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Friday, January 29, 2021 3:45:00 PM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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Ku should not get a rate raise this year because of the covid 19 danny branham

From: <u>Bruner, Brandon S (PSC)</u> on behalf of <u>PSC Executive Director</u>

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Thank you for taking the time to read my submission.

Roy G. Baxter

Public Service Commission Members

Case No. 2020-00349

Ever since I retired 5 years ago, I have always taken the time on the first day of the New Year to make out a budget to live by. Thank goodness I am able to pay my bills and supplement my social security, which I live on, with my personal savings. Truthfully, I am a very practical person with a very modest life style and am very blessed.

I find it more challenging each year to live within my annual means. It is not hard to understand – the cost of living is increasing at an alarming rate. Let's look at Kentucky Utilities proposed rate increase for example: the monthly residential electrical bill will increase 10.67%, approximately \$12.85 for 1,120 kWh of electricity. This is information provided by KU that this is the average monthly consumption of its customers. I would certainly like to know what parameters were used to determine who this customer is, how they live, where they live, etc. I always strive to be better than average but in this case above average is very disappointing.

As I stated I live a pretty modest lifestyle; that includes my all-electric house. (1900 square feet, 1 &1/2 story, pretty well insulated, mostly vinyl home) Through the years I have adopted KU'S suggestions to reduce my consumption not only to reduce my usage and my bill but also to help our planet. Here is a list of some of those measures I faithfully practice;

- Yearly maintenance and inspection of my units (split zone heating and A/C)
- Maintain clean filters
- Installed more energy efficient windows (Double paned)
- Programed thermoset at 69 degrees and to lower temperature late at night while asleep
- Utilize natural sunlight as much as possible (shades drawn on cloudy overcast days and open on bright sunny days)
- Trained myself not to turn on the lights
- Draft blockers used on all external doors, winter and summer
- Eliminated burning outside lights at night
- Replace appliances with energy efficient products
- Dressing appropriately on colder days

KU gave sage advice! These measures certainly work. Unfortunately, these measures were only good enough to earn me a good energy rating in comparison to other homes similar to mine in my area. KU's analysis - not mine! As a matter of fact, I reduced my consumption 215.33 kWh in 2020 when compared with 2018. These efforts netted me a \$57.00 savings on my yearly billing. I am sure it would have been more except for the fact that KU has had significant price increases for the last 3 or 4years. One Lexington TV News Station reported that with the proposed increase this year, their rates will have increased by 27%. Didn't this company fairly recently used to pride itself on how great their rates were?

Board Members please don't kid yourselves that the increase will only appear on our monthly statements. KU is asking for increases on all users. Those increases will only be passed on to the

consumer in higher prices for goods and services, higher school taxes, higher city taxes, etc. I ask you to ask KU to TIGHTEN THEIR BELTS just as the citizens of this state have. All companies have waste; ask KU to eliminate the waste in their company! Do the perks in their company match the times? How many people in Central Ky can't pay their bills now? How many have lost their jobs because of COVID-19? How can one ask for such an egregious increase during such a challenging economic period of our history? Are you not alarmed?

I have never claimed to be the sharpest tool in the shed but I am smart enough to realize my Social Security cost of living increase for this year will cover my new electric utility increases. Maybe there will be enough left over for a small treat. I won't know till I sit down and do my budget.

That's not true – I have already done the math – the only hope for me and all the other KU customers is how you do the math!

Sincerely and Appreciative of Your Time

Roy Baxter 110 Sena Way Richmond, Ky 40475z From: <u>Bruner, Brandon S (PSC)</u> on behalf of <u>PSC Executive Director</u>

To: Subject: Date:

KY Utilities Company Hijack Proposal Response Wednesday, February 3, 2021 8:58:00 AM

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From: Terry Keown

Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 10:33 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> **Subject:** KY Utilities Company Hijack Proposal Response

To Whom it Concerns,

After a recent construction project, I am just opening my mail from the last couple of weeks and about fell out of my chair while reading Kentucky Utilities Company's proposed annual increased rates! A 10.67% annual hike of residential rates is asinine! How about they demonstrate their ability in cost-savings, reducing budgets and staff?

It is unacceptable for them to be expecting and the associated commission to be granting increase after increase to promote millions upon millions in revenue for this monopoly. What does the consumer receive additionally for their 10.67% rate increases? These increases NEVER go down but compound year after year. I believe it to be way more reasonable to increase rates, when absolutely necessary, 1-2% annually and if they can't provide warranted response to justify even a meager rate hike, then the common customer should be credited.

I am appalled by the lunacy of this kind of percentage hike. Is there no longer a customer advocacy to push back with these outlandish hikes? Where is government oversight to monopoly bullies?!?

Terry Keown, CAP-OM® | Volunteerism does the heart good. Giving is an opportunity to share God's grace. Do both cheerfully! Il Corinthians 9:7

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