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Public Service Commission:

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed approval of the adjustment to the rates and charges by the Ky. Utilities Co.

My current basic service is \$10.⁷⁵ per month. The proposed rate for residential customers is \$22.⁰⁰. This is more than double, and will create an excessive hardship on the elderly which live on a small fixed income (which I am). who have lost savings and etc. due to extreme medical and hospital bills and the death of a spouse, which lessened income even more.

It will also put extreme pressure on single parents, who many have to work two and three jobs to try to make ends meet, while only making minimum wage. There are also increased charges for KWH for on and off peak hours.

I understand the urgency in improving the infrastructure and new projects, but I find this increase is totally excessive. I also understand that a lot of the employees have dangerous duties to perform. Has K.U. considered downsizing and cutting hours for white collar and ~~to~~ restructuring cooperative employees.

Where I used to work, before I became disabled with a bone disease, they began by downsizing management positions, it saved excessive amounts of dollars and it was and still is a huge company in several states and still growing.

I may have to go back to kerosene lights and wood for heating water and my home. I know how to do laundry in a wash tub with a wash board, but it would take a severe toll on an already ill body.

I want to thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.

Sincerely,
M. Hillis