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Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Boulevard  
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Re: 2018 Kentucky Utilities Company Rate Increase, Case No. 2018-00294

Dear Public Information Officer,

I am writing in regards to the Notice to Customers of Kentucky Utilities Company (KU), in which residents were informed of a proposal to the Kentucky Public Service Commission for KU to increase rates and charges in Kentucky across the board starting in November 2018. On the behalf of my family, friends, and neighbors who reside in the City of Danville, Boyle County, and surrounding areas we urge you NOT to approve any such increases.

We realize that, with the Federal tax cuts, states and smaller government bodies are going to seek increases everywhere they possibly can. However, Kentucky leaders must understand that the people who are most affected by these increases are the ones who cannot afford them, i.e. property owners and lower to middle-class working citizens in the smaller and rural areas. We are aware of the decision denying KU and LGE's proposal for the smart meter project, and rate/charge increases coming at this time seem more of a way to work around what the Commission has already decided no matter how they try to reword it or the finagle the numbers.

Already Kentucky is on its way to taxing people out of their homes and into poverty levels with previously approved increases in property taxes and various other fees; some of which border on their legality. If we are struggling to meet the demands of our governments, we cannot possibly be expected to absorb additional costs of private, monopolized companies seeking to keep large profit margins. Utilities are not a luxury, they are a necessary public service, and as such companies should not be allowed to implement ever-increasing financial burdens on citizens.

In addition, a state-wide overall increase is absurd. Having neither the populations nor revenue, smaller communities should not be assessed and charged the same as major cities. We are asked to believe that a "package" deal will benefit all of Kentucky. It will not, and rural Kentuckians will suffer. Again, as Kentucky citizens, tax payers, and voters, we ask that you please do not approve the rate and charges increase laid forth by the Kentucky Utilities Company.

Sincerely,

Pepper Jones