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Subject: Comments on PSC Case Number 2020-00174
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Bill Handshoe,

Thank you for your comments on the application of Kentucky Power Company. Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. Please cite the case number in this matter, 2020-00174, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at http://psc.ky.gov/PSC_WebNet/ViewCaseFilings.aspx?Case=2020-00174.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 2:26 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Comments on PSC Case Number 2020-00174

Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission,

I am writing to express my thoughts on the proposed rate change Kentucky Power has recently brought before the Commission, in case no. 2020-00174. I have four main points.

1. Kentucky Power's net metering proposal punishes prospective rooftop solar customers. The "netting periods" Kentucky Power has proposed are arbitrary and seem designed specifically to give rooftop solar customer generators the worst deal. Any net metering rate for grid-tied solar customers must be grounded in a careful evaluation of the costs AND the benefits that rooftop solar brings to the utility. Kentucky Power's proposal does the opposite.

2. By increasing both the fixed charge and the energy charge of residential bills by 25%, Kentucky Power would be imposing a huge financial impact on eastern Kentucky households already struggling

to make ends meet, in the middle of a pandemic. Although their offer of bill forgiveness on accounts more than 30 days late on May 28 is a step in the right direction, the actual rates that Kentucky Power has proposed are neither just, nor fair, to ratepayers like me.

3. I strongly oppose the declining block rate, as it disincentivizes energy efficiency, and punishes low-energy households. Only customers who use a lot of electricity in the winter will be better off under the declining block rate – and just for those three months. But customers who have invested in efficiency, have small homes, or try to conserve energy, will be worse off. And the other 9 months out of the year, all of us will pay more, no matter what. Kentucky Power claims to be helping out low-income customers with their proposed declining block rate—but the best way to help us out would be to not increase our rates at all.

4. Kentucky Power has not adequately proved that their plan to universally deploy advanced metering infrastructure is of sufficient value to residential ratepayers to warrant the \$36 million investment. I oppose the universal implementation of smart meters, particularly if they would be used as an excuse to rack up Kentucky Power's profits and further devalue rooftop solar energy in the future

Please use your regulatory authority to reign in Kentucky Power's rate proposal, which would hurt ratepayers like me in the middle of a global pandemic.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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