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Kentucky Public Service Commission

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211 Sower Boulevard

Frankfort, Kentucky 40603-0615

RE: Case # 2018-00294

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to urge you to deny this request by Kentucky Utilities for a rate increase. It is not needed or justified at this time. No rate increase should be approved until Kentucky Utilities and Pittsburgh Power and Light fully disclose the amount of the tax cuts they received from the recent federal tax cuts and how they intend to use the money they have saved from these cuts. Have they used these funds to actually invest in their investor owned company to improve public service or have they done what the majority of investor companies have done and engaged in stock buy backs that enrich themselves and investors , yet do nothing to improve the company's infrastructure or improve public service. All the available information indicates significant savings to investor owned public utility companies. Shouldn't the public consumer reap some benefit in the form of rate reductions? Corporations and high income individuals have benefited tremendously. Middle class and working class citizens have not benefited anywhere near the degree as our corporate citizens. Other institutions such as our public schools will see increased costs. Those costs will disproportionately impact middle class property owners as well. I am aware that Governor Bevin appointed the board and the strong likelihood that your philosophical leanings are pro corporate and anti-consumer. That aside, I would urge you to protect the consumer and require that KU and PPL place consumer interests over investor interests. Furthermore, consumers deserve to know the extent and use of the tax cuts so they can determine the necessity and fairness of any rate increase, as should you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Martin", written over a printed name.

Thomas Martin

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