

Dear Mr. Wortman:

Thank you for your comments regarding the rate increase proposed by Kentucky Utilities Co. Your comments will be placed into the case file for the Commission's review as it considers this matter. For your future reference, the case number in this matter is 2009-00548. Please cite it in any future correspondence regarding this case so that your comments may be readily directed to the case file.

Thank you again for your interest.

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**From:** ZACHARY & TRACE WORTMAN[SMTP:REDACTED]  
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To whom it may concern:

I just wanted to write and express my disappointment at the electric rate increase proposed by KU. This is particularly acute for me given that I just wrote a check for more than \$378 for my previous months service. Our house is nearly 200 years old, made of solid brick, and of course sits on top of a high ridge like many older homes. To say it is difficult to heat is an understatement. We used to use a fuel oil boiler and hydronic heating, but the volatility in oil prices got to be too much. So I switched to primarily electric heat, hoping the rates would stay low. I realize that we have low rates compared to many places, but the proposed 13.54% rate increase that would add \$11.70 to the "average" bill would have increased our last bill by \$50. I am doing what I can to improve the energy efficiency of our house, but with a historic home there a limits to what can be done. And the \$1500 per month pay cut I have been living with since last September isn't helping. I guess it's time to look into propane.

Times are tough. For consumers, state and federal government, and just about everybody else. If nothing else, the timing of the proposed rate increase demonstrates a shocking lack of sensitivity and common sense. Does KU know what's going on out here? I know that energy costs money, but as far as I'm concerned, KU can tighten their belt for the time being--like the rest of us--and hope for better times.

Regards, Zac Wortman  
Sparta, KY REDACTED