of soul searching. And I'm not sure that all presidents and C.E.O's are required to possess that quality.

I would like to find a few Robin Hoods left in our Society. It would certainly lift my faith in humanity. If you can help consider Kentucky Power Company's proposed 34.95 percent increase with reasonableness, Kentucky's seniors

would be very appreciative. We do not feel this increase is necessary or reasonable.

There are many good - hard - working, honest citizens - who have been the pillars of our communities. And we deserve to be treated honestly and fairly.

Sincerely  
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P.S. We are not asking for a hand-out - we are asking for some control (or, if you will - some stop signs).