From: PSC Public Comment

To:

Subject: RE: KU electric utility cost increases

Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 8:45:00 AM

Case No. 2025-00113

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From: PSC Consumer Inquiry < PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 7:28 AM

To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov> **Subject:** FW: KU electric utility cost increases

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From: Marty Lawson

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 9:29 PM

To: PSC Consumer Inquiry < PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>

Cc: Marty Lawson

Subject: KU electric utility cost increases



Hello.

I object to the following with regard to electrics rates and what KU customer are paying for:

- 1. The current proposal by KU to raise residential rates by 13% is excessive.
 - a. They say system infrastructure needs improvement due to the "risk" of "more severe" storms. It is unreasonable to raise rates based on an assumption of risk when in fact such may never happen. That's like me asking for a raise because I might wreck my car and need to replace it. It's an unpredictable risk that may never happen! Additionally, my boss would call me a fool for

asking for a raise on the premise that I might wreck my car, and he would NOT give it to me. Neither should the PSC consider such a farcical request from KU to raise rates. I object to this reason for a rate increase!

b. Old equipment dating back to the 1920's? How is that the residential customers problem exactly such that we would need to pay for it through a rate increase?

KU is a "for profit" company. That means that are supposed to invest in newer and more modern equipment and technology on their/the stock holders dime...not the residential customers. Again, this is like asking my boss for a raise so I can replace my 100 year old car because it has reached the end of its useful life. You think I'll get that raise? No, I won't, because it is my responsibility to take care of, upgrade, or replace my own old car. It should be no different for KU, who again, is a "for profit" company and they have the responsibility to take care of their own old car. The tipping point is on KU, not the customers! They should have been investing in upgrades all along instead of crying foul/waiting because it's 100 years old. The "for profit" company I work for doesn't go to the customer and ask for a price increase because we let our equipment get outdated. The customer would laugh in our face! No! Our company must invest in its own future well-being with newer technology and equipment. I object to this reason for a rate increase!

A question - do you ever call KU to the carpet for an actual list of what they say they are going to do/improvements they say they are

making when you approve these rate increases and then do you check off on those items to see that they have been done?

2. The .30 HEAP charge that we have to endure every month is wrong on every conceivable level imaginable morally. Why must hard working, on time bill paying customers be forced to foot the bill for other customers who won't? I have objected to this charge before, many times. I know people well enough that they are slovenly and lazy and don't even try to pay their bills, and it's not fair that others have to provide for their utility costs. What if I sent YOU a bill every month to pay for my groceries, or my rent, or my electric bill? Would you think that is right or fair and would you pay it?

No, you wouldn't! Then how can you in good conscience think this is right to add this charges to our bills? You know it isn't right and it needs to be removed from our charges....and not buried somewhere else in the bill unseen!

Based on 750,000 estimated KU customers, KU is raking in \$225,000 p/m or \$2.7 million dollars per year on this charge. Where IS that money? If I had 2.7 million to bet, I'd wager KU <u>NEVER</u> pays out that much in utility bills for these non-paying customers. They are likely pocketing the money! Maybe you are too! I object to this charge on our bills!

3. The PSC "bill of rights" states: I/we/the customer has a RIGHT, to service. If that's true, why is there a Basic Service Charge on our bill? A "service charge" is another way of saying we don't have a "right to service". If I don't pay this charge, are you going to cut off my service? If you do, it's not a "right to service". This charge is like me going to the local Kroger and getting charged to be a customer, apart from actually buying groceries. Would you stand for that? If not, then why are you standing for KU basically doing the same thing. You/they are charging us to be customers. We pay for the electricity and that should fulfill our duty as a customer,....just like buying groceries. It just makes no sense for you to allow this charge.

It goes against the customers' rights as outlined in your own documents! I object to this charge on our bills!

Sincerely,

Marty L. Lawson Harrodsburg Ky. From: PSC Public Comment
To:

Subject: RE: Case No.2025-00113

Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 8:44:00 AM

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From:

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 2:33 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer < PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Subject: Case No.2025-00113



I understand the need for rate adjustments as the price of everything seems to be going up but this appears to be an excessive increase!!!! I feel that reductions of rates not increases should apply for seniors on fixed incomes.

From: PSC Public Comment
To:

Subject: RE: Case: 2025-00113

Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 8:44:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: Andy Anderson

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 11:26 AM

To: PSC Public Information Officer < PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Subject: Case: 2025-00113



I am writing to oppose the proposed Kentucky Utilities rate increase that is before the PSC.

The proposed rate increase is excessively being levied on residential customers, whom are currently struggling with increased costs in nearly every part of their lives.

Over 13.5% for residential is excessive. TOD users are proposed at significantly lower increases as are FLS users. No high load factor schedule was provided in the notice.

The application submitted by KU makes only generalized substantiations for the rate increase, mostly legal jargon that equates to 'just because we want to make more money'.

I urge the commission to deny this rate increase and have KU resubmit their application with more balanced and reasonable rate increases that carry heavier weight on commercial, TOD, FLS and extremely high load users.

Respectfully,

Andy Anderson

From: PSC Public Comment

To:

Subject: RE: Kentucky Utilities Rate Increase Request
Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 8:43:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: K Stewart

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 1:41 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer < PSC.Info@ky.gov **Subject:** Kentucky Utilities Rate Increase Request



Dear Members of the Public Service Commission:

I am writing in regard to KU's request for a rate hike. I am urging the Commission to make a complete denial of this request. KU seeks to once again reach its hand deeper into the pockets of Kentucky residents who have no ability to shop competitively for electricity. If you live in a KU-serviced area, then you are stuck with KU. This is where the citizens of the Commonwealth depend on the PSC to protect them from being monopolized by KU with all too frequent and excessive rate hikes. I contend that Kentucky Utilities can do without this rate hike by trimming "fat" and waste from their operating budget. Although I am certain that their reaction to that idea would be howls of protest and exaggerated claims of inablitity to maintain current service levels without more money.

The citizens of the Commonwealth have been severely squeezed by increases in prices for food, clothing, housing, transportation, and basically all facets of life-- even my garbage collection cost has risen. Now, to add insult to injury, comes KU, asking to squeeze Kentuckians even harder. I urge you for the sake of the people of our Commonwealth, to say NO to this rate hike request....No compromise rate increase, No

rate increase PERIOD.

Thank you very sincerely, Ken Stewart

Lancaster, KY 40444

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