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Kentucky Public Service Commission

PO Box 615
Frankfort, KY 40601

Re; Case No. 2020-00349
Request for Intervention

To whom it may concern,

I have just received a notification included in my monthly bill that arrived on December 31, 2020 indicating that Kentucky Utilities has filed an application for an annual increase in there utility rates to the tune of 10.4% to be "effective on and after January 1, 2021", which is only one day after receiving the notice. As I understand it, this is the third increase in the last four years.

The notice does not provide any justification for the rate increase. Fuel costs are at a long term low, there have been no catastrophic weather events damaging their system, and in my humble opinion; any upgrades fall under *the cost of doing business*.

Grounds for requested intervention:

As stated above; there does not appear to be grounds for yet another increase. Furthermore, there are thousands of families struggling during this pandemic to stay afloat. I know of no-one who is still working that has received a 10.4% pay increase this year.

I would implore you to carefully consider the necessity of this increase as well as the role the Commission plays in regulating the utilities for the general public.

For the sake of all Kentuckians, please reject the rate increase.

Thank you;



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**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF
KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in a November 25, 2020 Application, Kentucky Utilities Company (“KU”) is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission of an adjustment of its rates and charges to become effective on and after January 1, 2021.

The proposed rates reflect a proposed annual increase in revenues of approximately 10.4% to KU.

The estimated amount of the annual change and the average monthly bill to which the proposed electric rates will apply for each electric customer class are as follows:

| Electric Rate Class | Average Usage (kWh) | Annual \$ Increase | Annual % Increase | Monthly Bill \$ Increase | Monthly Bill % Increase |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Residential | 1,120 | 68,176,839 | 10.68 | 12.85 | 10.67 |
| Residential Time-of-Day | 1,184 | 19,427 | 10.68 | 12.08 | 10.69 |
| General Service | 1,689 | 26,734,943 | 10.68 | 26.91 | 10.68 |
| General Time-of-Day | New Rate Schedule | | | | |
| All Electric School | 25,276 | 1,453,830 | 10.68 | 285.86 | 10.68 |
| Power Service | 31,900 | 19,592,722 | 10.67 | 351.54 | 10.67 |
| Time-of-Day Secondary | 194,032 | 14,530,948 | 10.69 | 1,580.24 | 10.69 |
| Time-of-Day Primary | 1,288,759 | 26,942,083 | 10.68 | 8,786.08 | 10.68 |
| Retail Transmission | 5,852,624 | 8,787,141 | 10.68 | 36,613.09 | 10.68 |
| Fluctuating Load Service | 50,490,867 | 3,514,118 | 10.69 | 292,843.20 | 10.69 |
| Outdoor Lights | 58 | (129) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Lighting Energy | 3,373 | 18 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| Traffic Energy | 150 | 2 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| PSA | N/A | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Rider – CSR | N/A | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Outdoor Sports Lighting – Pilot Program | 6,800 | (4,762) | (4.97) | (99.21) | (4.97) |

The monthly residential electric bill increase due to the proposed electric base rates will be 10.67 percent, or approximately \$12.85, for a customer using 1,120 kWh of electricity (the average monthly consumption of a KU residential electric customer).

KU is also proposing an Economic Relief Surcredit Adjustment Clause, which will credit KU customers a total of \$11.9 million over twelve months when new rates go into effect from this proceeding. For the first twelve months of new rates following this proceeding, a \$0.00068 per kWh credit will be applied to all standard rate schedules.

KU is proposing to add an optional rider called Warranty Service for Customer-Owned Exterior Facilities. This rider permits firms that provide warranty service for the repair or replacement of customer-owned exterior electric facilities serving a KU customer’s residence and connected to KU distribution facilities and that meet certain standards to use KU’s billing services to obtain payment for subscribed warranty service.

KU is proposing a new net metering rate schedule, Rider NMS-2, and renaming its existing Rider NMS to be Rider NMS-1. Rider NMS-1 will serve eligible electric generating facilities as defined

in KRS 278.465(2) for which customers have submitted an application for net metering service before the effective date of rates established in this proceeding. Rider NMS-2 will apply to all other net metering customers. KU also is proposing new terms and conditions for Net Metering Service Interconnection Guidelines.

KU is requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and other associated relief to exchange all existing non-communicating electric meters in its service area with Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) meters.

KU proposes to eliminate certain Environmental Cost Recovery ("ECR") Projects from its ECR mechanism and monthly filings on a going-forward basis, which will result in rate base costs previously included for recovery in the ECR mechanism being recovered through base rates. The reduction in ECR mechanism revenues creates a corresponding increase in base rate revenues with no change in total revenues.

KU also is proposing changes in the text of some of its rate schedules and other tariff provisions, including its terms and conditions for electric service. Complete copies of the proposed tariffs containing the proposed text changes and rates may be obtained by contacting Kentucky Utilities Company by mail at 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202; by phone at 800-981-0600; or by visiting KU's website at lge-ku.com.

Notice is further given that a person may examine this application at the offices of KU, One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky; the application also may be examined at KU's website at lge-ku.com.

A person also may examine this application at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or through the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602 or by email to psc.info@ky.gov. All comments should reference Case No. 2020-00349.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by KU, but the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602 establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.

A copy of the Notice of Filing and the proposed tariff, once filed, also shall be available for public inspection on KU's website at lge-ku.com, or through the Public Service Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

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