## December 11, 2014

Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard P. O. Box 615 Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

To Whom It May Concern:

Recently, I received a notice from Kentucky Utilities Company, announcing a proposed rate increase for electric service. The proposed increase for residential service is 9.7%.

For a quarter century I have served, off and on, as a member of the board of directors of Family Services Association of Boyle County. This charitable organization provides short-term, emergency assistance to Boyle County residents with the aim of quickly returning them to economic stability. The assistance covers a variety needs, but far and away the biggest one is for energy, especially in the summer and winter months. Energy costs consume the biggest chunk of our assistance budget.

I myself am a retired person of the middle middle-class and living on a fixed income. Even a 1% or 2% increase in energy costs would affect me adversely, although I could manage to pay it. For many others, however, including the clients of Family Services (which is only one of many such charitable organizations across this town and state), the effect would be severe and in some cases devastating.

While it is true that costs rise even for public utilities, a rise of the magnitude proposed seems, from my vantage point, unjustified. I urge you to deny the request from Kentucky Utilities.

Cordially yours. Milton Scarborough Noroney

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