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Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Blvd, PO Box 615
Frankfort, KY 40602

Re: #2017-00179

Dear Sir/Madam:

I write today with concerns about the proposed rate increase from Kentucky Power. I write as both a residential customer and commercial customer (I serve as pastor of the Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church, 18 Broadway, Whitesburg, KY 41858).

As a residential customer, I object to the nature of this increase. In times past, the communications were always that if individuals didn't like the price increases, then they could use less energy. That's exactly what I have done. I lower the thermostat in the winter and raise it in the summer. I hang out laundry items for air drying in the warmer months. I try to be a conscientious customer. This proposed increase raises the base rates, which says to me, "No matter what you do, we're going to raise your rates." I object and ask you to deny this increase.

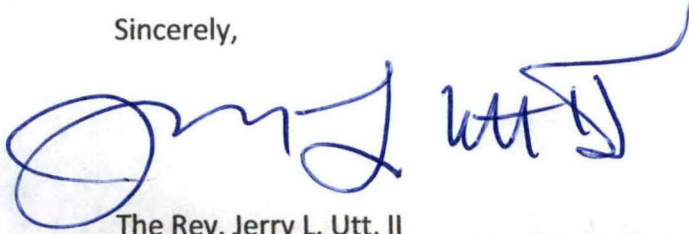
Further, I object vehemently to the riders that accompany the power bills. Who asked (or authorized) Kentucky Power to collect and distribute economic development monies? The company's sole purpose should be to provide safe and reliable power, at a price that is fair, reasonable, and just. Riders that add significantly to power bills fail to reach that just, fair, and reasonable standard. I ask that these riders be disallowed at once, and removed from all future power bills.

As a commercial customer, representing the church, we've tried to reduce our usage and be better consumers. We've upgraded our heating and cooling systems and installed programmable thermostats. We've replaced some old lighting and have plans to replace more. Parts of our building are closed off when not in use. We're looking at things like better insulation and other ways to conserve energy. The actions we've taken so far have cost maybe forty or fifty thousand dollars, a significant investment for a small faith community. We anticipate our future plans to cost that much or more.

If Kentucky Power receives their rate increase request, the MACED group in Berea has estimated that it will cost our church more than \$2,700 next year. (I included a copy of a recent email I received.) Our annual budget is \$125,000, and this power increase will affect us negatively. At the same time, the rate increase factors into our mission giving. As the rates go up, so do the calls we receive from local residents asking for help with their power bills. We try to help, but with the numbers of calls and the immensity of the need, we're not able to do much. If this rate increase goes through, the calls for assistance will only increase, even as the

church struggles some months to pay its own power bills. For all these reasons, I ask respectfully that this power increase be denied. Thank you for allowing me to share my comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jerry L. Utt, II". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "U".

The Rev. Jerry L. Utt, II
Pastor, Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church
Whitesburg, KY

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Church: 18 Broadway, Whitesburg, KY 41858

From: Carrie Ray carrie@macoad.org
 Subject: impacts of KY Power rate increase on Graham Presbyterian Church
 Date: November 3, 2017 at 11:15
 To: lutt9600@bellsouth.net

Dear Rev. Utt,

As I'm sure you've heard, Kentucky Power is proposing a rate adjustment before the Kentucky Public Service Commission, with significant impacts on the utility bills for its clients. We at Energy Efficient Enterprises want you to know how this proposal could affect your church. As a Medium General Service customer, your current rate structure is facing large increases.

Current (Medium General Service Tariff 215)

Rate:	
Up to 200 times KW demand	\$0.10198
Over 200 times KW demand	\$0.08736
Demand Charge per KW	\$1.91
Base Fee:	\$17.50

Proposed (General Service)

Rate:	
Up to 4450 kWh	0.10483
Over 4450 kWh	0.10355
Demand Charge per KW	\$7.84
Base Fee:	\$22.50

As you can see, while your electricity charges may be less complicated to calculate, your rate, base fee, and demand charge are all going up. Looking at your bills for the past year, we have estimated what you will be paying for electricity under the proposed rate structure.

You can see the estimated bills below. **Overall, we expect your bills to rise around 71% with a yearly increase of \$2,747.**

CURRENT TARIFF 215

Demand Charge	1.91 200x KW	0.10198 Base Fee	17.50
	>200xKW	0.08736	

NEW TARIFF GS - 211, 212, 215, 216, 218

Demand Charge	7.84 1st 4450 kWh	0.10483 Base Fee	22.5
	Over 4450 kWh	0.10355	

	kWh Usage	KW Usage	kWh Charge	Base Fee	Demand C	Total
October	800	28.8	81.58	17.50	55.01	\$154.09
November	3680	40.8	375.29	17.50	77.93	\$470.71
December	8000	75.2	815.84	17.50	143.63	\$976.97
January	3680	39.2	375.29	17.50	74.87	\$467.66
February	2880	44.8	293.70	17.50	85.57	\$396.77
March	2960	46.4	301.86	17.50	88.62	\$407.98
April	1120	44	114.22	17.50	84.04	\$215.76
May	880	22.4	89.74	17.50	42.78	\$150.03
June	2560	27.2	261.07	17.50	51.95	\$330.52
July	2400	20	244.75	17.50	38.20	\$300.45
August	1760	24.8	179.46	17.50	47.37	\$244.35
September	1680	24.8	171.33	17.50	47.37	\$236.19
Year Total						\$4,351.50

	kWh Usage	KW Usage	kWh Charge	Base Fee	Demand Charge	Total
October	800	28.8	83.86	22.50	225.79	\$332.1
November	3680	40.8	385.77	22.50	319.87	\$728.1
December	8000	75.2	834.10	22.50	589.57	\$1,446.1
January	3680	39.2	385.77	22.50	307.33	\$715.6
February	2880	44.8	301.91	22.50	351.23	\$675.6
March	2960	46.4	310.30	22.50	363.78	\$696.5
April	1120	44	117.41	22.50	344.96	\$484.8
May	880	22.4	92.25	22.50	175.62	\$290.3
June	2560	27.2	268.36	22.50	213.25	\$504.1
July	2400	20	251.59	22.50	156.80	\$430.8
August	1760	24.8	184.50	22.50	194.43	\$401.4
September	1680	24.8	176.11	22.50	194.43	\$393.0
Year Total						\$7,099.0



Total Annual Increase \$2,747.5
 Avg Monthly Increase 21.43%

We recognize that this is a major increase and is likely to have a serious impact on your

we recognize that this is a major increase and is likely to have a serious impact on your operations. Kentucky Power is holding public hearings over the next several days for its customers to share their thoughts on the rate increase:

- **Prestonsburg:** Thursday, November 2, 5:30 p.m. EDT Auditorium Big Sandy Community & Technical College 1 Bert Combs Drive
- **Hazard:** Monday, November 6, 5:30 p.m. EST Auditorium Perry Central High School 305 Park Avenue
- **Ashland:** Wednesday, November 8, 5:30 p.m. EST Auditorium Bellefonte Pavilion 2000 Ashland Drive

Additionally, you can send written comments to the Kentucky Public Service Commission about this case. All written comments must include the case number: #2017-00179. Comments may be mailed to the PSC at P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602, or faxed to 502-564-3460, or emailed to psc.info@ky.gov with case number in the subject line. Written comments should be submitted by November 15.

If you would like more information about the rate increase or the public hearings, please contact me at 859-671-0217 (office), 859-544-0023 (cell) or carrie@maced.org.

Best,
Carrie

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