

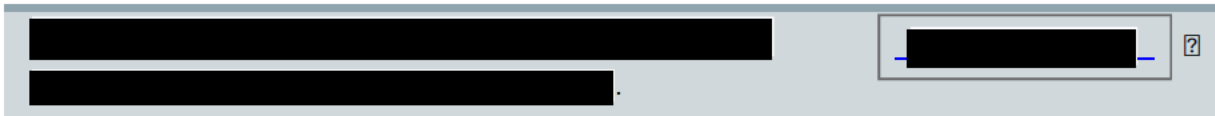
From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: ["Benjamin Toppins"](#)
Subject: RE: Case #2025-00257
Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 9:28:00 AM

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From: Benjamin Toppins [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 12:26 PM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2025-00257



Hello, I am Benjamin Toppins and I reside in Vanceburg, Ky. The electric bill is higher every month. If it keeps getting any higher, how will any of us be able to make ends meet! I have a wife & three kids and we need electricity but the rates are outrageous!!!! Please help our community! Thank you.

From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: ["Michael Lumpkins"](#)
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From: Michael Lumpkins [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 8:20 AM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2025-00257

[REDACTED]

I understand you are wanting to seek a rate increase for the area of Vanceburg, KY, I find this appalling to say the least. The average rate in Kentucky is \$0.1248/kWh and you are already well above that. The average income of Kentucky is already one of the lowest in the US coming in at 6th. Vanceburg (Lewis County) is one of Kentucky's smaller cities, with a 2023 population of approximately 1,443. Based on the latest U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) 2019–2023 5-year estimates, its median household income is \$26,369 (in 2023 inflation-adjusted dollars). This is about 57% below the state median of \$61,980 and roughly 67% below the national median of \$80,610. Kentucky has 550+ incorporated cities, but reliable ACS data (with margins of error under 10–15%) is typically available for those with populations over ~1,000. Among these ~200–250 comparable cities: Vanceburg ranks **near the bottom**, approximately **#1–3 lowest** in median household income. So you can see how this poveraged town could be decimated by an increase at all and might cause many to not be able to afford their electricity at all.

A Concerned Citizen,
Michael Lumpkins

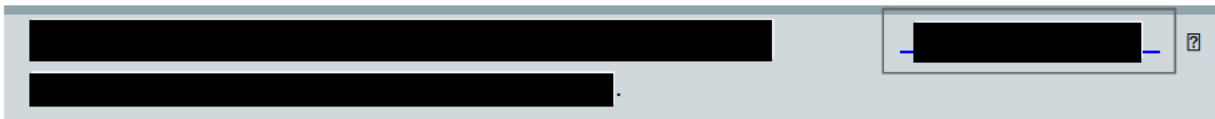
From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: ["Megan Waldron"](#)
Subject: RE: Case # 2025-00257
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From: Megan Waldron [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2025 6:11 PM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2025-00257



To Whom It May Concern:

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express growing concerns about the continued rise in electricity rates, particularly for rural communities where residents are already facing significant financial challenges.

Many low-income households in rural areas, including my own, are struggling with the current high costs of electricity. The recent increases have already placed a strain on our budgets, making it difficult to meet basic needs while ensuring homes are adequately heated or cooled. Unfortunately, it seems that there is yet another rate hike scheduled for 2026, which only adds to the uncertainty and anxiety for families who are already stretched thin.

While we understand the need for utility providers to adjust rates due to inflation, maintenance, and infrastructure investments, the reality is that many rural residents simply cannot afford further increases. This issue is exacerbated by limited access to higher-paying jobs, lack of affordable housing, and other financial hardships that are common in rural areas.

I would like to urge the you to consider the disproportionate impact these rate hikes have on rural, low-income households. It is crucial that we explore solutions that can provide relief, such as more affordable pricing models, greater energy efficiency programs, or direct assistance to those who are most vulnerable.

I am hopeful that your office will take into account the economic realities faced by these communities when making decisions regarding future rate increases. Your support in

addressing this issue would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Warm regards,

Megan Ginn

, Garrison, KY 41142

Sent from my iPhone

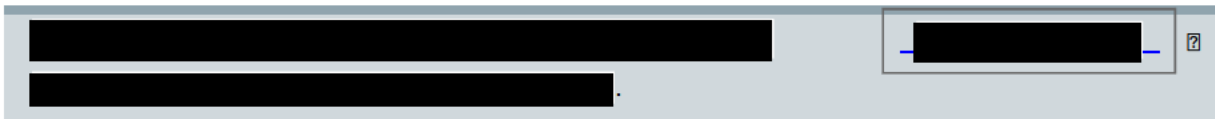
From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: [Sarah Stone](#)
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From: Sarah Stone [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2025 5:34 PM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2025-00257



In regards to increasing the rate that is honestly insane. People around here can't even afford the rate it is currently. People have to choose between house payments/rent, food, or electricity. Maybe look into the workers at the Vanceburg Elec Plant board people like Enix and Stone. What are they paying per KW? My husband was told from someone down there they can charge what they want to who they want. We have checked into solar and Vanceburg refuses to cooperate and do buy back and share an itemized report. Raising the rate will end up costing you more in the long run because no one will be able to afford the electricity and payments won't be made. Then people will be living without electricity to survive.

Sarah (Stone) Kimbler
[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

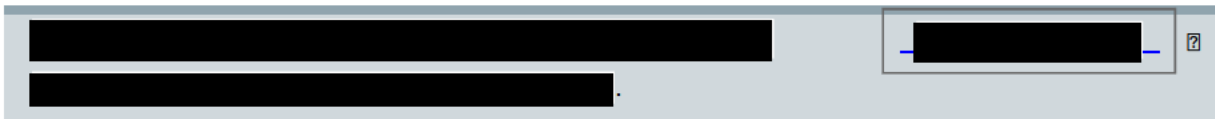
From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
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From: stacy thurman [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2025 5:20 PM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: # 2025-00257



To whom it May concern- I am on Vanceburg Electric (Vanceburg Ky). The current utility rates are the highest in our area (far more expensive than Fleming Mason and Grayson Rural Electric. Some business have left due to this high cost. Please do not raise the cost. It is already too high.

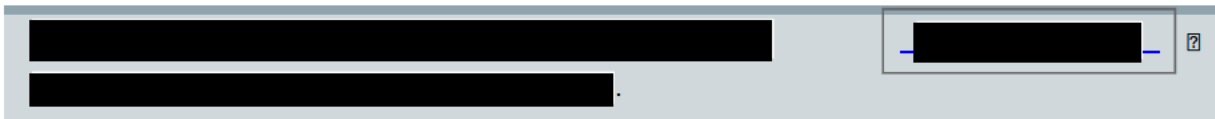
From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: ["Linda Moore"](#)
Subject: RE: Case #2025-00257
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From: Linda Moore [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2025 3:33 PM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2025-00257



Sent from my iPhone

I have lived here in Vanceburg my whole life. And now that I'm on a fixed income it's getting harder to pay my bills. Electricity is high for all of us living here. I live in an all-electric home so most of my utilities are the electric cost.

I don't see how families are going to make ends meet with AEP wanting to raise our rates again.

Please consider not letting AEP raise our rates. We all need to be able to get by in this life.

Thank you!!

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Received through Public Comments

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

From: Ashley Vanover
City: Hazard
State: KY
Zip: 41701

Comments:

One of my fondest memories as a child was hearing my grandpa tell stories of running power lines to homes in Eastern Kentucky. He was a proud retiree of the Kentucky Power Company and proud of his contribution to bringing electric to many homes and families across our region. If he were alive today, I know that he would not be proud of this same company. A company that once valued its customers is now using its power to create greater hardships for an area that is still trying to recover from catastrophic events - multiple floods and tornados. This billion dollar company is not considering that another rate increase is going to make the people of Eastern Kentucky choose between having electricity or food on their table. The middle class is already juggling bills, trying to make ends meet in order to have BASIC needs. We are depending on the Kentucky Public Service Commission to say "NO" to another rate increase. 15% will increase my personal bill by \$100. The average electric bill in Kentucky is \$150. My household is modest and our bill is THREE TIMES this amount. The addition of another \$100 on top of an already excessive bill will have a huge impact on our pocketbooks as well as a HUGE gain for AEP. Greed should not win over the people of Eastern Kentucky. AEP knows there is no other competition in this area and our hands are tied. We need power to live. We need heating and cooling. The working man is not getting wage increases to offset this increase in cost of living. Without this increase, Eastern Kentuckians are already having a difficult time paying excessively high electric bills. We cannot fathom another increase. Please PROTECT the citizens of Eastern Kentucky. Say "NO" to a rate increase. I promise you that AEP will continue making billions.

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