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Case: Ky Utilities proposed rate hike and KPSC meeting 18 Apr 2017, Lexington

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

~~Thank you for allowing us to express our views as electric utility customers and citizens of Kentucky.~~

~~First: The proposed basic service of over 100% a month is excessive.~~

~~I presume they propose this outrageous amount in hopes that you'll grant at least half of that amount. Please don't fall for it.~~

~~As a retired person in Kentucky, my annual income increases less than 1% a year. In the U.S., the average household expense goes up more than 3%.~~

~~Three years ago, I installed a more energy efficient A/C system, UV reducing storm windows, and new roof with added insulation.~~

~~KU has sent energy reports that state my home is among the 1/3 highest in energy conservation in my neighborhood. In spite of this, my KU bills have gone up 37%.~~

~~Now, according to a report in the Herald-Leader, those of us who consume less than 500 KWH a month will be slammed with a 17% higher bill, while homes that consume three times more than I, will only increase at 4%.~~

~~Further, they (KU) want to add further insult, and possible risk, with so-called "smart meters." I presume so they can layoff workers, all to our further detriment as taxpayers.~~

~~Your initial speaker who mentioned several times the right of energy company stockholders, never mentioned comparable rights or concerns of consumers. I hope his occasionally mocking tone in response to our questic is not indicative of the Public Service Commission's intent regarding our protection.~~

While I appreciate the investment in new forms of energy development, I cannot understand KU's obvious lack of caring, and financial pain for the average consumer, while favoring the well off. I must agree with the minister who said at the meeting, "I understand need, but I also understand greed."

Although not under the purview of this application, I've not seen evidence of substantial investment in protection from invasion by foreign and domestic hackers. I should think that they would first address this before the insult of smart meters.

Their unfairness of their request is obvious and it should be denied until a fair offering is presented.

Again, my thanks for your service to us.

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