

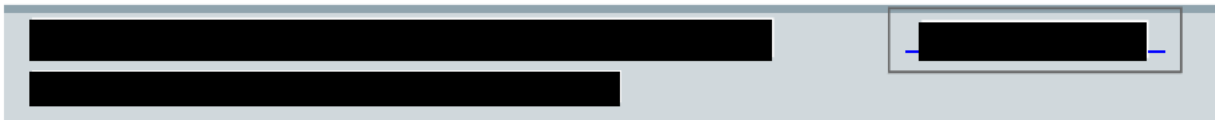
From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Taylor county recc rate increase
Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 11:20:00 AM

Case No. 2023-00147

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: Josh Rouse <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2023 12:21 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Taylor county recc rate increase



I do not agree with the rate increase on reside trial customers. They are raising it nearly 20% and big business are at 0% increase. Us normal people are tapped out currently. Amazon and all these factories make bookoos of dollars. We don't have any more left to give. Why would you all approve this? Plz reject it.

Thanks,
Josh Rouse
Greensburg, KY

From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: proposed rate increase for farms, homes
Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 11:19:00 AM

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 10:13 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: proposed rate increase for farms, homes

[REDACTED]

Taylor County RECC has suffered from poor management for years. The previous manager, Barry Meyers, sat there for 40 plus years before finally retiring this year. The routine maintenance has not been done consistently with much of the work being done by outside contractors when it was performed. A recent example happened in Adair County earlier this month on a Monday afternoon, the electricity went out at the time of the evening meal preparations for my 93 year old mother, who is now an invalid. The power was off around an hour, she did not get to have a hot meal. At the same time the cattle were drinking out of the water tank serviced by the well causing the pump to lose prime. It was necessary to call a workman after hours to get the water, pump all working again. Again, the next day the power went off at the evening meal time; mother was not able to have a hot meal. I called around and finally got an employee who said they had something to wear out and they were working on replacing it since it was affecting a whole line. I know some of the workers do work and do a competent job, but others have been able to evade work responsibilities. We had a neighbor who worked there who was supposed to be on call so he drove a company pick-up. He would go in, clock in, come home and farm all day; he would go back at the end of the day and clock out. He used the pick-up for personal errands as well. This was lack of management. He was finally "retired" a few years ago. I had a cousin who worked there and as a new hire, he was surprised to see many employees sitting in a back room basically playing cards all day. The elected board has not proven to be responsive to the members because they promise the

workers all kinds of perks in order to get elected.

We had a few days of colder than average temperatures in December leading up to Christmas in 2022. When the bills came out in January, we had a bill that was 2 and half times a normal bill. Everyone in 4 counties was angry and wanted answers. The manager would not address the issue instructing employees to tell people that a billing mistake had been made and if you could not pay your bill, then you could do a form of budget billing. For those of us who have social security as our reliable income, the fixed income does not stretch for unexpected expenses like this. Happily, the new manager did notify people the status of repairs when power went out due to the storm of March 4. If we don't have electricity, we don't have water for us or our livestock and we have miles of electric fences to contain our cattle and sheep; without electricity we don't have heat. RECC is not always reliable because weather can be good without wind and the power will go off for a second or two and this happened repeatedly day in and day out. This has caused us to have to replace a motor for our relatively new heat pump. It affects freezer, refrigerators, computer, clocks, etc. All have to be reset continually and it affects the life of the object.

I cannot see justification for this huge increase for the quality of service we receive. It seems like price gouging and industrial customers will not receive an increase. This increase is on those of us who are still farming and trying to raise food for this country. Farming is a business, too. This price increase is unjust, biased and just not right. It is a struggle to pay property taxes, insurance and the present electric bill. I know East Kentucky is interested in selling electricity to places like California and to the areas of northeast; I don't feel we should have to subsidize these sales.

I expect this protest is futile because these entities always get their way regardless of who it hurts. I don't expect anyone on this board to know the frustrations of farming and the challenges that occur unexpectedly. I do expect consideration for people who try to contribute to society and just pay their bills in a timely manner.

Linda L. Cundiff at Hedgespeth Farms

From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Taylor County RECC
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From: Irvin Bertram [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2023 10:14 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Taylor County RECC

[REDACTED]

Good morning, I would like to express my opposition to the proposed rate increase that TCRECC is wanting. A rate increase of 19.44% is ridiculous. I could agree that an increase of 4 or 5% might be in order, but, this larger amount will undoubtedly cause a hardship on fixed and low income residents. When did utilities become a profitable business? This increase, they state, will increase their profit margin by more than a windfall \$6.3m. And, help their bottom line of added revenue of more than 12%. Looks to me, they are pretty darn profitable at their current rate. I could see where utility companies might need to raise money if they have unforeseen expenditures like the wind damage earlier this year and needed to borrow money to cope with cost associated with that. But, to raise rates only to increase their profit margin is wrong and absolutely evil.

Regards,

Irvin Bertram
2330 Keen Wilson Rd.
Columbia, KY. 42728
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

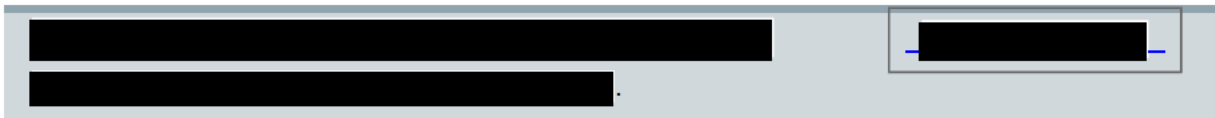
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From: Angela Black <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2023 8:34 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Proposed Taylor County RECC Rate Increase



Kentucky Public Service Commission:

As a disabled retired Kentucky teacher, I am concerned that the proposed rate hike for utilities provided by Taylor County RECC are excessive. Please consider lowering the percentage as to make the basic need of electricity accessible to all—including those on limited incomes such as myself. Thank you for your time.

Angela Black
1435 Allen Creek Road
Liberty, KY 42539
Sent from my iPhone

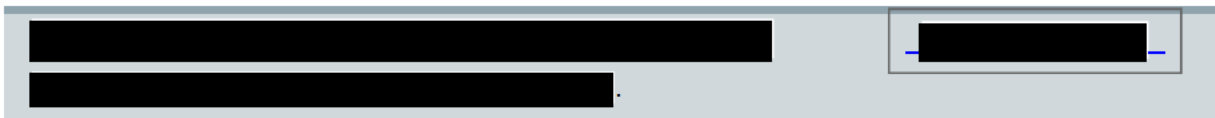
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From: Charles Henderson [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 4, 2023 11:39 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Comment / Case #2023-00147



Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

RE: Case #2023-00147 / Taylor County R.E.C.C. / General Rate Adjustment

Dear Madam or Sir:

The substantial residential rate increase proposed by Taylor County R.E.C.C. will impose a significant burden on many customers who are unable to afford the already increasing charges for electric service.

Though I do not agree that such an increase is necessary, presuming that Taylor County R.E.C.C. can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Public Service Commission that their rate increase proposal is fully justified; then, I should like to request that Taylor County R.E.C.C. be required to establish and maintain a fund to which members/customers may contribute for the purpose of assisting those who are unable to afford basic residential electric service,

especially after the general rate increase, including the additional requirement that they shall publish the existence of such a fund being established and open for contributions.

With thanks, best regards, and all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Charles V. Henderson
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Campbellsville, Kentucky 42718-7421