



I do not live in Letcher County but I know the struggle of Letcher's residents. I have a daughter and four grandchildren that live there. The utility situation is so out of hand. I help my daughter pay her utility bill each month – what would she do without that help, go hungry – have no transportation – sit in the dark-children without hot showers? The utility rates are forcing not only your elderly residents but the younger generation to decide between food and warmth. I can't believe that in today's world that the residents of Letcher County may be forced to return to oil burning lamps not only to have light but possibly to stay warm due to the never ending increases that the utility commission keeps enforcing upon its people. I understand the need for taxes but the excess expense that is added to their bills is overwhelming. Please reconsider the additional fees that are being added to their bills and consider instead your loving, friendly, always welcoming residents of Letcher County. Thank you for your time.

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