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Mr. Andrew MeInykovych Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Mr. Melnykovych,

I am writing once again to request that the Kentucky Public Service Commission hold a public hearing in Pike County on the proposed Kentucky Power rate increase. I am aware that you are holding three meetings in the service area, but I want to request a public meeting in Pikeville.

Please be aware that the distance to Prestonsburg, Hazard, and Ashland is not accommodating for Pike County residents. It would even be burdensome for many of our hardworking men and women. The drive time from downtown Pikeville to Prestonsburg, Hazard, and Ashland is 34, 83 and 111 minutes, respectively. It takes more than an hour and 15 minutes to get to Prestonsburg from some areas of Pike County.

Again, I understand staff restraints and scheduling limitations, but stress that this issue is of the utmost importance to the ratepayers. This increase will have a negative effect on many families in the service area. It is important that the people of Pike County have their voices heard.

This issue is important to everyone in the Kentucky Power service area. I hope you will grant this request.

Sincerely,

Ray S. Jones, II

Senate Democratic Floor Leader