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**Subject:** RE: Proposed rate increases  
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Case No. 2024-00402

Thank you for your comments on the application of South Kentucky R.E.C.C.. 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, 2024-00402 in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2024-00402 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

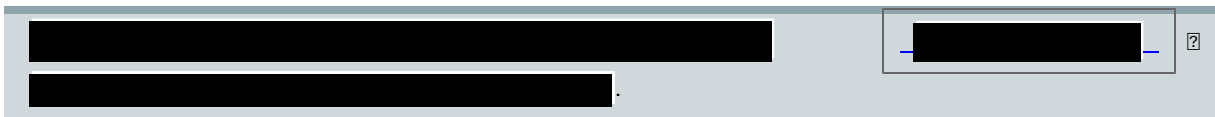
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Ladies and/or Gentlemen:

I am writing as a concerned resident of South Central Kentucky in response to any proposed rate increases by South Central Power. At a time when economic pressures continue to weigh heavily on our rural communities, raising utility rates would compound financial strain for households already battling persistent poverty and inflation.

Recent data underscores this urgency:

Several counties in South Central Kentucky, including Wayne (25% poverty), Cumberland (24%), and Russell (23%), report **poverty rates well above the state average of 16.4%**.

According to the latest CPI report for the South Region (which includes Kentucky), **utility prices have already increased dramatically**—electricity rose by **5.9%** and natural gas surged **12.0%** in the past year.

Despite a broader slowdown in national inflation, **housing-related costs—including energy—continue to rise**, especially in underserved areas where wage growth does not match living costs.

For many families in our region, electricity isn't just a service—it's a lifeline. Raising rates could lead to difficult choices between staying warm, putting food on the table, and accessing medical care. That's not just an economic issue, it's a human one.

I respectfully urge South Central Power to consider the real-world effects on your customers. Please prioritize affordability and transparency. Consider investing in energy efficiency programs or phased pricing models that protect vulnerable communities.

Let us keep the lights on—and hope alive—for every household in South Central Kentucky.

Sincerely,  
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