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Public Service Commission,

I am requesting to intervene regarding the KU proposal to increase rates. What is particularly disturbing is the "excessive" 200% increase of ^{the} Residential service customer Charge. This increase, if approved by the PSC, is little more than a tax on KU customers. The increase of the customer charge does ~~little to~~ nothing to encourage electric conservation - as it is a flat fee rather than a per kWh charge. ~~My~~

For example, my situation is that I am a full-time UK engineering student, as well as a full-time UK employee. I pay about \$50.00/month at the current rate. Under the new proposed rate my bill would increase by about \$11/month ($\approx 22\%$ increase) of this increase the vast majority of the increased cost comes from the customer charge (over 90% of increase! of cost)

This rate increase comes at a time of economic uncertainty, high unemployment, and ballooning deficits. I urge the PSC to reject this offer as it is unreasonable. For the sake of myself and the thousands of KU customer's I speak for, Please do not pass/approve this proposal.

Thanks for your concern,


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