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Kentucky Public Service Commission

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RE: Case# 2018-00294

Dear Commissioners,

~~Please do not allow the requested rate increase by Kentucky Utilities. The rate increase is too much and is not needed or justified at this time. An 8-11+% rate increase is depressing since the general work force never receives such a large increase in their pay – 3% is usually the most that workers receive.~~

Retired teachers receive 1.5% wage increase unless the Governor takes that away. Social Security receives about a 2.5% and with the rising Medicare costs, the increase is less. Professional workers may receive 2%-3% raise increase. General labor workers and restaurant workers wages are pitiful, and their wage increase is nearly nil, if at all. As stated, fixed-income consumers, the middle class and working-class citizens are bearing the burden of all the tax hikes; their standard of living is constantly going down due to "little to no" wage increase and all the taxes that are being increased. Public schools, all universities, and utility services will receive the higher tax rate, then pass the rate hike on to the consumers. In addition, property owners received a large increase in property taxes for the coming year; partially due to being taxed without the tax being voted on. Therefore, the 8-11+% rate becomes more than 8-11+%.

No rate increase should be approved until Kentucky Utilities and PPL disclose the amount of the tax cuts they received from the recent federal tax cuts. Please insist that KU and PPL show how they intend to use the federal tax cuts so you, the Commissioners, can determine if a rate increase is necessary, and if so, determine a fair rate. (I realize you, the Commissioners, have a difficult job in making all your decisions.)

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PS: Personally, I had over a \$1100 electric bill for the months of December and January due to running emergency heat for an electric furnace that quit. The furnace couldn't be replaced until January 31, 2017. My house has 2400 sq ft.