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COMMISSIONTO : KENTUCKY PSC COMMISSION Regarding Case #2014-00371.

I am writing in regards to Kentucky Utilities notice of intent for rate increases case #2014-00371. To increase basic service charge from 10.75 to 18.00 per month a 7.25 increase per month and total of 87.00 per year. As we all know from time to time raises do have to occur to keep up with the market, But I feel that you have already been more than generous on granting KU increases. As they just got a 5 percent increase in 2013 .This increase cost most customers an extra \$10.00 per month. Why so soon another increase? The last time I flipped my light switch on they came on the same they did before the increase occurred, the Company also that 2014 was the last year for giving customers a few light bulbs per year. I think they are simply asking the PSC for another increase because it has been easy for them to obtain, they may not always be granted for what they ask for, but the great folks of Middlesboro and Southeastern KY cannot afford any more increases from Utility companies. As you may not know we have not overcome the war on coal, We have unemployment rates well above the national average and they may have went down according to data on computers, but only because the Federal unemployment extension ended in December 2013 therefore people were no longer on Unemployment but that certainly does not mean they are now employed that just simply means they are no longer counted for in the system as being on unemployment, in which that makes it look like things are getting better, But I am here to tell you things are far from getting better in Southeast Kentucky. IF you ever wonder why population is declining it is because the great folks here cannot find work and the ones that are working are barely hanging on due to high taxes, and Utility companies taking advantage of the great folks of Eastern Kentucky. I ask that you take the time to look at what you have already given them in the past 5 years. In 2014 the PSC granted Delta Natural Gas a 19 percent increase. On a 200 dollar bill the customer will be paying 38 dollars more. In July 2014 you give our water company Water Service Corp of KY a 4 percent increase, While I realize they ask for more but they should not of been granted anything. In 2011 you granted them almost a 3 percent increase, in 2009 you granted them a Whopping 29 percent increase. All while they closed the local office in Middlesboro an inconvenience to the residents, and caused great employees to lose their job. I ask that you do not grant KU this increase. When you have already granted them a 5 percent increase last year. Along with Two of our other utilities significant increases. These companies have made poor business decisions in recent years, and now wants ratepayers to foot the bill. These companies are not paying for its bad decisions they are asking the Public Service Commission to make Middlesboro citizens pay for them. It is asking you to sanction their bad decisions. I am asking you to not make the great citizens pay this, I am asking that you deny their request. Your mission statement states The mission of the Kentucky Public Service Commission is to foster the provision of safe and reliable service at a reasonable price to the customers of jurisdictional utilities while providing for the financial stability of those utilities by **setting fair and just rates**, and supporting their operational competence by overseeing regulated activities.

Lucas Carter

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January 03, 2014

Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Boulevard  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

I implore you to deny ANY rate increase for **Kentucky Utilities Company**.

Here are some simple facts:

- KU is owned by LG&E & KU Energy which owned by PPL Corp out of New York
- PPL is listed on the New York Stock Exchange
- PPL's annual revenue for 2013 was \$11.9 Billion dollars
- PPL's Gross Profit for 2013 was \$4.561 Billion dollars
- PPL's Net Income for 2013 was \$1.13 Billion dollars
- KU's Chairman, CEO and President Victor Staffieri's total compensation for 2013 was \$3,966,568.

This all a matter of public record. KU proudly boasts their requested increase is below the National average for similar utilities. In their boasting, they fail to mention that the average Kentucky personal income is 24% below that of the National average.

My question is, why does a company that makes over a billion dollars a year in PROFIT and pays their local KU President nearly \$4 million dollars a year, need any amount of an increase? Most businesses use their profits to expand or make infrastructure improvement. They don't go out and raise prices to do these things.

I live on Social Security and my raise or increase this year was 1.7%, just a very few additional dollars each month. And I honestly cannot afford any additional charges on my utility bills or I will have to cut back on food or medicines.

Again, I respectfully request that you do not at this time, allow ANY rate increase. PLEASE DO NOT even allow a 1% or any partial increase from their request.

Sincerely,

*James David Burton*

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DEAR EDWARD R. STATON  
I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO UTILITIES FILED FOR A RATE INCREASE.  
IF THEY WOULD START GENERATING THE ELECTRICITY THEY SELL TO THE PUBLIC WITH WINDMILLS AND GENERATORS THEY COULD SUPPLY THE ELECTRICITY A GREAT DEAL CHEAPER AND WITH A GREAT DEAL OF LESS WATER AND AIR POLLUTION.

I WAS GOING TO TELL EVERYONE HOW THEY COULD DO THIS ON THE INTERNET. I DIDN'T DO THIS BECAUSE IT WOULD CAUSE THE PEOPLE TO CHANGE TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT.

THEREFOR THE OIL AND GAS COMPANIES WOULD BE SHUTTING DOWN,  
GAS STATIONS CLOSING.

THIS WOULD GREATLY REDUCE THE ECONOMY  
CAUSE A GREAT DEAL OF PEOPLE HARDSHIP

IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR MITCH  
MCUNNEL I WOULD HAVE DONE IT  
WITHOUT REALIZING THE BAD RESULTS.

SINCERELY,  
CHRISTOPHER M. WHITE.