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From: Kim Martin
City: Flatwoods
State: KY
Zip: 41139

Comments:

I am unsure how AEP expects to raise rates this much, or at all, with inflation being as bad as it is currently. I, like most people I know, can't pay the bill now. Raising it 15 percent more is unacceptable and it will not work in their favor because they will lose customers left and right due to it not being affordable. People will just go off grid and live without electricity in their homes.

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From: Keith Dixon
City: Catlettsburg
State: KY
Zip: 41129

Comments:

A rate increase right now is absolutely ridiculous. Families are struggling in a lot of areas already. We keep our heat in the home below 65° already to reduce the bill but it continues to raise. We are a family of 5 with one income. When AEP is showing profits and able to provide bonuses to high ranking employees, is a good indicator there is money being made.

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From: Shane Goodall
City: Flatwoods
State: KY
Zip: 41139

Comments:
Say no to the rate hike

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From: Mike
City: Ashland
State: KY
Zip: 41102

Comments:

I have trouble paying my utilities now. Me being a single dad, I cant afford a 15 percent increase. I respectfully ask that you find another way.

Thank you.

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From: Jeff
City: Grayson
State: KY
Zip: 41143

Comments:

The closing of big Sandy unit 2 ..
Aldo importing power from West Virginia is not a very good solution for customers..
We need to do better and possibly even fire the energy provider and move to East Kentucky Power co-op.
There should be no people with their thermostat on 60° in the winter because of corporate greed Thank you.

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From: Eddie Montgomery
City: Catlettsburg
State: Ky
Zip: 41129

Comments:

We can not afford an increase of our electric bill. We are on a fixed income and what we are paying now makes the budget really tight. There are a lot of families in our area that have a hard enough time providing for their families without having to pay more for electric.

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From: Siarra Workman
City: Catlettsburg
State: Ky
Zip: 41129

Comments:

My husband works endless hours each week to the point he's killing himself to try to provide financially for our family. Our electric bill is sometimes double his paychecks- even with overtime. We have 3 kids, one is special needs, and between feeding them, and supplying utilities we barely have anything left and sometimes we don't even have enough and we have to let a bill slide behind. We're punished at the rates we're already paying, and then punished because we were late 2 times in the 2024 year that they charged us a \$850 deposit on top of the ridiculous bills each month. Please don't make me choose between feeding my kids and paying the electric bill.

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From: Sonja Ahuja
City: Wurtland
State: KY
Zip: 41144-6083

Comments:

As a Kentucky Power customer, I am highly opposed to the proposed rate increases. I could not make it to the public meeting in Ashland today, 01/08/2026; however, I do want to add my voice to those who were there. I say NO to any rate increase in electric service in your service area. I work every day with Kentucky Power customers who are struggling to remain stably housed, keep utilities on, pay for medical care, and feed and clothe themselves and their family. The proposed rate increase is a result Kentucky Power's of poor business choices and management. Your northeastern Kentucky customers should NOT have to bear the brunt of YOUR poor choices, especially when they are the victims of other poor choices that are causing housing, medicine, food, and other necessities to radically increase without a comparable increase in wages. Perhaps Kentucky Power should reassess its corporate practices and create a strategy to lower electricity rates for customers. With increased utility costs small businesses will also suffer losses, which in turn could increase unemployment. Fewer people working leads to a smaller customer base and a continued downward spiral for our region. Kentucky Power must NOT increase electricity costs!

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From: Gary
City: Ashland
State: KY
Zip: 41101

Comments:

We do not need a rate increase in eastern ky. Ky powers mismanagement of their resources are the resin this problem exists. Tighten your belt. We should not be subsidizing your past mistakes

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From: Ezekiel Ferrell
City: Ransom
State: KENTUCKY
Zip: 41558

Comments:

Were already the highest paying area in the Eastern United States . Arent your pockets full enough without robbing more money from the poorest of people in the United States. Id be ashamed to know that you have no problem sleeping at night knowing that people in our area have to makes decisions sure as do we buy groceries or pay the power bill.... I say rate decrease, not increasing your wallets volume.

NO RATE INCREASE!!!!

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From: Kendall Arthur
City: Rush
State: Ky
Zip: 41168

Comments:

Please for all the people in Kentucky , don't allow these rate hikes!! We can't afford it!!

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From: Jeffrey Evans
City: Worthington
State: KY
Zip: 41183

Comments:

To the Commissioners of the Kentucky PSC:

I am writing to formally submit my dissent regarding the proposed general rate increase requested by Kentucky Power in Case No. 2025-00257. As a resident of North Eastern Kentucky, I urge the Commission to deny this request in its entirety to protect a region already nearing a breaking point.

1. Unattainable Financial Burden

The proposed rate hike is not merely a clinical adjustment of figures; it represents a direct threat to the health and safety of Eastern Kentuckians. Many residents are currently reporting utility bills that rival or exceed their housing costs. For those on fixed incomes, this increase forces a heat or eat dilemma—a choice between basic utilities and essential food or medicine.

2. Disproportionate Regional Impact

Eastern Kentucky faces unique economic challenges, including higher poverty rates and lower median household incomes compared to the rest of the Commonwealth. Approving this increase ignores the reality of the regions declining population and shrinking industrial base. Shifting the burden of Kentucky Powers infrastructure costs onto a diminishing and financially strained customer base is unsustainable and predatory.

3. Rejection of Business as Usual

Kentucky Power has repeatedly sought relief through rate hikes, yet the quality of life for its captive customers continues to decline. The region's historical contributions to the energy sector, specifically through the coal industry, have left the landscape burdened and the economy fragile. It is unjust to demand further sacrifices from a population that has already given the most.

4. Call for Rigorous Scrutiny

I echo the calls from the Kentucky Attorney General's Office for the PSC to perform an exhaustive audit of Kentucky Power's financial practices. The Commission must investigate:

- Internal operational efficiencies (or lack thereof).
- The fairness of the proposed Return on Equity (ROE).
- Whether the company has truly exhausted all other avenues for cost-saving before turning to

the pockets of the poor.

The PSC exists to ensure that rates are just and reasonable. There is nothing just or reasonable about a rate structure that pillages an economically distressed region to satisfy corporate margins. I respectfully request that the Commission prioritize the survival of Kentucky citizens over the profit requirements of Kentucky Power.

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From: Barbara Litteral
City: Ashland
State: KY
Zip: 41102

Comments:

I'm writing to ask that you deny the 14.9% rate increase that has been requested by Ky Power. The citizens from our great Commonwealth already suffer from high rates on our electricity and most struggle to pay their utility bill and provide all other necessities for their families. The citizens simply cannot afford higher energy costs to support a multibillion dollar company.

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From: Tiffany Markins
City: Greenup
State: KENTUCKY
Zip: 41144

Comments:

Raising the rates for Kentuckians is not feasible. People are struggling to make ends meet and doing this for a basic necessity is a slap in the face. The head person at AEP makes 13 million per year with bonuses and stocks included, the fact that they feel regular people can afford or want to pay nearly 15% more per year shows how out of touch they are.

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From: Michele Miller
City: Catlettsburg
State: KY
Zip: 41129

Comments:

We have had significant rate increases in the last several years. The median income in this area does not support these increases. This is an undo burden on the residents of whom cannot choose where their electric comes from.

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