From:	Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
То:	
Subject:	2020-00349
Date:	Tuesday, December 29, 2020 8:45:00 AM

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601

-----Original Message-----From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 9:35 AM To: PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov> Subject: FW: 2020-00349

-----Original Message-----From: Jillian Foster Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2020 7:22 PM To: PSC Public Information Officer <<u>PSC.Info@ky.gov</u>> Subject: 2020-00349

As a single mother I'm already struggling to pay this bill every month. I lost my partner to covid in June. Down to one income and half of it literally because of daycares closed and kids being home all year. It's gonna end up coming down to having to drop the phone or some other necessities to pay the electric. Why would rates increase when the economy tanks? Food has already went up. We are about to lose all hope. Please stop the increases.

From:	Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
To:	
Subject:	Case # 2020-00349
Date:	Tuesday, December 29, 2020 8:51:00 AM
Attachments:	2020 1221 KU rate increase application.pdf

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 10:02 AM
To: PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>
Subject: FW: Case # 2020-00349

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From: Mike Huster Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 12:15 AM To: PSC Public Information Officer <<u>PSC.Info@ky.gov</u>> Subject: Case # 2020-00349

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Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission,

I have attached my letter asking you for intervention in the Kentucky Utilities Company Application for the proposed rate increase. Please see the attached letter. I will also send a hardcopy of the letter too. Thank you, Mike Huster

Michael Huster 6035 Riva Ridge Road Versailles, KY 40383-9195

Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard PO Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602 December 21, 2020

Re: Case # 2020-00349 – Request for Intervention by the KY PSC

Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC),

I just received the "Notice to Customers of Kentucky Utilities Company" that stated on November 25, 2020 Kentucky Utilities is seeking approval from the KY Public Service commission of an adjustment in its rates application. The proposed rates reflect a proposed annual increase in revenues of ~ 10.4% to KU with a proposed rate increase of 10.68% for a residential customer using 1,250 kWh of electricity.

I would like to request in writing a request for intervention by the PSC. My home uses less than 1,250 KWh per month. Here are the monthly average costs I have incurred for the last six years including all current charges including taxes and fees:

2015	<u>2016</u>	2017	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	2020
\$98	\$107	\$94	\$85	\$89	\$91

My last of five children moved out of our home in mid-2017. Did you notice the increase in the timeframe from 2018-2020? When KU and LG&E merged there were promises of rates decreasing; I have only seen that as we have reduced the number of children in our home.

The Environmental Surcharge has gone from 2.31% (2019) to 4.97% (2020) which has caused most of the increase. When, as customers of KU, will we see the promised effects of all the conservation activities that PPL has accomplished like replacing the Cane Run plant and other plants on the Ohio River and the solar facilities KU & LG&E have implemented?

The average monthly increase for a Residential Rate Class of \$12.85/month is an incredible amount to expect current and new customers to pay when coal-fired plants have seen coal prices decrease substantially. It is time to make a stand and that is why I put this in writing for PSC intervention.

Sincerely,

Míke Huster

Michael Huster

From:	Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
To:	
Subject:	FW: 2020-00349
Date:	Tuesday, December 29, 2020 8:46:00 AM

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 9:47 AM
To: PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>
Subject: FW: 2020-00349

From: daddymatt Sent: Friday, December 18, 2020 3:09 PM To: PSC Public Information Officer <<u>PSC.Info@ky.gov</u>> Subject: 2020-00349

Please do not let KU raise their monthly fee over 10%. This is outrageous at this time to jump that much in cost. How about 2 or 3%? That seems a little more reasonable.

Thank you, Matt Longworth

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

From:	Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
To:	
Subject:	RE: 2020-00349
Date:	Tuesday, December 29, 2020 8:45:00 AM

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Best Regards,

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From: Linda Engle
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2020 10:25 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: 2020-00349

I am retired with a limited income. I am so thankful that at least I do have an income, but there's no way that I cannot afford the 10% increase that KU is requesting.

I also cannot believe that such a large increase is requested at a time that so many people are out of work, and businesses have had to close completely due to the effects of the Covid pandemic.

Everyone has been affected negatively in some way, therefore, any increase request seems to be not caring about our fellow man.

Sincerely,

Linda Engle

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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-----Original Message-----From: Sarah Whaley Sent: Saturday, December 19, 2020 6:17 PM To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: Case No 2020-00349

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the KU rate adjustment case number 2020-00349. As most Kentuckians are struggling to pay current bills due to the conditions created by the pandemic they are proposing a massive increase. This is not the time to put an increase of over 10% onto a bill that they can't control. Please side with Kentuckians when making your decision. Sincerely,

Sarah Whaley Georgetown, KY

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
То:	
Subject:	RE: Case No. 2020-00349
Date:	Tuesday, December 29, 2020 8:51:00 AM

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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From: Carolyn Dowell
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 1:19 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case No. 2020-00349

Good afternoon,

I would like to submit comments regarding KU's application for a rate increase, effective January1, 2021.

I have been a residential KU customer for several decades and have never commented regarding a potential rate increase. However, this proposed rate increase must be contested.

First, our state and nation are both in the midst of a pandemic. Requesting a rate increase in the middle of a global pandemic is not just tone deaf: it completely smacks every customer in the face. Our state and local politicians are not increasing property tax rates. How can KU be granted a rate increase? It is time for KU to be in this pandemic "together" with all the rest of us who are doing less with more.

Second, an overwhelming majority of Kentuckians are doing everything from home these days: working, schooling our children, and cooking, to name a few of the activities that occur exclusively at home. All of these activities have caused our personal electrical usage to increase subsequently. Therefore, my electric bill has also increased. So, even though KU states their rate increase will be an annual 10.68% increase, most of us have already seen an increase in our electric bills. KU's rate increase request will just compound this pressure on our monthly utility budgets.

Third, a huge number of Kentuckians are unemployed or living on reduced wages thanks to the economic closures from the pandemic. This rate increase will not be tolerable for this set of marginalized citizens. How can KU ask to add insult to injury for these Kentuckians?

Finally, the rate increase request impacts our local businesses as well. The pandemic has wrecked havoc on our small, local businesses who will bear the brunt of this rate increase as evidenced by the enclosed chart in the KU literature. I beg you to consider this request in light of our local businesses.

In summary, I request that you, the Public Service Commission, decline approval of KU's rate increase request. Surely, KU can do what the rest of us are doing during this unprecedented global pandemic: tighten their budget belt, rearrange priorities, and do without.

Sincerely, Carolyn Logan

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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-----Original Message-----From: Aprile Redden Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 4:00 PM To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: Case No. 2020-00349

Dear Public Service Commission,

Today our family received a notice in our monthly electric bill that Kentucky Utilities (KU) has applied for a rate increase of 10.67% per month on residential customers.

I am writing to oppose this outrageous rate increase request.

Since KU was first sold to an out of state corporation, our rates have done nothing but increase exponentially. KU's current parent company, PPL Company, from Pennsylvania, boasts its last quarter shareholder earnings on its website; caring nothing about the pandemic related economic hardships of our fellow Kentuckians.

Please do not approve this rate increase requested by an out of state corporation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Aprile Redden

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601

From: Lenny Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 3:54 PM To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: case no. 2020-00349

The increase that KU is requesting is exorbitant, and is particularly galling given the pandemic and so many of us out of work and financially suffering. The Public Service Commission should stand up for the people of Kentucky and deny ANY rate increase. Sincerely, Lenny Shulman 2596 Cummins Ferry Rd. Versailles, KY 40383

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From:	Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
То:	
Subject:	RE: Case#2020-00349
Date:	Tuesday, December 29, 2020 8:52:00 AM

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601

From: Chafin, Troy

Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 8:21 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>;
Subject: Case#2020-00349

Kentucky Utilities (KU) proposed annual rate increase in revenue of approximately 10.4% lacks merit on 5 fronts:

1. the rate increase is without justification other than to allow the company to experience "no change in total revenues." KU will not be providing any additional benefits to its customer base, no new plans for forward thinking or creative technology solutions, nor any infrastructural investments to maximize its current return of investment. In short, KU wants to offset its Environmental Cost Recovery (ECR) Projects by passing the costs on to its customers when it has done little to nothing to plan for these ECR losses. This despite the fact KU has had years to come up with more forward thinking solutions to these ECR losses.

2. the rate increase will undermine any chance small and local businesses, as well as individuals, will have to recover from the negative financial impacts resulting from the Covid 19 pandemic. Nearly all small and local businesses experienced record losses in 2020 revenue streams. These small and local businesses are hanging on by a thread and already looking at every avenue available to streamline costs and maintain current work forces, all while providing essential products and services to their communities. Couple the above with numerous individual layoffs and individual job losses and you have a community that simply can not bear any additional economic burdens. The irony here is any rate increases will likely force more businesses to close which in turn means less serviceable customers, more people out of work, and less net revenue streams for KU.

3. KU has not made any changes to it's own financial construct like so many other businesses and individuals have been forced to do in 2020. Instead, KU has stuck with its tried and true measure for increasing revenue / offsetting losses - charge more. Not a single KU customer will receive any additional benefit for the proposed rate increases - not one. The same electricity will come, using the same inefficient and antiquated infrastructure. In essence, KU inputs nothing to the system yet expects all other participants to up the ante by footing more of the bill. Strangely enough there are some very easily accessed measures to offset costs KU has yet to consider. One, they could reduce their financial outlook and projections for its itself and investors in 2021. This would ease it's pressure to meet projected revenue streams and set a lower bar for investor return, thereby eliminating the need to increase its annual percentage rate. Two, reduce the compensation packages of all KU, LG&E and PPL senior officers. Small and local businesses have taken on unprecedented financial losses this past year. Shouldn't the "brass" of KU, LG&E and PPL be expected to do the same? PPL, KU and LG&E each paid out tens of millions of dollars in compensation in 2020 with even more planned for 2021. Couldn't and shouldn't the senior officers take on the same constraints and losses as those of their customers?

4. in the midst of all this KU is not only seeking to offset costs by increasing its annual rate, it is seeking to reduce its payment rate for customer generated electricity created by renewable resources like solar energy. Why one might ask? Could it be KU wishes to charge more for the same electricity that it wishes to pay less. Only to turn around and charge the average customer at a greater energy rate for said energy. Say it isn't so KU. The energy giant is also proposing an Economic Relief Surcredit Adjustment Clause (could you make it any more confusing to understand KU?) set at what they project as \$11.9 million of customer returned compensation. How? Who knows. They don't say nor wish anyone to really know. But come on KU. It doesn't take a CPA to see that this "compensation" would yet again be paid for by the proposed rate increase. It's the old, I'll give you a dollar you give me 10 trick coded in confusion by industry jargon and word salad speak. Lastly, KU is wanting to add a Warranty Service rider allowing "customer-owned exterior electric facilities" to use its billing services to obtain payment. Wow. Now this is a very creative way for KU to in essence pay itself for the current updates and repairs it is already doing. KU wants to charge the consumer for the repairs using the proposed rate increase then pay itself to do said repairs. Criminal!

If KU could only be as creative, tenacious and fervent at developing strategies and technologies to save its customers money instead of asking for the 4th rate increase in less than 5 years. PSC members don't be duped yet again. Do the right thing, protect those who are already suffering, show KU enough is enough and reject the proposed rate increase. Concerned citizen, Troy Chafin

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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-----Original Message-----From: Pe Napier Sent: Saturday, December 19, 2020 5:25 PM To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: K.U. Increase

I think it is ridiculous of this company to request an increase@this time. A lot of families are struggling to meet their bills every month. A lot individuals are without jobs. If you need an increase then I suggest you find another way. Do what your customers have to do cut cost.

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
То:	
Subject:	RE: KU rate increase
Date:	Tuesday, December 29, 2020 8:51:00 AM

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601

From: Greg Yates
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 1:21 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: KU rate increase

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Considering everything we have endured this year, now is definitely not the time to be raising electric utility rates. I strongly encourage you to deny this request from KU.

Thanks

Greg Yates 613 Sydney Ct, Winchester, KY 40391

From:	Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Direct
To:	
Subject:	RE: No rate increase for Kentucky Utilities
Date:	Tuesday, December 29, 2020 8:45:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601

From: Patricia Sullivan
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2020 2:40 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: No rate increase for Kentucky Utilities

Hello,

Kentucky Utilities has implemented 2 rate increases in the past 3 years already. I am opposed to another rate increase at this time. Many, many are struggling to pay the bills at this time and I myself am lucky enough to still be working but work 2 jobs and over 50 hours a week with COPD (and no benefits) just to try to make ends meet and pay the bills. \$12.85 per month makes a big difference to many citizens, especially in these trying times. This is not the time to increase the energy rates. Would love to write a long eloquent essay on why it is a bad idea and I am opposed complete with examples but am just too exhausted.

You are welcome to contact me with any further questions.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Patricia Sullivan

1011 Tatesbrook Drive Lexington, KY 40517 Email: Phone:

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601

From: David Cruse
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 8:58 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Proposed Kentucky Utilities Company-LG&E Application for Rate Increase

Kentucky Public Service Commission:

The November 25th 2020 request by KU of a 10.4% increase is an unreasonable request. This utility has a monopoly and the increase does not seem justified based on the continued increasing profitability of the parent company.

There are several items thrown in this request that does not seem to add value to the consumer.

 It is not clear why they are proposing a Economic Relief Surcredit Adjustment Clause credit, but yet are requesting a 10.4% increase, these type of maneuvers for a 12 month credit that runs out will then on the 13th month reflect another net increase to the consumer. For a public monopoly we need clear transparency that can be easily measured on the month to month net expense so the consumer can evaluate the overall value proposition.

- 2. If the consumer wants to add Warranty Service for Customer Owned Exterior Facilities, let the consumer deal directly with the entity that is providing this service. The consumer does not need additional expense charges from KU for overhead costs of billing that is justifying the base electric increase and the consumer does not need to mix the value proposition up for the additional service by hiding it in the KU expenses or bills.
- 3. KU is proposing a NEW net metering rate. It is my understanding that this will reduce the amount KU will reimburse the consumer if they are producing through solar or other renewable energy methods more electricity than they consume in that period. So why is the consumer reimbursable rate going down for excess energy produced but yet KU continues to increase their rates. This does not pass the test of reason for a public monopoly that is owned by a private company. This also reduces the breakeven for customers to make investments in renewable energy for their homes and reduces the incentive.

Please as the people's representatives with a Public Energy Monopoly, do not agree to these type of maneuvers and increases to the consumer.

Thank you, David Cruse

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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-----Original Message-----From: lisa hall Sent: Saturday, December 19, 2020 11:11 PM To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: Rate increase for electricity

In Regards Case number 2020-00349 I would like to say that this seems like a very big rate increase especially with the economy the way it is right now. People are already struggling. I understand that an increase might be needed but this seems very large. No reason is stated as to why the increase is so big either. In light of that and the financial desperation this pandemic has caused I ask that the increase be denied

Thank you for your time

Lisa Dennis 1017 walnut grove circle Richmond Ky 40475

From:	Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
To:	
Subject:	RE: Unacceptable KU Rate Increases
Date:	Tuesday, December 29, 2020 8:47:00 AM

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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-----Original Message-----From: Andrew Bond Sent: Saturday, December 19, 2020 6:38 PM To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: Unacceptable KU Rate Increases

I want to formerly let it be known that I think the proposed rate increases by KU are excessive and should not be allowed. I'm not sure how any business can honestly ask customers who have no other choice for electricity to absorb an over 10% increase in cost. I can understand a 1-3% increase to adjust for costs but this seems to be purely a money grab.

In a year where many will still be struggling to pay for their basic necessities in the wake of the ongoing pandemic these proposed rate hikes must not be allowed.

Sincerely,

Andrew Bond Nicholasville, Jessamine County KY resident

Sent from my iPhone

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