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Public Service Commission  
P O Box 615  
Frankfort, KY 40602

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Commission

RE: Case No. 2016-00370

Dear Public Service Commission:

Since your title is Public Service Commission I am going to assume that you actually want to serve the public.

~~Having been a business owner when I was younger I quickly realized then that all the money that came into the business was not profit. I realized that some had to be held back for future expenses. I also learned that a business just can't keep raising prices as though the public had an unlimited supply of money.~~

I don't know how often the power company gives raises to its employees. I don't know if they hold back some of their profits for future expenses and expansion. What I do know is that they are risking the very lives of their customers by imposing rate hikes that people can't afford. Electricity should be a public service commodity. It should not be causing a decision of "Do we have heat or food?" on its customers. "Do we have heat or medicine?" on its elderly. Somewhere, someone needs to draw a line on rate increases and the electric companies need to live within their income as its customers have to do.

On behalf of other Social Security recipients I respectfully request that electric rates NOT be allowed to increase any more than the Social Security monthly benefits do. And even that will be too much if every company does the same with their increases. I respectfully request that the electric companies be required to set aside money for future expansions and expenses and not just run to the Commission every time they want money.

Constant increases in rates only serve to drive the power companies into a higher income tax bracket and drive the low income and elderly into further poverty. Not a very good "thank you" to the people who helped build this country.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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