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Public Service Commission
Re: Case No. 2018-00294
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Gentlemen:

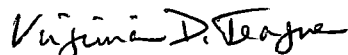
This letter is related to the above case number: 2018-00294. I am a senior citizen living in a fixed income environment. Kentucky Utilities is proposing a huge rate increase which I am, frankly, unable to absorb.

Implementation of the basic service charge increase alone will bookend a 218% increase in less than nine years (from \$ 5.00 to \$ 15.90, based on a 30-day month). KU offers neither an explanation nor a justification for this 29.8% increase over last year.

On top of this unjustified basic service charge increase, KU also plans to eliminate a billing surcredit program that has been in place; this will result in an additional increase of \$ 3.84. The total proposed increase of \$ 13.47 amounts to an almost 11% jump (over the average bill for me for this calendar year) for this 70 year old single senior citizen. Frankly, even a 5% increase would be an incredibly difficult hurdle for me to climb.

Thank you for your attention through this letter; I hope the negative impact on me from this proposed increase has been made apparent to you and the full Commission.

Sincerely,



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