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Re: Case Number 2017-00179


I would like to start off by saying how much I would hate to have your job this week, as I know what it's like to hear countless others "whine" day in and day out while on the clock. I'm paid a set salary, so every single paycheck I receive is the exact same amount as the last, and I've adapted as a result. Anytime that amount decreases, I have to adapt yet again. If Kentucky Power receives the rate increase they have requested, my income would be impacted quite a bit. Let's review the numbers...

According to Kentucky Power's public financial records, their net income for 2016 was \$50,210,000. That was an INCREASE of \$22,319,000 from the year prior, a 44% INCREASE. My income certainly didn't increase from 2015 to 2016—let alone by 44%—and despite this, I have had no intention of asking my employer for a raise. Let's review the numbers even further...

From 2015 to 2016, Kentucky Power's expenses on "fuel and other consumables used for electric generation" DECREASED from \$167,096,000 to \$119,694,000 which resulted in the company saving \$47,402,000 on these costs. I have always taking steps to become more efficient, often at the recommendation of Kentucky Power. I recently replaced all incandescent and CFL bulbs in my home to energy saving LED bulbs. Do I get any type of "reward" as a result? Apparently not, and if Kentucky Power has their way, I will actually be penalized.

I am sincerely hoping that the Commission does not approve Kentucky Power's rate increase. Too many Eastern Kentucky residents, still reeling from the economic downturn from the recession, will be negatively impacted. That's too great of a price to pay just so one company can fatten its already burgeoning pockets even further.

Best Regards


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