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Re: KU rate case #2016-00370

Dear Sir,

I am writing to oppose KU's proposed doubling of the basic service charge (BSC) from \$10.75 to \$22, while lowering its energy charge. This conflicts directly with the company's efforts to encourage us to use energy efficient appliances, add insulation, and otherwise lower electricity use. It flies in the face of public policy to decrease fossil fuel use through conservation and renewables. It penalizes those of us with modest energy usage, and rewards heavy users at our expense.

In the most recent KU billing insert, "Power Source," (February 2017), the company extolls the higher service charge. It says it will help customers by lowering the bill in months of extreme weather. Actually, using the example it gives, any customer using more than 1125 kWh a month would pay less under the proposed \$22 BSC + \$.085/kWh than with the lower \$10.75 BSC and higher \$.095/kWh energy charge.


For years, my husband and I have tried to be as energy-efficient as we can. We use between 300 and 600 kWh of electricity a month. Raising the basic charge to \$22 a month - before any energy is consumed - simply will increase our bill about \$11 a month or \$132 per year.

I accept that the company needs to charge a basic fee each month to cover costs like billing and meter reading. This charge should not be so high that it shifts most costs from high-usage customers onto those of us who use little. Increasing the BSC mainly will hurt those who are careful because they have to count every penny, and those who have invested in renewable systems to control their utility usage.

Please do not increase the basic service charge for KU customers.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Linda Kubala

