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COMMENTS: Many people living in Eastern Kentucky live in extreme poverty. In Perry County, our unemployment rate is twice the national average. Increasing utility rates will be a burden for so many East Kentucky families who already struggle to keep the heat on in the winter.

Additionally, our small businesses will suffer dramatically from this rate increase. The demand charge will result in cost increases of 45-95% for small and medium-sized businesses. We cannot afford to put this burden on entrepreneurs and local employees at this time of economic transition. There is an increased movement towards downtown revitalization in our small East Kentucky cities. This revitalization will not be possible if the cost of running a business skyrockets due to utility-rate increases.

The rate of return for shareholders should not matter more than the economic wellbeing of the general public. Access to affordable electricity is a human right and should not be weighed as less significant than ~~its~~ impacts to shareholder value.