

Case No. 2016 - 00370

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I found a notice in my newspaper yesterday that Kentucky Utilities is proposing another rate increase. On behalf of the average working and retired person, I disagree with this increase and request the PSC to deny and the Attorney General to intervene for us.

My reasoning is as follows:

Inflation rates over the past 5 years are

Jan - Nov 2016	1.6%
Jan - Dec 2015	0.1%
Jan - Dec 2014	1.6%
Jan - Dec 2013	1.5%
Jan - Dec 2012	2.1%

For the record, social security recipients did not get an increase for 2017.

I compared my bill from January 2012 to the proposed increase. I probably average around 1200 kWh per month.

In 2012 rate: $\frac{8.50}{22.00}$
Proposed rate: for Jan 2017

Basic Charge	8.50	
Energy Charge	.06719 per kWh	.08523 per kWh

Total	\$89.13	\$124.28
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This is a 39.4% increase, much greater than inflation and unjustified.

Further, the Environmental Surcharge and

Fuel Adjustment are added to my base rate, along with "other charges" - the net effect

being to increase customers bills. I could

get no documentation of how these charges are calculated, and was referred to the PSC.

On behalf of the average customer, we request the PSC investigate these "other charges", document their necessity, and explain in an understandable documented form what they are and how they are calculated.

Also, K.U. has had rate increases over the past few years. I was unable to obtain the exact dates and amount of increases, but wish the PSC, as governing body, will consider the number and amount of past rate increases.

The steady progression of rates and the "other charges", which are unexplainable and not documented, lead me to request the PSC deny this increase.

The average person does not have the financial resources to hire attorneys to represent our interest in these rate cases.

Please consider our interests in Case 2016-00370.

Respectfully submitted,

R.C. Thompson

I did not include my address to preclude K.U. from making me the last person reconnected during a power outage. I feel we should have a voice and be able to disagree without retribution.