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Kentucky Public Service Commission PO Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602-0615 Attention: Chairman Michael J. Schmitt

Re: Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Chairman Schmitt,

We, the elected officials of the City of Park Hills, Kentucky, write to you on behalf of our residents to respectfully object to the recent 9.8% Duke Energy utility rate increase approved by the Public Service Commission on 4/27/20. We are in a time of pandemic with historically high unemployment rates, business closures, school building closures and historically low oil and gas prices. Many of our residents and business owners face unprecedented financial hardships as a result of these factors which are outside of their control. The last thing anyone needs is a substantial rate hike in an essential service. The timing of this increase is most difficult. We ask you to reconsider this action and repeal the rate increase for the benefit of the voters and residents of Kentucky.

Respectfully,

Mayor and Council of the City of Park Hills Kentucky

