

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.

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

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Received through Public Comments

Saturday, October 11, 2025

From: Kyle Bellamy
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Comments:
Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed rate increase that Kentucky Power is trying to impose on their customers.

When will enough be enough?

Despite the fact that AEP (Kentucky Powers parent company) reported record profits in 2024 in the amount of \$3 billion, here they are once again, hat in hand, requesting yet another rate increase of 14.9%. I guess a profit of \$3 billion wasn't enough for someone, so now they want to squeeze out a little more. By the way, this is after the recent 6.37% "Securitized Surcharge" they already slapped on us over the summer, allegedly to recoup costs from the closing of the Big Sandy Coal Plant.

Further, in case I haven't already made my point clear enough, a study from 2023 shows that Kentucky Power customers already have the highest average residential electricity bills in the state. And they decided that wasn't enough, so now they want more. How does that make any sense?

In my opinion this is pure greed, plain and simple. All that matters is maximizing shareholder value, while screwing over the rest of us.

Our area is already suffering from economic hardship, lack of opportunities, and ever-increasing costs that make it harder and harder just to survive. Breathitt County specifically is one of the poorest areas in the entire country, let alone the state of Kentucky. With a 2023 median household income of about \$19,155, approximately 30% of our population lives well below the poverty line. An additional 15% hike on an already outrageous to begin with electric bill could be the difference between being able to keep the lights on or putting food on the table for a family that's already struggling to get by. Of course, with \$3 billion in profit, this is a decision that I suspect the executives of this company would never have to make. Nevertheless, it's a

reality for a large portion of their customer base, especially here in Southeast Kentucky.

The absolute worst part is we cant switch providers because there are no alternatives. Kentucky Power is the only company we have access to and they realize that. So were stuck having to deal with whatever rates they want to charge us. This will only serve to further drive people away from Southeastern Kentucky and prevent potential businesses from locating here in the future.

I sincerely hope you will take this into consideration when you make your decision.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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