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**Subject:** RE: Eastern Kentucky Power Rates (Case #2025-00257)  
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Case No. 2025-00257

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, 2025-00257 in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2025-00257 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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**Subject:** Eastern Kentucky Power Rates (Case #2025-00257)

Dear Members of the Public Service Commission,

I am writing to express my strong concern regarding Kentucky Power's request for a 14.9% residential rate increase under Case #2025-00257, which could add roughly \$27 per month to the average household bill.

I am advocating on behalf of my friends in Eastern Kentucky, where rates are already among the highest in the state, and incomes are generally lower than in other areas such as Louisville or Lexington. This increase would place a disproportionate burden on households that are already stretched thin.

While I understand that utilities face rising costs for storm response, plant maintenance, and keeping the lights on, Kentucky Power's parent company,

AEP, reports strong profits. It is unfair for families to shoulder these costs while corporate profits continue to grow. And we must consider, how much of the AEP profits are a direct impact from our Eastern Kentucky coal miners?

This is not just about numbers. Higher rates mean families may struggle to afford groceries, medicine, and other essentials. Every extra dollar going to power bills is a dollar that cannot go toward taking care of loved ones.

I urge the PSC to carefully consider the impact of this proposed increase.  
Please:

1. Evaluate whether the full 14.9% increase is necessary.
2. Consider phased or tiered approaches to protect essential electricity usage.
3. Ensure transparency about how the rates are calculated and how they compare to other utilities in the state.

Families in Eastern Kentucky deserve fair rates that reflect their ability to pay, not just the utility's need to recover costs. I respectfully request that my concerns be included in the official record for Case #2025-00257.

Thank you,

**Stella R. Pollard**

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