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Dear Information Officer:

RE: Kentucky Utilities (KU) Proposed Rate Increase

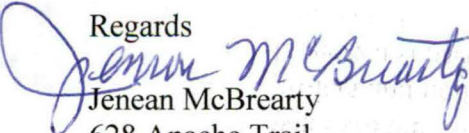
I am objecting to the proposed rate increase for the following reasons:

- The rate increase is onerous to working class/poverty households, including those on fixed incomes such as Social Security;
- The rate increase is nothing more than KU's way of recapitalizing a private company through a "tariff" which is another word for tax;
- The rate increase yields no benefit to the individual households that will be paying for an upgrade that will increase profits for Ku and nothing else;
- The proposal is vague in terms of exactly what and how much will be spent, that is,
  - exactly what will be done?
  - how much will the entire project cost?
  - who will be doing the upgrade?
  - what are the safeguards in place that will insure the money will be used for the project and nothing else?
  - Is there a sunset clause that goes into effect immediately when the project is completed?
- And, until these questions are answered for the public no rate increase should be granted.

As you in government know, once a rate hike is granted, it never goes away. Attempting to hide recapitalization that will increase profits to a private company with vague terminology such as "internal communication network facilities" is disingenuous at best. What is the TCJA clause? What "governmental and educational institutions" is KU talking about? It's gibberish. KU wants this money to increase profits without justifying the need and/or without insuring that it runs its business cost effectively. Rising health insurance costs, for example, is not our problem.

I urge you to reject KU proposed rate increase, period. It's price gouging. When will the public hearing be held and how can I get on the list to speak?

Regards

  
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