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Kentucky Utilities wants another rate increase which appears to be around 9%. Folks, have you ever considered how an increases of this size affects people? Think of the senior citizens who received a whopping 1.7% social security increase, the underemployed who are not even able to meet current needs, the completely unemployed, the retires who receive less than 1% on their life savings and above all the struggling new graduate who is trying to get started. Don't you think the buck may need to stop on your end?

I know the EPA has several requirements and I am sure they have done a lot of good things. Maybe they too need to back up a little with this present economy. I know we don't want to return to kerosene for lights, coal and wood for heat, fans for cooling, wells/cisterns for water and the little brown shack out back. Again, however, we must have health insurance, food, transportation, taxes, medical fees, clothing, house or rent payments child care needs, etc. I think you get the point.

I do not have anything against KU, the service has been satisfactory, the sewer and water systems, which are also out of control and the **Public Service Commission** who monitors rates. I feel the public needs help. The economy is not as great as people have been led to believe.

Rate increases are necessary at times but not this much at once.

I am a concerned citizen who wants the best for the people of our wonderful state and being a reasonable person I am sure there are many items I have not considered. Have a great new year.

Respectfully.

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