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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Public Service Commissioner 211 Sower Boulevard PO Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Commissioner,

I just read that Kentucky Utilities is wanting a rate increase. I realize that the Public Service Commissioner must approve any and all rate increases. I strongly oppose any form of rate increase.

There are several reasons to not allow a rate increase. First, with the state of the economy and the high rate of unemployment, how can a rate increase be justified? How can people pay the increase? Most people are struggling to pay their current bills. Second, coal is at a low price per ton. Third, natural gas prices are at an all time low. Forth, copper wire is the same price as it was in 2011. Fifth, gasoline and diesel fuel is near the 2009 prices (prices are down). Sixth, presently the meter reading charge is \$8.00 per meter, this equates to about \$300.00 per hour to read meters. KU now proposes to increase this charge to \$13.50 per meter, this equates to over \$500.00 per hour to read meters, this increase and charge is ridiculous.

I ask that the Public Service Commissioner not approve any form of rater increase.

Sincerely,

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