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Response Monday, January 12, 2026

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Received through Public Comments Sunday, January 11, 2026

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

Comments:

My husband and I both have full time jobs. We live in a house that is too small for our family, and we STILL can't afford our Kentucky Power bill each month AND we are on the budget plan. Raising costs will not just hurt your customers, but also our local economy. No one can afford your prices as it is.

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Received through Public Comments Sunday, January 11, 2026

From: Amy Porter
City: Ashland
State: Kentucky
Zip: 41102

Comments:

I just found out that Kentucky Power is seeking approval for a 14.9% rate increase for residential customers in Eastern Kentucky. Please do not approve this. Too many families, elderly on fixed income, and people on single income are already struggling to make ends meet. We know everything has gotten more expensive. We feel it every time we go to the grocery store; every time we pick up a prescription; every time we have buy something because what we have been making do with has finally worn out. And we see our paychecks get smaller from rising health insurance premiums - those who are able to get health insurance. Yes, costs have gone up. What hasn't increased is worker pay. You already know that wages have not kept up with inflation. In an area, and at a time when most folks have less to work with, allowing this rate increase will only drive people further into poverty. We need to raise people up, not push them further down. I hope you will do the right thing for the citizens of Kentucky.

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Saturday, January 10, 2026

From: Kyra knight
City: Catlettsburg
State: Ky
Zip: 4112[

Comments:

Obviously NO ONE is cool with this. You all are a bunch of greedy fools. Necessary basics should NEVER be FOR PROFIT.

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From: Michael strother
City: ashland
State: Ky
Zip: 41102

Comments:

I am a single father. One income. I'm all ready stretching my paychecks to make sure everything is paid. PLEASE do not raise our rates anymore. We all ready pay the highest rates on the state. Thank you

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From: Christina Garcia
City: Ashland
State: KY
Zip: 41102

Comments:

My electric bill is on a BUDGET. We unplug things were not using, keep a lot of things in our house turned off when we dont need them, and only operate - on average- four rooms in our nine room house at a time and NOT ALWAYS at the same time. Our electric bill - ON A BUDGET- is almost \$300 a month. \$300 a MONTH. We are never late. Never miss a payment. We dont deserve a price increase for loyalty and proper standing.

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

Comments:

The economy is failing us. Least we can do is actually have affordable utilities without breaking the bank. We dont need price gouging we need price deductions. \$600 power bills a month is absolutely outrageous.

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From: Lori Dearfield
City: Grayson
State: KY
Zip: 41143

Comments:

People on fixed incomes cannot afford an increase; therefore, I oppose this.

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From: Cristin
City: Flatwoods
State: KY
Zip: 41139

Comments:

I'm strongly opposed to AEP's attempt to raise rates again when families like mine are already struggling to afford basic necessities. AEP continues moving toward electronic systems that reduce labor and fuel cost, yet they still push yearly fuel-related increases even though fuel has been cheaper this past year. What makes this even harder to accept is that AEP reports multi-billion-dollar profits after expenses. There is no justification for raising rates on customers who are barely getting by when the company is already earning that level of profit. Especially when people in our area have no alternative provider and are forced to comply because AEP holds monopoly on electric services. Who is standing up for the Eastern Kentucky families? Our elected officials may not approve them, but they also haven't passed a single law to shield us from them!

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From: Kasey Stewart
City: Catlettsburg
State: KY
Zip: 41129

Comments:

Please do not be the reason that family's or single parents has to choose between keeping the lights on or groceries to feed their children. Inflation is so real and so hard right now- why would the PSC allow such a rate increase? Please do not fill the pockets to AEP workers, who seem to be the only ones able to afford electric to drain everyone else. Keep in mind the elders who are on such a fixed income, the dads who are working 2-3 jobs just to get by. Think about the single moms who can't afford to pay attention.

Do the right thing. Do not allow this rate increase to happen.

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

Comments:

I have lived in southern California and cape cod and have never paid as much as I am now for electricity. Where I live in kentucky now the average person makes around 400 a week. They are expected to rent, car insurance, car payments, gas, water, sewage or septic care, food, child expenses, medical, etc, plus electric. We can not afford most of these bills let alone a 3-800 a month electric bill without working 2-3 jobs. We already have to pick and chose what to go without each month to make ends meet. Will we eat this month? Will we have enough money for life saving medications? We will be able to stay warm? Or will we pay the electric bill? These prices are outrageous as it is and to increase them further is ludacris. Everyday we have children go home to cold houses because mom cant afford the 700 electric bill to keep the house warm. Seniors are slowly dying while on fixed incomes rationing out their insulin or heart pills just so they can pay that 300 light bill. A 15% increase is only going to make the people suffer more. And if your concern is profits, you cant get blood from a turnip. Just saying.

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From: Gwen Clayton
City: Ashland
State: KY
Zip: 41102

Comments:

My husband and I chose Ashland. We moved here in 2021 because we fell in love with the mountains, fresh air, elbow room, simple lifestyle and down-to-earth people. Both of us have lived in rural communities before—in California, Colorado, and Indiana. Of all the places we've lived, we like Appalachia best.

What we have learned about rural communities throughout the United States is that so many people have left the area to seek greener pastures, leaving the few who stay—usually with lower incomes—to cover the costs of public services. Lower populations mean fewer taxpayers/ratepayers to share the burden of public infrastructure, such as roads, electricity, water, sewer, and broadband.

Take Boyd County, Kentucky, where we live, for example. The Median Household Income (MHI) is \$60,659.00 annually/\$5,054.92 monthly. The average Kentucky Power customer uses 1,300 kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity per month. The current rate is 14.5¢ per kWh, making the average monthly bill \$187.94. That makes up 3.72% of the median household income.

If Kentucky Power raises its rate 14.9% to 16.6¢ per kWh, the average monthly bill will rise to \$215.94, which is 4.27% MHI.

These are public services. The mission is not to make a profit. The mission is to provide a service to the community in the most effective and efficient way possible to the ratepayers.

Kentucky Power is an operating company within the American Electric Power (AEP) system. William J. Fehrman, CEO of Appalachian Power, receives nearly \$14 million a year in a cushy compensation package of base pay, bonuses, non-equity incentive compensation and stock options. Other high-ranking managers within the company have lucrative compensation packages as well. And we all know that compensation package is a shell for increasing wealth while avoiding taxes. The working-class ratepayers of Eastern Kentucky should not be subsidizing that gluttony.

The proposed rate increase should be denied.

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

Comments:

Please reject the request to increase rates once again for Kentucky Power customers. We are struggling to pay the rates that are coming from the 2024 increase. I know everything costs more, but our wages aren't being increased by these percentages, on a biannual basis, therefore how are we supposed to pay the bills, keep a roof over our heads, feed our families, and provide necessary needs on the same low wages. I cannot understand why Eastern KY already pays the highest rates for electricity, yet it's still not enough. They keep saying they have assistance available to those who need it, but neglect to point out that help is only available if you qualify based on their metrics.

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Received through Public Comments Friday, January 9, 2026

From: Keith Watts
City: Rush
State: Kentucky
Zip: 41168

Comments:

To the Commissioners,

My name is Keith Watts, and I am a candidate for County Commissioner for District One in Boyd County, Kentucky. I am writing to formally and emphatically oppose Kentucky Power's proposed 14.9% rate increase.

As a local leader and someone directly accountable to the people of Eastern Kentucky, I must be clear: this increase is unacceptable given the current economic conditions facing our region. Eastern Kentucky already endures some of the highest poverty rates, lowest median household incomes, and greatest economic instability in the Commonwealth. A nearly 15% increase in electric rates is not merely an inconvenience — it is a direct threat to household stability, public health, and economic survival.

Electricity is a basic necessity. Many residents rely on it for heating, cooling, medical equipment, and food preservation. Seniors on fixed incomes, working families living paycheck to paycheck, and individuals with disabilities cannot absorb increases of this magnitude. For them, higher utility bills translate into impossible choices between power, food, medicine, and housing.

From a policy standpoint, Kentucky Power must not be permitted to shift the financial consequences of its long-term planning decisions, capital expenditures, or corporate restructuring onto captive ratepayers who have no alternative provider. The Public Service Commission's responsibility is to protect consumers, not guarantee profit margins at the expense of economically distressed communities.

Additionally, the proposed increase would place further strain on small businesses throughout Eastern Kentucky. Higher operating costs will lead to reduced employment, increased prices for consumers, or business closures — outcomes that directly undermine economic development efforts that counties like Boyd are actively pursuing.

As a candidate for County Commissioner, I am deeply concerned about the downstream impacts this rate increase would have on county governments as well. Increased utility costs affect county facilities, emergency services, and public infrastructure, further stretching already limited local budgets and ultimately shifting more burden back onto taxpayers.

I urge the Kentucky Public Service Commission to exercise its full authority to reject or substantially reduce this proposed increase. Any rate adjustment must be justified, equitable, and grounded in the economic realities of the communities served. Eastern Kentucky should not be expected to shoulder disproportionate financial hardship to offset corporate costs.

The people of Eastern Kentucky deserve fair treatment, transparency, and protection. I respectfully ask the Commission to stand with ratepayers and deny this request.

Sincerely,

Keith Watts

Candidate for County Commissioner

District One, Boyd County, Kentucky

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From: Patty Shelley
City: Ashland
State: Kentucky
Zip: 41102

Comments:

I have to choose now since my electric went from almost 200.00 to 550.00 my rent is 600.00 and i only get my SSI check my family are all dead and gone please help me

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From: Christine
City: Flatwoods
State: KY
Zip: 41139

Comments:

As a disabled veteran on a fixed income I am already struggling to pay my electric bill. A 14 percent increase will cause financial hardship for me.

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From: Hannah deer
City: Greenup
State: KY
Zip: 41144

Comments:

\$750 for one month of electricity is crazy, my bill use to be \$200-\$300 at the most and now all the sudden it has a \$400-500 increase and you guys somehow still expect people to live, buy groceries, diapers, pay all other utilities, and gas for 2 weeks while you're taking over HALF of my paycheck. You guys are money hungry sorry excuses of people, no wonder we have so many homeless people in the area you guys want our electric bills to be higher than our rent.

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From: Savannah Thomas
City: Ashland
State: KY
Zip: 41101

Comments:

I am a single person, I work 40 plus hours a week and I am BARELY home. My electric bill this month was \$191!!! I pay rent, utilities, car insurance. Kentucky Power already makes a killing in money and is our only option in this area for electric. They have have NO NEED to raise our bills. I am only 26 years old and I'm barely making it. Our area already struggles no need to increase our bills. Not to mention they have already added that 7% surcharge to everyone's bill anyway. So can we just not?

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From: Thomas Griffiths
City: Ashland
State: KY
Zip: 41101

Comments:

I am a medically retired EMS provider on Social Security Disability. My monthly income is \$857.00. What little retirement I had was cashed out to enable me to pay the taxes, utilities, insurance, purchase food and medicine, etc during the five years of surgeries and physical therapy that followed a severe work injury, before I finally received a favorable ruling in regards to SSD. My electric bill is \$168.00 on the budget plan, my gas, water, phone, and insurance together are \$571.00 per month, this is not counting any debt obligations, medical expenses (I am on numerous expensive daily medications), or various recurring or unplanned expenses. My wife does work and is able to pick up the cost of my medications and assist with the various bills, but we are nearing bankruptcy and simply cannot afford any more increases. This shareholder profit driven measure must not be allowed to move forward. The monopoly that Kentucky Power and other utility companies hold over us is literally financially breaking the less fortunate among the residents of this state.

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From: Robyn Terry
City: Catlettsburg
State: KY
Zip: 41129

Comments:

We've already removed our above-ground pool and hot tub to cope with the recent hike in electricity rates from AEP. We've also switched to gas heat and added better insulation under the house and in the attic. We were fortunate to be able to do so, as many of our neighbors are not able to. Now, with this proposed increase, we'll have to reevaluate and make more adjustments while the company continues to enjoy its profits. With no other competition in the area, they are taking advantage of consumers.

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Received through Public Comments Friday, January 9, 2026

From: Greenleaf Heidi
City: Ashland
State: KY
Zip: 41101

Comments:

KY power is the only power company within the AEP network that has the least amount of protections for their customers and yet the highest overall rates are charged year round. Reliability should not be contingent on a businesses ability to increase rates. KY powers profits are up significantly and it should be at the business expense to invest in their infrastructure if there is any question as to the current reliability of their operations. Ky power customers already support the business through paying the highest rates, to ask for more is simply greed, simply the desire to not have to spend their own funds to invest, simply unethical business practices and without the existing monopoly customers would walk away from doing business with Ky power.

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Received through Public Comments Friday, January 9, 2026

From: Nette K Hamilton
City: Ashland
State: KY
Zip: 41102-7010

Comments:

I realize my comment may be discarded as the official meeting was last night. However, I just discovered the meeting was to be held last a few minutes ago. I am not some kind of insane activist, I am not a trouble maker. I am an older, widowed, disabled woman who lives on a fixed income. My electric bills in the winter season equal and most times exceed approximately 25%, thats right, 25%!!!, of my monthly income. This is ludicrous and price gouging at its finest. There are no other options available and, thanks to Obama and Hillary, both of whom I find ridiculous in their own right, we no longer have coal powered electricity as an option. To even suggest another rate hike is obscene!!! My husband and I spent years working and saving to build our home. It was our dream home. Now, thanks to outrageous utility costs, it has become a nightmare. I am seriously considering selling and moving to another state as a result. I realize you dont care if I move or not but I want to voice my opinion, even though it will likely end up in the trash and never see the light of day. I have watched this area and state become a joke. I am thankful my son is now an adult and I no longer have to retain the family home. Thank you for essentially aiding in the eviction from my dream. At least I have had a little over 26 years to live it.

Respectfully,
Nette K Hamilton, RN

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Received through Public Comments Friday, January 9, 2026

From: Shayla Sloan
City: Grayson
State: KY
Zip: 41143

Comments:

Raising prices on people who are already struggling to pay the high prices they have now is simply evil.. I know people who are afraid to use their heat, even when it's freezing, because of how high their bill already is, they can't afford it to raise. Their electric bill was MORE than their RENT.

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Received through Public Comments Friday, January 9, 2026

From: Victoria Robertson
City: Ashland
State: KY
Zip: 41102-8997

Comments:

I feel that this rate increase is very unnecessary. If they get this increase they will be asking for another within 6 months. I have a question for the PSC and Kentucky Power (AEP). I am a 57 years old and live on Social Security disability, I have stage 4 cancer and between Dr appts, medicine (co-pays), gas to get to and from appts, not to mention food and other necessities as well as other bills such as mortgages, car payments, insurance on both, water, garbage, phone and whatever there bills how am I supposed to survive?? How is anyone supposed to survive??? We already pay one of the highest if not the highest rates. Tell how this is fair???? I urge the PSC to vote or say NO to this increase! . I would have loved to been at the meeting in Ashland this evening but with my health issues, I was unable to be there!! We are counting on you, The PSC to VOTE NO .

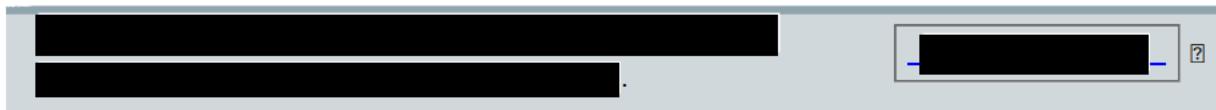
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Bcc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Public Comment Case # 2025-00257 (Kentucky Power 14.9% Rate Increase Request)
Date: Monday, January 12, 2026 11:37:00 AM

Case No. 2025-00257

Thank you for your comments on the application of Kentucky Power Company. 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 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: Alvin Blanton [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2026 1:03 PM
To: PSC Consumer Inquiry <PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>
Subject: Public Comment Case # 2025-00257 (Kentucky Power 14.9% Rate Increase Request)



COVER LETTER:

Alvin Blanton
[REDACTED]
Catlettsburg, KY 41129
[REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]
January 10, 2026

Subject:: Public Comment Case # 2025-00257~~Statement from Alvin Blanton

To the Commissioners of the Kentucky Public Service Commission,

Please accept the attached statement as my formal public comment in the Kentucky Power rate case. I was unable to attend the January 8, 2026 public hearing in Ashland, Kentucky due to flu symptoms, but I want my testimony — and the voices of those I represent — to be included in the record before you make your decision.

Respectfully,
Alvin Blanton
Catlettsburg, Kentucky

STATEMENT TO THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Kentucky Public Service Commission

211 Sower Boulevard

P.O. Box 615

Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

Email: PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov

Re: Case No. 2025-00257 (Kentucky Power 14.9% increase request)

Commissioners,

I could not attend the public hearing on Thursday night, January 8, 2026, in Ashland, Kentucky, because I have been fighting the flu. But illness does not silence the truth, and it does not stop the bills. So I am putting this before you in writing — clearly, directly, and without softening the edges — because the stakes for thousands of Kentuckians could not be higher.

I am 86 years old. I built my home in 1970 with my own hands. Kentucky Power placed me on a \$37 monthly budget plan back then — their number, not mine. I trusted their system. I paid every month. I did everything a responsible customer is supposed to do.

Today, that same plan is \$343.30 a month.

That is a 830.5 percent increase.

In that same time, my pension has increased zero percent.

I worked 42 years at Armco Steel. I paid every bill, every month, through layoffs, recessions, and hard winters. I never imagined that after a lifetime of work, I would be fighting simply to keep the lights on in the home I built.

And I am not speaking only for myself.

I speak for widows and widowers whose Armco survivor pensions drop to about \$140 a month because their Social Security check offsets the pension. I speak for retirees like myself whose pensions are based on the wages we earned in the 1950s and 1960s, and in the years that followed — years when pay was modest, families were large, and every cent mattered. I speak for disabled neighbors and working families who are already stretched to the breaking point.

These people cannot stand at a microphone. They cannot travel to hearings. They asked me to carry their voices, and flu or no flu, I am keeping that promise.

This rate increase request follows years of decisions that placed the burden on the very people Kentucky Power now wants more money from:

- The costly Big Sandy Plant conversion

- Years of high fuel expenses

- Planning missteps
- Inefficient, overpriced fuel-purchasing practices

Independent experts hired by the Attorney General and industrial customers found nearly \$17 million in overcharges.

Refunds do not erase the strain.

Refunds do not rebuild trust.

Refunds do not justify asking struggling families to pay more.

Commissioners, I am asking you to do something that should not require courage — only conscience. Picture someone you love: a parent, a grandparent, an aunt or uncle. Picture them living on a fixed income. Then imagine looking them in the eye and telling them their electric bill is going up again, even though their income is not.

If you could not say that to your own family with a clear conscience, you should not say it to mine.

People like us — steelworkers, miners, railroad workers, teachers, nurses — built the economy that Kentucky Power depends on. We kept the lights on in this state for generations. We paid every bill, every month, even when it hurt.

All we are asking now is simple:

Do not turn the lights off on the people who kept them on for you.

Because when a family can't afford electricity, something far more important goes dark.

And what goes dark is dignity.

I hope you will remember the people behind the meters — the people who built this region, who powered its industries, who raised their families here, and who deserve better than to be asked to pay for mistakes they did not make.

Respectfully,
Alvin Blanton

Catlettsburg, KY 41129

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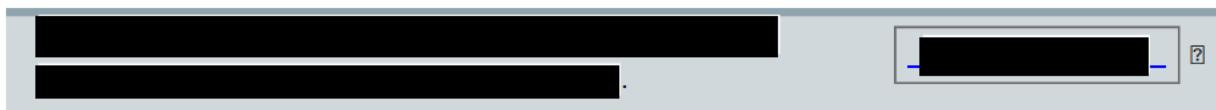
From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: [Christina Massie](#)
Subject: RE: Public Comment - Case#2025-00257Kentucky Power Rates
Date: Monday, January 12, 2026 8:40:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: Christina Massie [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 11, 2026 5:30 PM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Public Comment - Case#2025-00257Kentucky Power Rates



Commissioners

I am a Kentucky Power customer and a local resident also a city council member in my city - writing to submit a public comment regarding the current case under review.

Electric rates for Kentucky Power customers have increased significantly over the years, far exceeding inflation, while many families in our area are already struggling with high energy costs. Despite using less electricity than in the past, customers continue to see higher bills due to repeated rate increases and additional charges.

Many counties in Kentucky Power's service area have high poverty rates, and rising utility bills place an unfair burden on working families, seniors, and those on fixed incomes. I am concerned about the continued approval of rate increases without meaningful relief for customers.

I respectfully ask the Public Service Commission to carefully consider the impact of these costs on local households and communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this comment.

Sincerely,
Christina Massie

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Greenup County

From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: "Sylvia Morrison"
Subject: RE: Case Number 2025-00257
Date: Monday, January 12, 2026 8:40:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: Sylvia Morrison [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 11, 2026 2:14 PM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Case Number 2025-00257



Sylvia Morrison



Ashland, Ky. 41101



January 11, 2025

Dear PSC:

There is no way most of those in Boyd Co. can afford another increase in electricity. A vast majority are living on minimum wage. There is also a large amount of elderly that can barely afford their utilities now.

My home is 60x20 ft with a 10x10 shed. It's only one story tall and all but the fan on my front porch is LED lights. I get help from THAW and LiHeap as well as having it done on a monthly average. Yet my monthly bill is still \$215. a month. If your electric meter is removed your house is condemned by code enforcement.

A friend of mine finally got an apt. & her daughter back 3 months ago after being homeless since April of 2025. She's a waitress but her hours have been cut this month because of the economy. They gave her a week to come up with the money to pay the bill. So she's hoping to raise it through a GoFundMe page.

If you look on Ashland People Helping People and EKY Mutual Aid the most common request is for help with an electric bill. People shouldn't have to choose between paying a utility bill or being homeless because of bad choices utility companies made.

With LiHeap being reduced or discontinued it will be much worse. So please consider the poor, elderly & children that will suffer so AEP can get a higher profit for their stockholders.

Sincerely,
Sylvia Morrison

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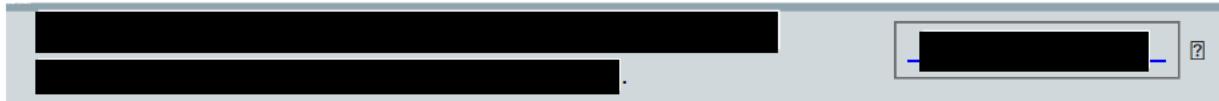
From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: "Nina McCoy"
Subject: RE: Kentucky power rate increase Case # 2025-00257
Date: Monday, January 12, 2026 8:39:00 AM

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From: Nina McCoy [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2026 11:37 AM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Kentucky power rate increase Case # 2025-00257



As a longtime resident and Kentucky Power customer from Inez, Kentucky I am writing to oppose the rate increase proposed by Kentucky Power. The PSC has already allowed this company 2 rate increases within the past 5 years in one of the poorest areas in the nation.

Their claim of not making enough profit because of population loss in this area is as rich in irony as their parent company, AEP, is in stocks. AEP posted a billion-dollar profit in just the last quarter of 2025. While Kentucky Power says it needs a rate increase because of the declining population in Eastern Kentucky I want the PSC to consider two things.

First, the people in this area cannot choose another source of power. That lack of competition has led to a lack of will on the company's part to work toward solutions that would benefit the region and the company's ability to maintain and run the system more efficiently. I don't know a whole lot about how an energy company runs, so I can't give many examples how they might work more efficiently, but I can assure you they have not done enough to keep trees cut from power lines during the part of the year when it would be easiest to do so. This must lead to increase costs through overtime pay during times of snow and ice, as those who have sat in the dark for days and weeks at a time can attest. I'm sure there are other areas we are not aware of where they could cut costs.

Second, the 20 counties under this subsidiary's control are some of the most distressed in the nation and raising the rates will have a disproportionate effect on many of their customers compared to the customers within the wealthier communities from which their parent company profits.

Also, this is an area where you should consider how a profitable company distributes its monetary weight. Why is it OK to increase prices in Eastern Kentucky for a loss in West Virginia at the Mitchell Power Plant but not acceptable to distribute the gains from the abundance across this multi-state, multi-billion-dollar corporation.

But the 'reverse Robin Hood' doesn't stop there.

The most insidious part of the plan is their proposal to charge more for those who use less energy, under the auspices of helping those who have higher bills due to the need for household weatherization. If, in fact, the company is aware of the need for help for those people, I propose they put more efforts into helping those folks. The plant wouldn't have to produce as much energy and the company could conserve money and prevent environmental degradation.

It should be obvious that this unbalanced difference in rates will be a boon to the wealthiest businesses, data centers, crypto-currency hacks, and those individuals who can afford huge homes that suck up energy at the expense of those who are trying to conserve either to save the planet or to save on their monthly bills. Either way it is an unfair expense and should not be allowed.

Nina McCoy

[REDACTED]
Inez, KY 41224

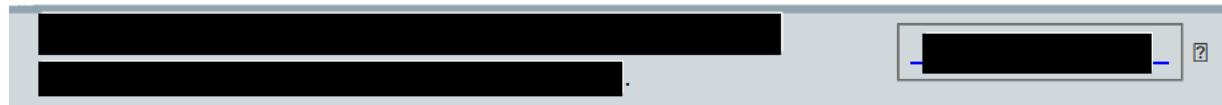
From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: [Wright Lee](#)
Subject: RE: Rate increase 202500257
Date: Monday, January 12, 2026 8:39:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: Wright Lee [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2026 10:38 AM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Rate increase 202500257



Just wanted to say something I imagine you have heard many times. I am a senior citizen living on a fixed income. My last electric bill was 300.00. With the new rate proposal it will be 345.00 next year. New rates proposed for commercial and industrial users, will only be passed on to the consumer. So any rate increase will only add to our burden significantly. COLA gif social security was only 2.8 so you can see we senior citizens are getting farther and farther behind with our bills. Please consider this when making your decision. Thanks

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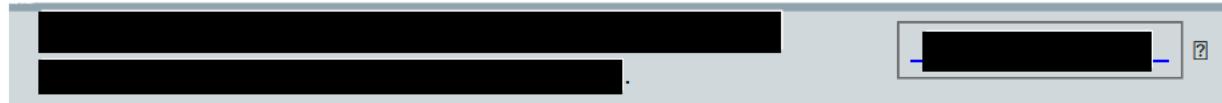
From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: [Darla Reed](#)
Subject: RE: 14.9% rate increase
Date: Monday, January 12, 2026 8:39:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: Darla Reed [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 9, 2026 4:56 PM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: 14.9% rate increase



Please do not allow Ky Power to raise our rates again. Please do something to support those in Eastern Ky already are paying the highest power rates in the entire state of ky. Thank you for helping us. Signed a senior widow on a tight budget.

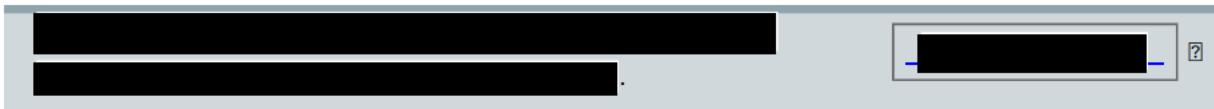
From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: [SD](#)
Subject: RE: PUBLIC COMENT- Case No. 2025-00257
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From: SD [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 9, 2026 4:51 PM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: PUBLIC COMENT- Case No. 2025-00257



Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission,

Please accept this written public comment for inclusion in the official record for Case No. 2025-00257, regarding Kentucky Power's request for a 14.9 percent rate increase.

My name is Stephanie Dunaway, and I live in Ashland, Kentucky.

I am submitting this statement because Kentucky Power is requesting a 14.9 percent rate increase in a region that already pays the highest electric rates in the state and is also among the poorest areas of Kentucky.

This increase is not a minor adjustment. For many people in Ashland and throughout eastern Kentucky—especially seniors, disabled residents, and

families living on fixed or modest incomes—this represents a serious financial hardship. Electricity is not optional where we live. It is necessary for heating our homes, powering medical equipment, and maintaining basic living conditions.

Kentucky Power is owned by American Electric Power, a large investor-owned utility. According to American Electric Power's publicly filed 2024 financial statements with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the company reported approximately \$2.97 billion in net profit on nearly \$19.7 billion in revenue. This represents roughly a 34 percent increase in profit compared with the prior year.

It is difficult to justify asking the poorest region of the state to absorb a double-digit rate increase while the parent company reports nearly three billion dollars in annual profit.

In addition, the federal corporate income tax rate was permanently reduced from 35 percent to 21 percent under current law. This significant and lasting reduction in corporate tax liability has increased after-tax earnings for large corporations, including investor-owned utilities. Higher corporate profits resulting from this tax change reduce the need to raise rates on customers, particularly in economically distressed communities.

Household budgets in Ashland and across eastern Kentucky are already stretched thin. Food prices, insurance costs, housing expenses, and medical costs have all increased. There is no flexibility left. Utility bills are not discretionary, and there is nothing left to cut.

I respectfully ask the Public Service Commission to reject or significantly reduce this proposed increase. At a minimum, I urge you to require meaningful protections for low-income and rural customers, consider phased or alternative approaches, and carefully scrutinize corporate spending before approving any additional burden on Kentucky Power

customers.

Thank you for your consideration and for allowing public input.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Dunaway

Ashland, Kentucky

Stephanie Dunaway

From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 2025-00257
Date: Monday, January 12, 2026 8:38:00 AM

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From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 9, 2026 10:59 AM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: 2025-00257

From: jeannie stafford [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 8, 2026 7:18 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <[PSC.Info@ky.gov](#)>
Subject: Rate hike



To the Commissioners of the Kentucky PSC:

We are writing to formally submit our dissent regarding the proposed general rate increase requested by Kentucky Power in Case No. 2025-00257. As residents of North Eastern Kentucky, we 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 region's declining population and shrinking industrial base. Shifting the burden of Kentucky Power's 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. We respectfully request that the Commission prioritize the survival of Kentucky citizens over the profit requirements of Kentucky Power.

Respectfully,
Tom and Jeannie Stafford

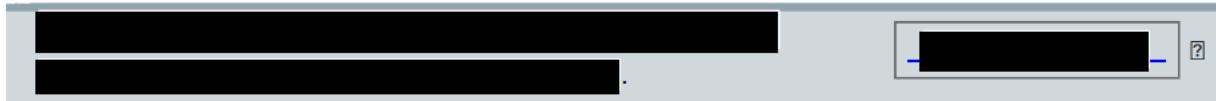
From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: ["Madison Bramblette"](#)
Subject: RE: Ashland, KY rate increase
Date: Monday, January 12, 2026 8:38:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: Madison Bramblette [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 9, 2026 6:30 AM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Ashland, KY rate increase



I was unable to attend the January 8 meeting in Ashland, KY because I was at work but I want to express my concerns with the 14.9% rate increase.

I work a full time job, Monday through Friday, and my husband works more than a full time job 7p-7a, Monday through Saturday. We have 2 small children who attend the local school. We have consistently over the last 9 months provided food to individuals in need. We have delivered food to people's homes, to the school to send home with students, and to local blessings boxes/food banks. Our community is struggling already. I fear with the increase in rates, my community members are going to lose their lives. People are being forced to choose between paying their mortgage or paying their electric bill. Paying for food or paying for electric. Paying for their monthly medications that keep them alive or their electric. KPC has a monopoly on the utility in our area. People have no choice. It's morally wrong to place people in this situation when the jobs in this area don't support the price increase supposedly needed to keep the lights on. There's a vast difference between AEP and KPC's annual profits and what consumers are able to save each year. Consumers will die if these rates continue to rise, either from passing on their food, mortgage, or medications or from passing on their electric bill — especially this time of year.

Thanks,
Madison

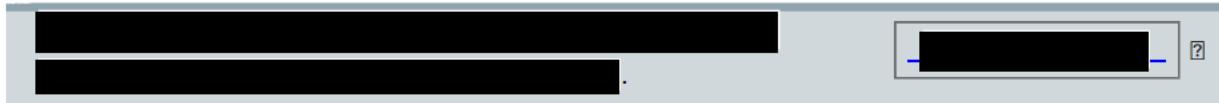
From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: "Sandy Woodward"
Subject: RE: Case No. 2025-00257
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From: Sandy Woodward [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 8, 2026 10:55 PM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Case No. 2025-00257



Dear Commission:

My comments made January 8, 2026 in Ashland, KY at the Public Hearing:

Members of the Commission, thank you for letting me speak today.

Like any household or business, running a utility costs money. No one disputes that. But when a company keeps coming back every few years asking for a large rate hike—already expecting it will be cut but still approved—that is no longer necessity. That is strategy. And strategies like that work only when someone else keeps paying the price.

Kentucky Power is not in danger.

The people it serves are.

Here's what that looks like in plain, hard-truth terms—and why people feel like they're running in place while falling behind.

In 2026, Social Security gave people a 2.8% cost-of-living increase.

But at the same time:

- Medicare Part B premiums increased nearly 10%, to \$202.90
- The Part B deductible increased over 10%, to \$283 a year
- The Part A deductible rose 3.58%, to \$1,736 per benefit period
- The APTC help with the Affordable Care Act premium disappeared for many working people and early retirees
- Insurance premiums rose as much as 27%

People are not keeping up.

They are falling behind.

This isn't because people aren't working hard enough. It's because more risk and more cost keep getting shifted onto individuals—especially seniors and people with disabilities—while working families are squeezed from both sides: too well off to qualify for help, and too poor to absorb another hit.

We are not moving forward.

We are going backward.

People are already going without health insurance. And if this Kentucky

Power rate hike is approved, many will also go without lights and heat.

Kentucky Power is allowed an authorized return—but that is not a guarantee.

It is a limit, not a promise.

A rate increase is a request, not a right.

This Commission does not exist to make sure a company always hits its profit target. It exists to protect the public from monopoly power while allowing utilities to recover reasonable costs. Sometimes, protecting the public means saying no.

Out in our communities, people don't get to pass costs along. When prices go up, they absorb them. They tighten their belts until there are no more holes left to pull. That is the reality outside this room.

This Commission exists to serve the public, not to guarantee profits. That's not rhetoric—that's your job. It's right there in your name: Public Service.

If you approve even part of this increase, the message is clear: ask big, ask often, and the people will make up the difference.

But if you deny it, you draw a line and say this stops here.

So today, I speak for the people who can't afford to be here—but who will pay every dollar of what you decide. I ask you to deny this rate hike in full, because someone has to speak for them—and today, that someone is me.

Thank you.

Sandy Woodward
Ashland , KY

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