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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 Melnkovych 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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