Dear Mr. Allen:

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Andrew Melnykovych Director of Communications Kentucky Public Service Commission 502-782-2564 (direct) or 502-564-3940 (switchboard) 502-330-5981 (cell) Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov **RECEIVED** By Kentucky PSC at 11:12 am, Mar 20, 2017

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From: Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2017 8:46 PM To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: KU service fee hikes - Case #2016-00370

Dear Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission:

I am Grant Allen, I live in Lexington KY 40509.

I am very concerned about KU's unfair proposal to double their basic service charge. Our community deserves affordable, clean energy, and we deserve to have control over our energy bills. This increase takes us in the wrong direction.

KU wants to charge us more - and they want to do it by increasing the flat fee we all have to pay no matter how much energy we use, while slightly lowering the rate they charge for energy use. That's not right. It hurts people with low and moderate incomes. And it makes it harder for my family to manage our bills by being careful about how much energy we use.

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Sincerely,

Grant Allen 1761 Battery St Lexington, KY 40509-4555 Dear Ms. Angel:

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-----Original Message-----From:

Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 1:01 AM To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: KU service fee hikes - Case #2016-00370

Dear Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission:

I am \_\_\_\_\_(Briefly describe yourself.)

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Sincerely,

Heather Angel 119 E Locust St Richmond, KY 40475 Dear Ms. Brown:

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From: Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 3:02 PM To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: KU service fee hikes - Case #2016-00370

Dear Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission:

I am NicolaBrown I live at 2948 Sullivan Trace Lex, KY 40511. I am a disabled low income single parent family.I can't afford this increase on my monthly bill. It's a struggle to pay my bill before this increase. Please take consideration for low income family's.case # 2016-00370 \_\_(Briefly describe yourself.)

I am very concerned about KU's unfair proposal to double their basic service charge. Our community deserves affordable, clean energy, and we deserve to have control over our energy bills. This increase takes us in the wrong direction.

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The Kentucky Public Service Commission must ensure that KU's rate structure is fair, necessary, and does not hurt low- and moderate-income residents. Please reject these proposals. Insist that these utilities come up with a fair plan that allows us all to breathe easier. Sincerely, Nicola Brown

Sincerely,

Nicola Brown 2948 Sullivan Trace Lexington , KY 40511 Dear Ms. Combs:

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From: Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 9:21 AM To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: KU service fee hikes - Case #2016-00370

Dear Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission:

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Sincerely,

Judy Combs 56 Sycamore Drive Wayland, KY 41666-6810 Dear Ms. Cooper:

Thank you for your comments on the application of Kentucky Utilities Co. for an adjustment in rates.

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-----Original Message-----From: Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 5:36 PM To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: KU service fee hikes - Case #2016-00370

Dear Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission:

I am \_\_\_\_\_(Briefly describe yourself.)

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Sincerely,

Cara Cooper 907 Bryan Ave Lexington, KY 40505-3536 Dear Mr. & Mrs. Dziubakowski:

Thank you for your comments on the application of Kentucky Utilities Co. for an adjustment in rates.

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From: Don Dziubakowski [
Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2017 11:12 AM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: KU Rate Increase Application 2016-00370

Ladies / Gentlemen:

Our RS service total electric bill for 2016 was slightly more than \$2,000. Dividing the cost by the usage, including all the charges for taxes, fuel cost reduction, and meter charges, my average cost resulted in \$0.0960 per KWH. We believe that cost level is probably fair considering the KU fuel mix.

Increasing the fixed monthly [metering] charge to \$22.00, a 104.7% increase is excessive. If their true costs are that high, they should be advised to get these costs of meter reading and billing under control. Any increase should be capped at \$15/month for an extended period, say five years.

Raising the usage charge by \$0.005 / KWH may have justification, however with the possible EPA environmental changes, it would be advisable to have KU [and LG&E] reevaluate their generation mix, including not retiring coal generation units and possibly returning to service those units retired,

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Reported average costs of generation reported by the EIA for the previous year [2015], indicate the following cost per KWH:

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Hydro at	\$0.0342			
Coal at	\$0.0384			
Gas boilers at	\$0.0489			
Simple cycle GT \$0.0734				
Solar PV	\$0.710* with tax credits = \$0.535*			
Solar thermal	\$1.756* with tax credits = \$133.9*			

Since the KU generation complement includes the first four, no more than a 5% increase should be justified. The latter two, being very costly, should be avoided. We request the PSC monitor and scrutinize the cost projections for the proposed solar facility because of the potential to use those costs to justify an additional rate increase.

We are also very concerned about some, so called, environmental groups who use a sue and settle approach to get concessions from power companies – with the consumers having to pay increased costs for generation because of the settlements. We request the PSC to monitor this issue.

Thank you for listening to our concerns. Mr. & Mrs. D. Dziubakowski Georgetown, Scott County, KY Dear Mr. Edwards:

Thank you for your comments on the application of Kentucky Utilities Co. for an adjustment in rates.

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Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 1:36 PM To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: KU service fee hikes - Case #2016-00370

Dear Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission:

I am \_\_\_\_\_David Edwards, a resident of Woodford County KY.\_\_\_(Briefly describe yourself.)

I am very concerned about KU's unfair proposal to double their basic service charge. Our community deserves affordable, clean energy, and we deserve to have control over our energy bills. This increase takes us in the wrong direction.

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Sincerely,

David Edwards 6375 Clifton Rd Versailles, KY 40383-9586 Dear Mr. Falkner:

Thank you for your comments on the application of Kentucky Utilities Co. for an adjustment in rates.

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From: Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 4:15 PM To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: Service charge, Case #2016-00370

This is Jeffrey Falkner, in Elizabethtown. KU provides my electricity.

Doubling the monthly service charge will disproportionately affect those in the community who can least afford it, the working poor and people on fixed incomes, the elderly in particular.

KU claims this action will save customers money in the long run, but that's true only of customers who use the largest amounts of energy, and in the the months of high demand. The community needs and deserves affordable energy, not increases in cost that benefit the utility and harm the customer.

Thanks for your attention. Sincerely, Jeffrey Falkner 309 Crossgate Rd Elizabethtown, KY 42701 "We cry that we are come unto this great stage of fools." King Lear, Wm Shakespeare Dear Ms. Goldstein:

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Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 5:01 PM To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: KU service fee hikes - Case #2016-00370

Dear Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission:

My name is Allie and I am a concerned resident of Louisville.

I am very concerned about KU's unfair proposal to double their basic service charge. Our community deserves affordable, clean energy, and we deserve to have control over our energy bills. This increase takes us in the wrong direction.

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Sincerely,

Allison Goldstein 1943 Harvard drive apt 2 Louisville , KY 40205 Dear Mr. Haik:

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To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: KU service fee hikes - Case #2016-00370

Dear Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission:

I am \_\_\_\_a retired professional.\_\_\_\_(Briefly describe yourself.)

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Sincerely,

Peter Haik 107 Chestnut Ct Berea, KY 40403-1638 Dear Ms. Hedges:

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From: Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 10:51 AM To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Subject: KU service fee hikes - Case #2016-00370

Dear Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission:

I am \_\_\_\_\_(Briefly describe yourself.)

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Sincerely,

Shauna Hedges 9323-B Loch Lea Lane Louisville , KY 40291 Dear Mr. Hibbs:

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-----Original Message-----From: Mark Hibbs Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 1:26 PM To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: Case 2016-00370 KU Rate Increase Comments

Attached is my pdf letter with my comments about the proposed KU rate increase in 2017. Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Mark Hibbs

## Mark Hibbs

Lexington, Ky. 40503

February 15, 2017

Ky Public Service Commission

Case #: 2016-00370 KU Rate Increase

I am writing to register my opposition to the November 2016 KU proposed rate increase. This is an extremely high outrageous increase as proposed to us the customers. I was only made aware of the dollar amounts in my February 2017 bill newsletter. KU it seems kept the real numbers from us this long by not putting them on the bill itself so we would have the real facts. They further stated or implied that their changes would keep the customer from seeing big swings in bills due to weather. Not so if the customer does not keep constant their usage.

In reviewing the facts as I have them from the newsletter mostly I see it like this. My current Jan 17 bill was a high month usage for me as I use an electric space heater to save money (gas is high and hvac not efficient). This causes my usage to vary month to month and I am ok with this. I have yet to exceed 1000 kwh a month ever and some months it is around 350 kwh. All this is ok with me as long as the rates are reasonable.

This new proposal is not reasonable. It would increase my monthly bill by around \$11.25 before any electric is used. That could be used to pay other bills. It does nothing to prevent or reduce bill swings.

This BSC (basic service charge) increase is a 104.651% increase and the kwh rate reduction to \$.085 per is a mere -4.494%. The customer looses again considering that most customers don't even get a 2% pay raise and retirees are on fixed incomes with some not even getting a .5% increase. But KU only says the increase is around 6.4% or \$7.61 increase in the bill per month. My figures don't support that for me. Their figures also use 2358 kwh per month usage, far above my usage numbers and maybe I am more inline with this part of the population (those that try to keep cost down).

They indicated a second option was for them to leave the BSC at \$10.75 and increase the kwh rate to \$.095 per. This is the lesser of two evils for most customers but is it even necessary as KU just got a rate increase. Given they are a monopoly and no customer can shop around for a better deal (without moving elsewhere) they need to take better care of their money as many customers have too. I see way too many tv commercials by KU (don't read papers or listen to radio) which cost money and as a monopoly do they

really need to do this. They have customers held hostage as it is. I have seen other waste from them with mailings for Demand meters and other junk mail I get from them, all costing them the profits they seem to think they need. If all the Solar farms and other changes they have made are good then should they need a rate increase as those improvements should make them more profitable without these large rate increases.

As one who will be going on a fixed retirement income I have little wiggle room in my finances as is and this will only make it worse. It definitely seems to me if we the customers can and have to do with less so should not only KU but all utilities that are monopolies. We simply have no where else to go.

This time it is KU wanting more and last month it was Columbia Gas. Who will be next? They seem to forget or don't care all of them are going to the same people grabbing big sums of money through rate increases. The cash cow is going dry fast here. Please put a stop to this or a severe reduction in it for all of us customers.

Sincerely yours,

Mark Hibbs

Dear Mr. Hungerbuhler:

Thank you for your comments on the application of Kentucky Utilities Co. for an adjustment in rates.

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Andrew Melnykovych Director of Communications Kentucky Public Service Commission 502-782-2564 (direct) or 502-564-3940 (switchboard) 502-330-5981 (cell) Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov

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Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 1:21 PM To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: KU service fee hikes - Case #2016-00370

Dear Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission:

I am a homeowner in Lexington and a KU customer. I am concerned that increasing the flat monthly fee to my energy bill will make it less cost effective to make energy efficiency upgrades to my home. Please do not allow this fee hike.

Sincerely,

Erik Hungerbuhler 981 Maywick Dr. Lexington, KY 40504 Dear Mr. Lake:

Thank you for your comments on the application of Kentucky Utilities Co. for an adjustment in rates.

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## From:

Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 1:42 PM To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: KU service fee hikes - Case #2016-00370

Dear Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission:

I am current customer,

I am very concerned about KU's unfair proposal to double their basic service charge. Our community deserves affordable, clean energy, and we deserve to have control over our energy bills. This increase takes us in the wrong direction.

KU wants to charge us more - and they want to do it by increasing the flat fee we all have to pay no matter how much energy we use, while slightly lowering the rate they charge for energy use. That's not right. It hurts people with low and moderate incomes. And it makes it harder for my family to manage our bills by being careful about how much energy we use.

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Sincerely,

Kyle Lake 2874 Walnut Hill Rd Lexington, KY 40515-9540 Dear Ms. Landrum:

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-----Original Message-----From: Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 11:01 AM To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: KU service fee hikes - Case #2016-00370

Dear Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission:

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Sincerely,

Mary Landrum 3050 Kirklevington Drive Lexington, KY 40517-2402 Dear Ms. Lykins:

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From: Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2017 9:46 PM To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: KU service fee hikes - Case #2016-00370

Dear Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission:

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Sincerely,

Kathy Lykins 1026 Linden St Richmond, KY 40475 Dear Mr. Madden:

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Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2017 5:51 PM To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: KU service fee hikes - Case #2016-00370

Dear Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission:

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Sincerely,

Kenneth Madden 1026 Brooklyn Blvd. Apt 4 Berea, KY 40403-1298 Dear Ms. Mandel:

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From: Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2017 6:06 PM To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: KU service fee hikes - Case #2016-00370

Dear Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission:

I am a resident of Lexington ...using both gas and KU...(Briefly describe yourself.)

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Sincerely,

Elise Mandel 615 Headley Ave Lexington, KY 40508-1307 Dear Mr. Mason:

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From: Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 3:12 PM To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: KU service fee hikes - Case #2016-00370

Dear Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission:

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Mason 416 Lucille Dr Lexington, KY 40511-8601 Dear Mr. Mason:

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From: Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 3:16 PM To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: KU service fee hikes - Case #2016-00370

Dear Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission:

I am one exasperated citizen.

I am very concerned about KU's unfair proposal to double their basic service charge. Our community deserves affordable, clean energy, and we deserve to have control over our energy bills. This increase takes us in the wrong direction.

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Mason 416 Lucille Dr Lexington, KY 40511 Dear Ms. McCubbin-Cain:

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From:			

Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 4:11 PM To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: KU service fee hikes - Case #2016-00370

Dear Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission:

My husband and I are senior citizens with limited income. We do our best to conserve water and energy for both economic and environmental reasons.

We are strongly opposed to KU's proposal to double its basic service charge and lowering the rate for energy use. This fee structure will lessen incentives to conserve energy and impose an unfair financial burden on consumers like us.

KU claims that the proposed rate structure will save consumers money, but it will not help people like us, who use gas and electricity frugally. We question KU's public information and the motives behind its proposal. Rewarding customers who use the most energy is not in the public interest.

The proposed charges will move Kentucky in the wrong direction and make things worse for our energy bills, health, local jobs and climate.

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Sincerely,

Sarah McCubbin-Cain 3617 Windgate Way Lexington, KY 40517-2031 Dear Ms. Podet:

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From: Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 2:52 PM To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: KU service fee hikes - Case #2016-00370

Dear Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission:

I am a KU residential customer in Lexington, KY.

I am very concerned about KU's unfair proposal to double their basic service charge. Our community deserves affordable, clean energy, and we deserve to have control over our energy bills. This increase takes us in the wrong direction.

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This increase will remove financial incentive for customers to conserve energy. It makes no sense for a rate structure to reward customers who use the most energy. The proposed charges will discourage people like me from taking steps to make our homes and businesses more energy efficient or use renewable energy. These charges will move Kentucky in the wrong direction and make things worse for our energy bills, health, local jobs and climate.

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Sincerely,

Eve Podet 308 Greenbriar Rd Lexington, KY 40503-2636 Dear Mr. Porter:

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-----Original Message-----From:

Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 9:56 PM To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: KU service fee hikes - Case #2016-00370

Dear Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission:

I am a retired corporate economist.

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Sincerely,

James Porter 155 Old Bridge Rd Danville, KY 40422-9783 Dear Mr. Renigar:

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From: Nathan Renigar
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 1:43 AM
To: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov>
Subject: Re: Response to Notice to Customers of Kentucky Utilities Company

Hello Andrew, I live in Fayette County Kentcuky. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Kind Regards, Nathan

On Wed, Feb 1, 2017 at 3:30 PM, Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <<u>Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov</u>> wrote:

Mr. Renigar:

In order to place your comments into the case file, we need you to provide your place of residence. Thank you.

Andrew Melnykovych

Director of Communications Kentucky Public Service Commission <u>502-782-2564</u> (direct) or <u>502-564-3940</u> (switchboard) <u>502-330-5981</u> (cell) Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov

From: Nathan Renigar [ Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 10:34 AM To: PSC - Public Information Officer Subject: Fwd: Response to Notice to Customers of Kentucky Utilities Company

I did not receive a response to the below inquiry.

Please advise.

Regards

----- Forwarded message ------From: **Nathan Renigar** Date: Wed, Dec 14, 2016 at 6:41 PM Subject: Response to Notice to Customers of Kentucky Utilities Company To: <u>psc.info@ky.gov</u>

To Whom It May Concern, I recently received a notification as described in the subject line of this message.

In this notice, Kentucky Utilities is requesting an increase in electric rates in order to increase their annual revenues by an estimated 6.4%. Based on the information provided, this is an increase in annual revenue by approximately \$1.6 billion.

Has KU provided any justification for this proposed revenue increase? Do they have plans to hire additional employees or purchase additional equipment? If they were expanding their service area, an increase in rates would not be required, as additional revenues would be realized through an increased customer base, so that cannot be the reason.

Or is this a move to simply increase their profit margin? If that is the case, has KU provided plans to distribute those additional margins to their shareholders and employees?

Please provide answers to these questions as available. And before considering this proposal, please make sure your organization has answers to these questions as well.

Kind Regards, Nathan Dear Mr. Stancil:

Thank you for your comments on the application of Kentucky Utilities Co. for an adjustment in rates.

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Sincerely,

Kenneth Stancil 326 Woodland Ave, Apt 4 Lexington, KY 40508 Dear Ms. Stepp:

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From Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 3:41 PM To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: KU service fee hikes - Case #2016-00370

Dear Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission:

I am a KU customer. I am very concerned about KU's unfair proposal to double their basic service charge. Our community deserves affordable, clean energy, and we deserve to have control over our energy bills. This increase takes us in the wrong direction.

KU wants to charge us more - and they want to do it by increasing the flat fee we all have to pay no matter how much energy we use, while slightly lowering the rate they charge for energy use. That's not right. It hurts people with low and moderate incomes. And it makes it harder for my family to manage our bills by being careful about how much energy we use.

KU has sent customers misleading information about the new rate structure, indicating that it will save consumers money. But their claims only apply to very high-volume users, and only in months with very high energy use. For my family and many others, their plan will lead to an average increase in my monthly energy bill. I am concerned about the nature of the utilities' public information. And I believe it makes no sense for a rate structure to reward customers who use the most energy.

The proposed charges will discourage people like me from taking steps to make our homes and businesses more energy efficient or use renewable energy. These charges will move Kentucky in the wrong direction and make things worse for our energy bills, health, local jobs and climate.

The Kentucky Public Service Commission must ensure that KU's rate structure is fair, necessary, and does not hurt

low- and moderate-income residents. Please reject these proposals. Insist that these utilities come up with a fair plan that allows us all to breathe easier.

Sincerely,

Gloria Stepp 586 Old River Rd Salt Lick, KY 40371-8737 Dear Ms. Szubinska:

Thank you for your comments on the application of Kentucky Utilities Co. for an adjustment in rates.

Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration.

For your future reference, the case number in this matter is 2016-00370. It would be helpful if you would please refer to it in any further correspondence.

The application and other documents in this case are available at <a href="http://psc.ky.gov/PSC\_WebNet/ViewCaseFilings.aspx?case=2016-00370">http://psc.ky.gov/PSC\_WebNet/ViewCaseFilings.aspx?case=2016-00370</a>

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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From: Szubinska, Barbara
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 5:17 PM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Comment on 2016-00371 KU Application for Rate Adjustment

Dear PSC:

I am opposed to KU's Customer (Fixed) Charge increase. This increase gives customers less incentive to lower their electricity use because they feel that no matter how much they try to lower their use, their bill remains the same. All rate increases should occur on the energy use side.

I am also opposed to the request for smart meters. Advertised as giving people information

and control over their usage, they do not make a difference. Low-income and older customers are less likely to have the internet access and savvy necessary to view any info generated; Smart Meters result in layoffs because they no longer need people to go to a site to connect and disconnect power and to read the meters like they do now; they lay the way for 'prepayment' systems which are geared towards low-income but actually end up being more expensive per kwh for them; remote and auto disconnect capacity makes disconnection far more likely for low-income, elderly, young, sick, and those on medical devices which endangers their health.

Instead of Smart Meters, KU should do a thorough review of alternative energy efficiency and demand side management measures – smart thermostats, energy efficient appliance subsidy programs for low-income, more weatherization and insulation programs, which are more effective at reducing usage than Smart Meters.

I support the idea of rate decoupling as a means of reducing the amount of energy is used, and incentivizing efficiency and renewables.

Finally, I ask for multiple open meetings so that customers can ask questions of the Commission.

Respectfully,

Barbara Szubinska 104 Wabash Dr. Lexington, KY 40503 Dear Mr. Toon:

Thank you for your comments on the application of Kentucky Utilities Co. for an adjustment in rates.

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From: Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2017 12:56 PM To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: KU service fee hikes - Case #2016-00370

Dear Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission:

I am \_\_\_\_\_(Briefly describe yourself.)

I am very concerned about KU's unfair proposal to double their basic service charge. Our community deserves affordable, clean energy, and we deserve to have control over our energy bills. This increase takes us in the wrong direction.

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KU has sent customers misleading information about the new rate structure, indicating that it will save consumers money. But their claims only apply to very high-volume users, and only in months with very high energy use. For my family and many others, their plan will lead to an average increase in my monthly energy bill. I am concerned about the nature of the utilities' public information. And I believe it makes no sense for a rate structure to reward customers who use the most energy.

The proposed charges will discourage people like me from taking steps to make our homes and businesses more energy efficient or use renewable energy. These charges will move Kentucky in the wrong direction and make things worse for our energy bills, health, local jobs and climate.

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Sincerely,

Robert Toon 135 North Maysville St. Mount Sterling, KY 40353 Dear Ms. Weil:

Thank you for your comments on the application of Kentucky Utilities Co. for an adjustment in rates.

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From: Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2017 8:36 AM To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: KU service fee hikes - Case #2016-00370

Dear Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission:

I am a resident of Lexington and a retired professor from U. Ky.

I am very concerned about KU's unfair proposal to double their basic service charge. This will greatly increase their income, especially from small users like me. Already their shareholder return is the highest among large utilities, so they can't claim being entitled to larger income for their corporate health. Our community deserves affordable, clean energy, and we deserve to have control over our energy bills. This increase takes us in the wrong direction.

KU wants to charge us more - and they want to do it by increasing the flat fee we all have to pay no matter how much energy we use, while slightly lowering the rate they charge for energy use. That's not right. It hurts people with low and moderate incomes. And it makes it harder for my family to manage our bills by being careful about how much energy we use. If they need more money to install better meters, it should be raised by a one or short time increase in the basic fee, and not be a permanent increase in our utility bills.

KU has sent customers misleading information about the new rate structure, indicating that it will save consumers money. But their claims only apply to very high-volume users, and only in months with very high energy use. For my family and many others, their plan will lead to an average increase in my monthly energy bill. I am concerned about the nature of the utilities' public information. And I believe it makes no sense for a rate structure to reward customers who use the most energy.

The proposed charges will discourage people like me from taking steps to make our homes and businesses more

energy efficient or use renewable energy. These charges will move Kentucky in the wrong direction and make things worse for our energy bills, health, local jobs and climate.

The Kentucky Public Service Commission must ensure that KU's rate structure is fair, necessary, and does not hurt low- and moderate-income residents. Please reject these proposals. Insist that these utilities come up with a fair plan that allows us all to breathe easier, and that encourages us to use less energy, rather than more.

Sincerely,

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