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To whom it may concern:

It is ridiculous to hear that KU is requesting a rate hike. First of all the corporate tax breaks were supposed to be most beneficial to utility companies. And they could pass on savings to customers. Second or all cost of living (inflation) is only two percent. Thirdly, these companies that pass on their capital expenses to customers is ridiculous. When they pay for capital expenses, yes a possible large expense. But after they receive depreciation, probable tax incentives the price hikes do not lower to reflect. So a 8.1% rate increase is terrible. Of course they failed to include their current profit margins now or of the past. I'm sure they have increased or stable. Capital expenditures should come from a companies profits; if not what are they for??? I am a KU customer. While the economy has improved, why try to make customer pay for while companies these days pay their CEO, CFO's such exuberent salaries. They failed to include any waste spending cuts or salary reductions or even executive layoffs as way to afford what they may be doing.

Please hold them accountable for any and all of these items I have brought to your attention for considerations. Oh and yeah, did they give employees a wage increase this year that was respectable?? Consumers have gone far too long without wage increases and now are receiving. None except CEO types are getting 8%. Average I believe is 3.9%. I disagree with their lack of planning and lack of considerations for customers and employees. Give them 2%. If they had to come before you to increase wages I am sure that would be their rational.

Sincerely,



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