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From: Kyrie Fowkes Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 3:34 PM To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov> Subject: Public Comment in Case #2024-00115



Dear Commissioners

Case #2024-00115 KY Power DSM Case

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We need to see at a minimum an investment of 1% or at least half of what they are proposing to spend on new gas plants (\$150M)

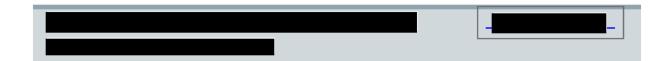
If larger areas are cheaper in power this needs done

Sincerely, Kyrie Fowkes

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From: Annette Hines Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 7:30 PM To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov> Subject: Public Comment in Case #2024-00115



Dear Commissioners

Case #2024-00115 KY Power DSM Case

Hello,

I am sending a public comment because ...

Kentuckians are facing high bills and frequent rate increases. Many of our most vulnerable friends and neighbors are having to make tough choices to keep the electricity on each month. Energy efficiency helps keep our electric bills low and our homes warm, safe, and comfortable.

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Sincerely, Annette Hines

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From: James Coleman Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 7:45 PM To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov> Subject: Public Comment in Case #2024-00115



Dear Commissioners

Case #2024-00115 KY Power DSM Case- I see no need to this and other charges on our power bills they are higher than they should be anyway with these additional charges

Sincerely, James Coleman

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From: Donna Smith Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 7:45 PM To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov> Subject: Public Comment in Case #2024-00115



Dear Commissioners

Case #2024-00115 KY Power DSM Case

Kentucky Power needs to invest in us as customers to help reduce our electric bills. This will reduce the need for more fossil fuel plants.

Sincerely, Donna Smith

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From: James Ratliff Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 7:46 PM To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov> Subject: Public Comment in Case #2024-00115



Dear Commissioners

Case #2024-00115 KY Power DSM Case I knew when I first saw that Ky power was going to be sold that it was going to screw over Ky power customers. Now we see this quick how they will screw over us!

Sincerely, James Ratliff

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From: Brittany Herrington Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 7:46 PM To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov> Subject: Public Comment in Case #2024-00115



Dear Commissioners

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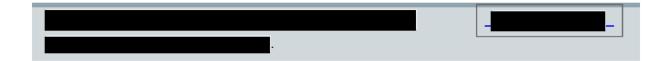
Please help us find relief in our ever increasing power bills. Winter is coming and we need grace.

Sincerely, Brittany Herrington

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From: Caleb Hampton Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 7:46 PM To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov> Subject: Public Comment in Case #2024-00115



Dear Commissioners

Case #2024-00115 KY Power DSM Case

The residents of Pike County have no options for electricity. KY Power has a monopoly and unfortunately they take advantage of that. They have increased rates because as people have left the area, they say it takes more money to support the infrastructure. I should not be punished for staying in my home and remaining in EKY. But that is essentially what is happening. They recently contracted a tree cutting service to cut around lines. One truck parked in my driveway for over 8 hours with 3 workers sitting inside just waiting for another crew somewhere to say come pick up limbs. #1 why did it require 3 people? Is that another reason why my rates have increased? AEP built a new building in Pikeville. They talk about the energy assistance programs. If bills weren't so high, that wouldn't be needed. They may not be taking significant wage increases but performance bonuses have seen an increase around 28.4% in 2023. That's significant.

Sincerely, Caleb Hampton [

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From: Brian Mullins Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 7:48 PM To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov> Subject: Public Comment in Case #2024-00115



Dear Commissioners

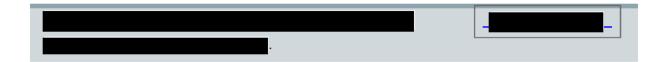
Case #2024-00115 KY Power DSM Case how can we not try to do everything we can to lower bills we have the biggest in the country

Sincerely, Brian Mullins

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From: Kellie Dingus Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 7:48 PM To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov> Subject: Public Comment in Case #2024-00115



Dear Commissioners

Case #2024-00115 KY Power DSM Case

DSM MAKES OUR COMMUNITIES MORE RELIABLE AND RESILIENT

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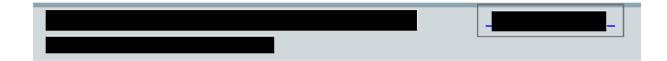
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Sincerely, Kellie Dingus

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From: RICK Davidson Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 7:50 PM To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov> Subject: Public Comment in Case #2024-00115



Dear Commissioners

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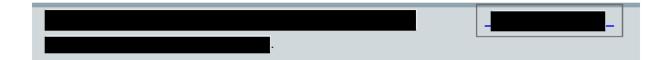
Ky Power is hell bent to spend high profits derived from public utilities on multiple venues & not use excess revenues to lower the rates of the consumers it is committed to serve Somebody needs to help them understand the "well is dry" due to this reckless uncontrollable & unchecked spending & public grants on wants instead of basic needs only Sorta the way we run our home budgets !!! lotsa B.S.!

Sincerely, RICK Davidson

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From: Laura Griffith Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 7:50 PM To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov> Subject: Public Comment in Case #2024-00115



Dear Commissioners

Case #2024-00115 KY Power DSM Case

DSM is the way to go for the future. Why invest in gas, when gas is not even available here. Will not help lower my bills. The money you are talking about comes out of my pocket.

Sincerely, Laura Griffith

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From: Donnie Napier Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 7:50 PM To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov> Subject: Public Comment in Case #2024-00115



Dear Commissioners

Case #2024-00115 KY Power DSM Case we demand an end to the rate increases, electric bills are already outrageous and ridiculous and unnecessary and we're tired of the greed. If Kentucky power wasn't a monopoly you wouldn't be so keen on raising rates it's time to stop gouging the public!

Sincerely, Donnie Napier

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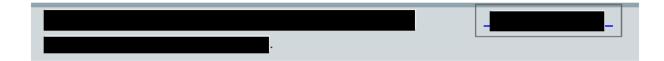
This electric company is all about making more money for their stock they have not made a trust or any kind of plan to put money aside drawing interest for upkeep repair of electricity. Every time you turn around they want a raise In rates. It's time for the people who pay for electric to get a break. They need to have and start running their business better. They have cut their maintained of tree's and other stuff like this to nothing unless electric is out. They do no other maintenance. Years ago they answered call for tree's In power lines. Fixing poles. If they're not on ground or broke in half and electric is out they won't doanything

Sincerely, Cynthia Mckenzie

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Dear Commissioners

Case #2024-00115 KY Power DSM Case

I feel that more needs to be invested back into the hard working Kentuckians. A lot of us have to choose between what we are going to cover and in all cases that shouldn't be happening. I live with an auto immune disease that is impacted by temperatures and stress. Plus I also have an autistic son that I have to buy sensory friendly toys that aren't cheap either.

Instead of building more plants they should find energy efficient ways to do the same thing so it doesn't make it even harder for everybody who is already struggling.

Sincerely, Caitlyn Blair

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Dear Commissioners

Case #2024-00115 KY Power DSM Case I will not support a rate increase.

PUBLIC COMMENTS NEEDED: Kentucky Power's Demand-Side Management Plan Picture Permission to build new generation capacity (CPCN, or Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Case) Public Comment Needed: Energy Efficiency Programs + Plans (DSM or Demand-Side Management) Kentucky Power wants US to invest in THEM but what we really need is for KPC to INVEST IN US.

Right now, KPC is anticipating building a new gas plant in 2029 and charging us 100s of millions of dollars to build it. But it would be way cheaper to instead invest a portion of that money in energy efficiency and other demand-side management tools and save us from needing to build new

infrastructure.

Demand side management (DSM)/ energy efficiency (EE) are almost always the cheapest and most effective way to lower bills, protect homes, and address energy demand.

The programs in KPC's DSM proposal are good, but they are a drop in the bucket for what we really need. Let's tell the Public Service Commission to ensure that Kentucky Power invests in us, helping us save money on our electric bills and reduce the need for future investments in new fossil fuel plants.

Learn more Submit a Comment Your comments are WORKING! Picture Together, we are holding utilities accountable and keeping electric bills affordable.

The Public Service Commission recently ruled on Kentucky Power's most recent rate case. The original request would have increased residential bills by over 18%. The public advocates who intervened in the case came to a settlement agreement with KY Power that would keep rate increases around 11% and provide many new protections for low income customers, including important protections against disconnections. The PSC ruled that the impact of the utility's proposal would be "excessive and disturbing," based on hearing from so many customers that they could not afford a rate increase. They approved a rate increase lower than the agreed upon settlement, increasing a typical residential customer's bill 5.66% over current rates.

This is a HUGE win! Let's keep up the momentum!

Background for DSM Case:

There are two ways to think about meeting customers' need for electricity: generating and supplying electricity, and demand-side management (ie. reducing the amount of electricity needed). Before we consider building new infrastructure to generate more electricity we should always ensure that a utility is doing everything it can to reduce customers' need.

When utilities are projecting an increase in future electricity needs their frequent first response is to build new generating capacity in the form of a new power plant or solar installation. This is because the current utility model rewards utility companies for building new power plants. It allows them to charge us for the price tag of the new infrastructure AND allows them to earn a profit or return on investment for that project. This is old thinking and it hurts customers. Building new infrastructure is EXPENSIVE. Demand side management including investing in energy efficiency is always the cheapest way to ensure utilities can meet our electricity needs and therefore it should be given proper weight in the planning process.

In the future, we need a utility system that rewards utilities for lowering our bills and saving electricity, but for now we need to make sure that the Public Service Commission is encouraging utilities to prioritize demand side management as an important part of the equation for meeting our current and future needs, and protecting the public interest

See Sample Talking Points for your DSM comment below

Submit a Comment

What is Demand-Side Management?

from Wikipedia:

Demand Side Management (DSM) is a strategy used by electric utilities to manage and control energy consumption by consumers.

DSM programs can offer financial incentives, education, or pricing schemes to encourage consumers to reduce their energy demand, especially during peak hours.

DSM programs can provide benefits such as lower utility bills, improved service quality, reduced environmental impacts, and increased grid reliability

What is Energy Efficiency?

Energy efficiency measures are programs, products, and tools that help us to lower our energy usage and our energy bills. This includes weatherization and upgrades to our homes and appliances/heating and cooling systems that reduce the amount of energy needed to keep our homes safe and comfortable.

Want to Know More?

Watch this short webinar to learn more about how we got here and where we need to go. Tips for Writing Your Comment

The Commission wants to hear how the decisions KPC makes affect your life and your family. You don't have to be an expert for your input to matter.

Please write your comment in your own words. You are welcome to use the talking points below but try not to copy and paste them word for word. The Commission gives more weight to unique comments over form responses. Don't overthink it. Your comment can be simple.

Share this action with your friends + followers Talking points to inform your comment Hover over the talking points to see them better

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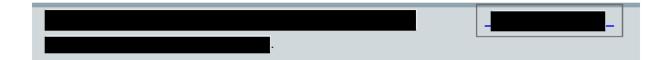
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Dear Commissioners

Case #2024-00115 KY Power DSM Case

Our power bills cannot go any higher. Everytime social security gets a peon raise the power bills and others go up. Raise means nothing. Stop the greed. Let people live

Sincerely, Diane Couch

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