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Dear Public Service Commission,

The main purpose for this correspondence concerns my Electric Bills:

Feb. \$65.62

March \$57.95

April \$78.33

May 56.32

June 60.44

July 55.81

August 96.88

Nothing changed on how my electric was being used. If you check April's bill it increased by about \$21.00 over the previous months bill. August's bill increased over \$40.00 over the previous months bill. The only way I can explain April's and August's bill is that we are not receiving an adequate supply of electricity costing us more to get the same job done. I hope you can come up with something to monitor the Amps or current we are receiving.

It seems to me when Ky. power company was applying for a rate hike from you they kept our electric at an adequate level. When the application period was over Ky. Power company went back to what I believe to be an inadequate supply of current, costing us more.

Enclosed you will find a topographic map published in the Hazard Herald, 8/31/17. Most people that would look at this map have no idea of what they are looking at. Only one thing can be identified and that is the Blue Grass substation.

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Another topographic map was published earlier and it was much smaller than this one and nothing could be identified on it.

I have enclosed a map traced from a Perry County map and a Leslie County map showing what appears to be the route the proposed transmission line will travel. Beginning at the Lathair substation the transmission will travel or appears to travel up Fourseam hollow or Buffalo creek to the head of Big creek and on to Wooton, passing through none of the communities along route 80 which goes from Hazard to Wooton.

I'll bet that none of the lines or poles that service Wooton are as old as stated in the enclosed article, unless they are located up some of the hollows in Wooton, not the main transmission lines that services Wooton. All they have to do is boost the Amps or current on the existing lines and they will be in business.

The new lines will not have as good conductivity as the old lines. New lines are most always aluminum not copper. I believe after the new transmission are built, there will still not be an inadequate supply of electricity to the Wooton customers, as what I believe to be the case where I live.

I hope that Ky. power company is not building this transmission line to impress you and get that rate increase they have applied for.

What is a mystery to me is building a 30 million dollar transmission line to a community
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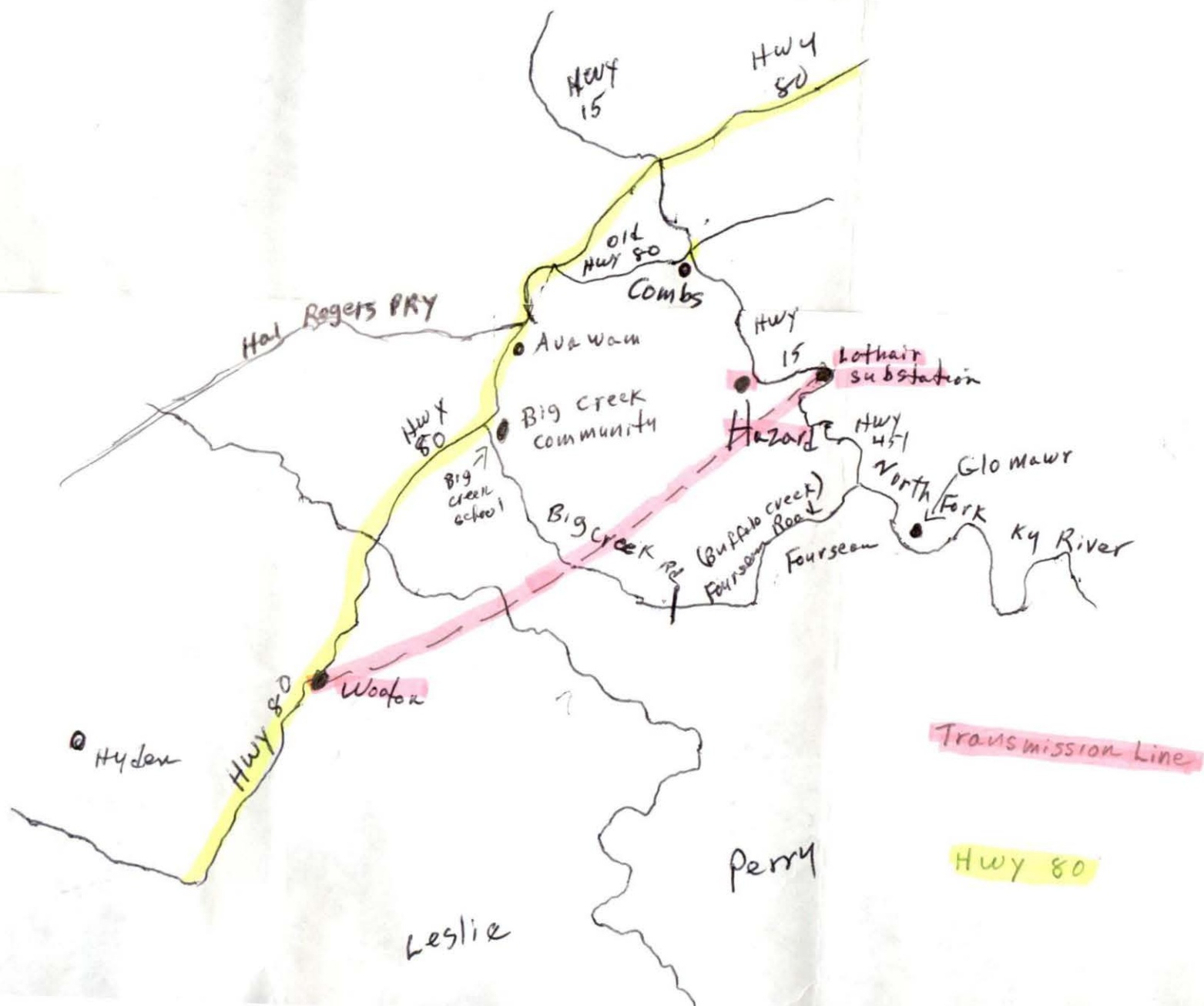
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with a population of about 200 people.
Concerning the \$270,000 annual tax revenue
that would go to Hazard, Perry and Leslie
counties. Will this be an additional charge
to the KPCO customers.

P.S.

Other places, they can choose their
utilities company. Why can't we?

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Kentucky Power discusses \$30M upgrade proposal

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Kentucky Power hosted an open house Aug. 24 in the First Federal Center at Hazard Community and Technical College to hear questions and share their ideas with the community about a proposed project that Kentucky Power officials said would strengthen the electric grid in Eastern Kentucky by replacing and upgrading aging transmission infrastructure.

If the Public Service Commission approves Kentucky Power's plan, the first project under the Eastern Kentucky Transmission Program would be the proposed \$30 million Hazard-Wooton project.

The seven-mile project would rebuild transmission lines and make upgrades to other transmission facilities. Kentucky Power officials said these upgrades would ensure Hazard would have reliable electric ser-

vice to their customers.

"We want to update that line because it was originally built in 1941 and went online in 1943. Through maintenance we have replaced some of the lines and some of the poles, but many of the poles on that line are still wooder structures," Kentucky Power's Corporate Communications Manager Allison Barker said.

Barker said this would benefit Eastern Kentucky because it would help improve the reliability of electricity and would decrease outage.

"If outages do occur, we will be able to repair them and get them back online quicker," Barker said.

If the plan is approved, Kentucky Power would begin construction in the summer of 2018 and the project be completed by fall 2019.

There will be around 45 towers that need to be replaced and 35 new towers built, Barker said.

Barker said Kentucky

Power customers pay a transmission charge each month in a fund that supports PJM.

"So if a project is done in West Virginia, for example, the transmission fee a customer pays will fund that project. Now it is our turn. This is a Kentucky project. It's something you pay in every month as a transmission charge as part of your electric bill," Barker said.

The first phase of the project would cost \$30 million. The entire project is estimated to cost \$140 million.

Kentucky Power officials said the project would generate combined annual tax revenue of approximately \$270,000 for Hazard and Perry and Leslie counties.

Barker said if any Kentucky Power customers have any questions they are encouraged to call Kentucky Power at 1-800-572-1113 or visit the Kentucky Power website at www.kentuckypower.com.



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The proposed Hazard-Wooton project would replace and rebuild seven miles of 75-year old equipment. Kentucky Power officials said this would help increase the stability of the electric grid and decrease outages.

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