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Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Blvd.  
PO Box 615  
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Re: Case No. 2018-00294

Dear PSC Staff,

I wish to go on record opposing the proposed rate increase by Kentucky Utilities (KU) Company to take effect on or after November 1, 2018.

KU plans to raise the basic service charge from \$12.25 per month to \$.53 per day. Based on a typical 30-day billing cycle, the basic service charge on a monthly basis would increase to \$15.90, or a 29.8% increase. KU offers no explanation or justification for this basic service charge increase. This proposed increase comes on the heels of a 70% increase that occurred in October 2010 (\$5.00 per month to \$8.50), a 26% increase (\$8.50 per month to \$10.75) that occurred in February 2013, and a 13.9% increase (10.75 per month to \$12.25) that occurred in August 2017. These increases fall on the shoulders of Kentuckians who have no choice when it comes to their electrical service.

I live in a small condominium development in Georgetown; there are 110 homes in our development, and all occupants are senior citizens on fixed incomes. KU's proposed increase in our service charges will impact our residents to the tune of \$4,800 next year alone. That's an absurd increase, and it should not be permitted by the Public Service Commission.

KU estimates that the average residential bill will increase by \$9.63 per month. That will affect me and my neighbors significantly, adding more than \$12,700 to our yearly electric bills. This is an increase that many of us cannot absorb because our pensions and Social Security entitlements are not keeping up with inflation.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. I hope I can count on your office to derail KU's attempt to once again gouge its customers.

Sincerely,

