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Public Service Commission
Re: Case No. 2018-00294
211 Sower Blvd
PO Box 6125
Frankfort KY 40602

Dear Members of the Commission,

I am writing in response to the rate increase scheduled to go into effect November 1, 2018. Kentucky Utilities has perpetually increased the rates on my bill in 2010, 2013, and 2017. Each month I live in trepidation as I await my KU bill to see what the charges will be.

As many other senior citizens, I live on a limited income with expenses each month that exceed that income. This proposed increase in charges is expected to increase the monthly charge in my community to \$17.70 over the course of the next year.

KU continues to give hints for ways to reduce usage. There is nothing more I can do to reduce my electricity usage in my home. I am reminded, however, of the early 1970s when electricity was at a premium and citizenry and commercial establishments were pleaded with to cut usage. While traveling at night through towns to visit family, we saw towns with no lighted sky line – all was dark. Citizenry and commercial usage was drastically reduced and we suddenly found high increase on our monthly bills from the electric companies to compensate for the reduction in usage.

What a paradox – KU pretends to be on the side of their clients by helping them save money by reducing their usage, but now the company has an about face and is charging more on what is already a high monthly bill.

I have not seen a justification as to why this increase is requested. We should not be holding clients hostage for increased funds if the only justification is more income for the share holders and CEOs.

Please think intelligently and with compassion as you contemplate this significant increase in the monthly bills of local citizens. Remember – there is no competition – we have no other choice.

Regards,



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