

# Commonwealth of Kentucky

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Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Boulevard  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Members of the Commission:

Recently, my colleagues, Representative Tim Couch and Senator Brandon Smith, released a letter sent to the Kentucky Public Service Commission in response to the most recent rate hike filed by Kentucky Power.

According to the letter, the requested rate hike will affect 20 counties in Eastern Kentucky--some of which lie within the district I represent. House District 84 consists of all of Perry County and part of Harlan County, both of which have experienced the economic slump due to the dramatic downturn in the coal industry over the last several years.

As Representative Couch and Senator Smith correctly stated, the people in Eastern Kentucky have been stressed, but due to newly passed policy the region is beginning to rebound with substantial economic development announcements and mines that are firing back up. The policies being handed down by the Trump Administration are finally a positive for our region, as opposed to the previous eight years of jobs-killing initiatives by the Obama EPA.

Like my colleagues, I would like to strongly urge you to reject the latest rate hike requested by Kentucky Power. As we fight to grow our economy, keep our younger generations at home, and make the best lives for our families, another power rate hike would be an absolute killer.

In times when utility companies like Kentucky Power are joining the effort to attract major jobs producers to our region, I would hope they would recognize the setback of a rate hike at this time--and I hope you will do the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Fugate".

Chris Fugate  
State Representative