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Public Service Commission  
Re: Case No. 2018-00294  
211 Sower Blvd.  
PO Box 615  
Frankfort, KY 40602

Dear PSC Board Members,

This letter is to protest the proposed rate increase for Kentucky Utilities that is under your consideration.

My understanding is that the proposed increase will add approximately \$9.63 to the average residential electric bill. The proposal is 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. This would represent a 29.8% increase for which Kentucky Utilities offers no explanation or justification for this basic service charge increase!

This proposed service charge increase comes follows 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, and the proposed increase, seem difficult to justify when inflation over this period of time has not exceeded 2%.

A "No" vote on this proposed increase is in the best interest of consumers. Thank you for your consideration of this protest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James M. Dodson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

James M. Dodson