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 Kentucky Public Service Commission  
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RE: Case No. 2012-00221 – Opposition to Kentucky Utilities' Proposed Rate  
 Increases and Improper Structure

Dear Commissioners:

I am a residential customer of KU. I write to oppose KU's rate increases on electric service. Present rates are fair, just and reasonable. In these difficult times, KU already enjoys a secure and generous rate of return on its capital.

If any increase is due, I oppose increasing the monthly service charges. KU wants to raise the monthly electric service charge by 53% (from \$8.50 to \$13.00) and the kWh rate by only 3.5% (from 6.987 cents to 7.253 cents). This follows a 70% increase in 2010, from \$5.00 to \$8.50.

Any rate increase should be put on the kilowatt-hour, not the monthly service charge. KU enjoys a monopoly and guaranteed profit. It doesn't need a higher monthly service charge to ensure adequate revenues. Increasing the monthly service charge instead of the kilowatt-hour:

- Unfairly and unjustly lowers the returns of prior private investors in efficiency;
- Unreasonably discourages future private investments in efficiency;
- Unreasonably rewards wasteful users of energy;
- Unjustly and unfairly impacts those who use energy sparingly (i.e. – the poor, the elderly and the efficiency-minded), and;
- Unreasonably impairs deployment of renewables and distributed generation;

In short, KU's proposed structure is bad public policy. A public utility with monopoly and guaranteed profit should not employ such structure. I pray the Commission will not allow it, either after hearing or in any proposed settlement.

Very truly yours,

Signature

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Re: **Kentucky Utilities Company**  
**Case No. 2012-00221**

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am a customer of the Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU"), and I oppose the proposed 8.03% rate increase requested by the KU.

PSC Director of Communications Andrew Melnkovich says that if the Commission went strictly by public comments then every time we'd have a proposed rate increase and people said they didn't want a rate increase then the utilities would go bankrupt. We are saying to the PSC that residential customers are bankrupt with utility increases and high food and gas costs. With mining companies closing and unemployment in our area at a recorded 13.1%, we cannot afford another increase of any kind. Organizations that help with utility bills have more requests than they can meet. With the increase the KU desires, a family can be fed for another day or gas can be purchased to get to work or to the doctor.

Our economy needs to improve greatly before any kind of increase. Please do not approve this increase and place the burden on the backs of those who can least afford it.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

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