

Public Comments Received for Case Number: 2025-00257
Response Monday, October 13, 2025

Thank you for your comments. 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.

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Friday, October 10, 2025

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Comments:

Dear Commissioners,

As a home owner and small business owner, I am writing to formally oppose Kentucky Power's proposed electric rate increase. This request places an undue burden on households and businesses in Eastern Kentucky, many of whom already face some of the highest electric rates in the Commonwealth despite having among the lowest median incomes.

Kentucky Power's current financial position is not primarily the result of customer usage patterns but rather a consequence of the company's own business decisions. Over-reliance on expensive coal-fired generation, long-term contracts that locked customers into paying above-market costs, and the lack of timely investment in diversified and renewable energy resources have all contributed to the utility's high operating expenses. These structural issues were created by Kentucky Power's planning choices, not by its ratepayers.

The Commission's role is to ensure that utilities provide safe, reliable service at fair, just, and reasonable rates. Asking already overburdened customers to subsidize past mismanagement does not meet that standard. Before considering any increase, the Commission should require Kentucky Power to:

1. Demonstrate cost-control measures including reductions in executive compensation and non-essential spending.
2. Pursue competitive procurement of generation resources to reduce reliance on outdated and costly facilities.
3. Develop a clear transition plan toward affordable, diversified energy resources that will protect ratepayers from future volatility.
4. Improve transparency in financial reporting so that ratepayers can clearly see how their money is being used.

In short, ratepayers should not be asked to bear the financial consequences of decisions that Kentucky Power itself made. Instead, the company should be required to realign its operations and investments with the long-term interests of its customers.

The Commission's mandate is to ensure fair, just, and reasonable rates, and in this case, the evidence clearly shows that the proposed increase fails that test.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to reject Kentucky Power's proposed rate increase.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this important matter.
Sincerely,
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