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Wednesday, January 7, 2026

From: Kimberly Pennington  
City: Flatwoods  
State: Ky  
Zip: 41139

Comments:

Between the loss of decent paying jobs at ak steel, Our Lady of Bellefonte hospital and failure of the aluminum plant, people in our community are struggling to put food on the table. Other sources of financing is open to AEP other than rolling this over to the consumers. The quality of the infrastructure work should show a decrease if AEP is doing high quality work. The commissioner needs to drive through the cities and communities and look at the quality of the work. Route 207 is a great example to view why they have such infrastructure financial cost. Please ask AEP to release the records on how many people have had to see outside assistance-lheap- to pay electric bills. How many disconnects were issued, how many customers are behind. Look for the financial impact this raise is going to impact people living here. I am requesting a manual neater read because my bill jumped substantially and I was out of town at least 1/2 of the month.

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Wednesday, January 7, 2026

From: Becky  
City: Raceland  
State: KY  
Zip: 41169

Comments:  
The rates are already too high!!!!

**From:** [PSC Public Comment](#)  
**To:** ["Tim Duvall, Sergeant \(BCSO\)"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: KY Power 14.9% Rate Hike  
**Date:** Thursday, January 8, 2026 8:29:00 AM

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**From:** Tim Duvall, Sergeant (BCSO) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 8, 2026 2:00 AM  
**To:** PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>  
**Subject:** KY Power 14.9% Rate Hike



To the Kentucky Public Service Commission,

I am writing as a Kentucky resident to formally oppose the proposed 14.9% residential electric rate increase requested by Kentucky Power. This increase comes at a time when electric bills are already placing an unsustainable financial burden on households across the Commonwealth, particularly in Eastern Kentucky.

In many cases, residential electric bills now rival—or exceed—monthly mortgage payments. Speaking personally, my current electric bill is higher than the mortgage payment I had when I first purchased my home. This is not an isolated experience. For families living on fixed or modest incomes, this trend is untenable.

The economic reality of Eastern Kentucky must be acknowledged. Average wages in this region range roughly from \$18 to \$30 per hour, with many residents earning far less.

These income levels cannot reasonably absorb a nearly 15% increase in an essential, non-optional service. Electricity is not a luxury; it is a necessity for heating, cooling, medical equipment, and basic daily living.

Kentucky Power operates as a regulated monopoly. In exchange for guaranteed customers and regulated profit margins, utilities are expected to manage costs responsibly and plan for known risks such as infrastructure aging, population shifts, and storm-related expenses. Declining population and increased maintenance costs were not unforeseen developments; they are long-standing trends that should have been incorporated into long-term planning.

Ratepayers should not be asked to function as a financial backstop for poor forecasting, management inefficiencies, or investor return pressures. Concerns are heightened when residents see reports of high average wages, extensive overtime, and executive compensation remaining insulated while customers are told increases are unavoidable. Regardless of internal justifications, the optics and the lived experience of customers undermine public trust.

Additionally, many residents question why rates continue to rise even after major infrastructure repairs are funded through federal disaster assistance. While federal aid may comply with applicable rules, the end result feels like costs are repeatedly shifted onto consumers while financial risks remain privatized.

It is also difficult to ignore the role of shareholder expectations. While utilities often state that dividends do not directly drive rate cases, board-level pressure to maintain returns is a reality of investor-owned utilities. Kentucky residents should not be asked to subsidize declining stock performance while local communities face economic contraction.

I respectfully urge the Commission to:

- Closely scrutinize management decisions and operational efficiency
- Require demonstrable cost-control measures before approving any rate increase
- Consider limits on executive compensation and overtime growth during periods of customer hardship
- Strengthen protections for low-income, fixed-income, and rural customers
- Ensure that ratepayers are not being asked to solve problems unrelated to service reliability or safety

Kentucky residents are not seeking free electricity. We are asking for fairness, accountability, and restraint from a monopoly utility entrusted with an essential public service. Approving this increase without stronger consumer protections would further strain households that are already at their breaking point. It's exceptionally difficult when we realize by way of public record that the CEO of AEP had a salary for 2024 of 13.9 million dollars!

Thank you for considering my comments and for your responsibility to PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

Respectfully,

Tim Duvall

Kentucky Resident

**From:** [PSC Public Comment](#)  
**To:** ["KJ"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Case 2025-00257  
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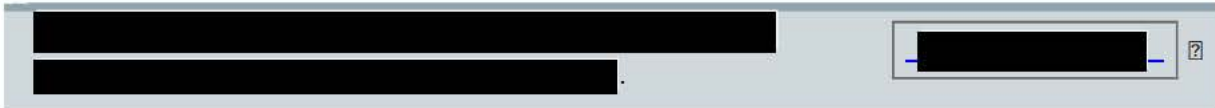
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**From:** K J [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 7, 2026 1:42 PM  
**To:** PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>  
**Subject:** Case 2025-00257



Please do not do this to a population already suffering. Make it more possible to have solar panels and other means to save power and create power.

There's better answers and tax write offs for the company as money saved is money made.

Post in news and social media a place for ideas starting with employees who know what can be done.

Get a name for helping people not letting them suffer or die because they can't keep warm .

Thanks for your time

Kelli Jones

Grayson ky

From: [PSC Public Comment](#)  
To: [REDACTED]  
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From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>  
Sent: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 3:00 PM  
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>  
Subject: FW: 2025-00257

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From: [REDACTED] >  
Sent: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 1:09 PM  
To: PSC Public Information Officer <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: 2025-00257

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] ?

**To whom it may concern:**

**I am voicing my objection to the current 18% rate increase that Kentucky Power is seeking. We, the people, are already submerged in debt from the high economic costs of living and can hardly pay for food and medicine. Yet Kentucky Power wants to burden us with higher electric bills! I am aware that they can do anything they want to do but I am begging you, the PSC, to deny their request.**

**Thank you.**

**Sylvia D. Davis**  
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