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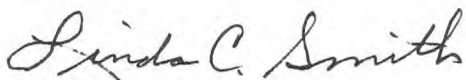
Gentlemen:

Here we go AGAIN!! My husband and I are SENIOR CITIZENS (age 77 and 75) trying to survive on our Social Security checks, NO pensions and very little savings. Shortly after it is announced that the COLA increase on Social Security checks for 2015 will be 1.7%, an announcement comes out in the paper that Kentucky Utilities is seeking an adjustment once AGAIN in their electric rates. The COLA increase expected in 2015 will possibly add a total of \$30 to the total of both our checks (not each check). Already we have notices of other increases in insurance, cable, internet, etc. which amount to the total of the increase expected in 2015. (We have had to search and change insurance 3 times in recent years to lower our costs, our cable is bare bones, not extras, as is our internet.) Our cable is like Kentucky Utilities – only one choice unless we went to satellite, and their contracts are TOO complicated, and have TEASER rates.

The proposed Kentucky Utilities increase on the Energy Change per KWH of .00313 doesn't seem quite as BAD as the proposed increase on Basic Service Charge per Month of \$7.25 (from \$10.75 to \$18.00) that is ALMOST a 68% increase!!!! I consider that outrageous!!! At least the energy change being based on KWH gives the consumer the opportunity to use less energy and TRY to cut the cost, whereas the Basic Service charge is what it is each and every month regardless of how much or how little is used. WE, Senior Citizens, are already living in COLD, DARK houses in the winter. We have only ONE electric company to purchase our electricity from and can NOT shop around like we can for food and at least the grocery stores have sales each week. We are given a choice at the grocery store.

Where will these increases stop? At the rate the utility company is going, the Basic Service Charge may one day be as much as our total electric bills were in past years. NO one gets an increase in their income as much as almost 68%!!! Hopefully the Public Service Commission will have influence and stop this increase from being so HIGH!!!

Sincerely,



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