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I am writing to urge you to not approve Kentucky Utilities increase of 9.57 percent on residential rates. That is 5 times the cost of the average cost of living increase of 1.7 percent. There is now information in the community that the average dollar increase per month for residents will be \$18.00. That is not a 9.57 percent increase! I urge you to investigate how much these rate increases will truly cost our residents. Kentucky's average rate of pay has not increased with the cost of living in this state, as it is. Approving this tremendous rate increase will be detrimental to Kentucky families that work so hard to provide for even their basic necessities.

Please keep Kentucky residents in the front of your mind on this matter. This is not something that can be easily absorbed right now, with all the other changes that have taken place, i.e. health care requirements. Negotiate with Kentucky Utilities to a much more feasible rate for our residents.

Regards,

Michelle Davis Castro