

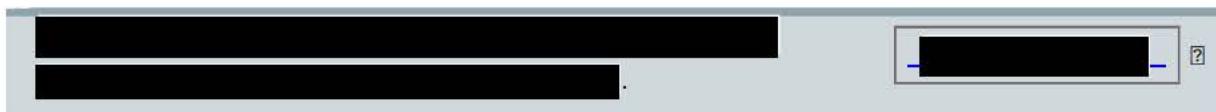
From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
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Case No. 2025-00257

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: SD [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 2:15 PM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: SUPPLEMENTAL PUBLIC COMMENT LETTER (2nd Letter) (Kentucky Public Service Commission – Kentucky Power/AEP)



To the Kentucky Public Service Commission,

My name is Stephanie Dunaway, and I am a Kentucky Power customer in Boyd County.

I am writing this as a second public comment to supplement my earlier letter. I am submitting this additional letter because there are concerns that must be clearly highlighted in the record — concerns that go beyond ordinary household budgeting issues and go directly to fairness, cost shifting, and long-term planning by Kentucky Power/AEP.

1) Rate increase request vs. large new electric load (Data Center)

Kentucky Power/AEP is requesting a significant rate increase on Eastern Kentucky residents (reported at approximately 14.9%). At the same time, the public is learning about a large data center project moving forward in the Ashland area at/near the Industrial Parkway / ACTC land where other companies are located.

A data center is not a normal commercial customer. It is a major 24/7 power user. These projects can require expensive upgrades including substations, transmission improvements, transformers, and other infrastructure.

My concern is simple and direct:

Eastern Kentucky families should not be forced to pay higher rates so Kentucky Power/AEP can expand or upgrade the system to accommodate large corporate load customers such as data centers.

The PSC should require Kentucky Power/AEP to answer in writing:

- Whether any portion of this proposed rate increase is tied to system upgrades needed to serve new large-load customers, including data centers
- What specific upgrades are required
- Who is paying for those upgrades
- Whether costs are being shifted onto residential customers through base rates or riders
- Whether the data center customer will have a special contract or tariff — and whether that agreement will be made public or summarized for transparency

2) Kentucky Power/AEP has created prior crises through major decisions — and ratepayers should not be punished again

Eastern Kentucky residents have lived through the consequences of major planning decisions by this company before.

Several years ago, Kentucky Power/AEP made decisions involving the Big Sandy Plant in Boyd County. The public understanding locally has long been that AEP chose not to invest in required emissions controls such as scrubbers, and instead shut down coal operations rather than comply, during the period when federal policy was attempting to reduce pollution and protect clean air.

Whether Kentucky Power/AEP agrees with that framing or not, here is what customers know from lived experience:

AEP makes major decisions, and then ratepayers are later told we must pay more because of the outcomes.

Today, residents understand that much of our electric supply comes through different sources, including the Mitchell Plant in West Virginia, and yet Eastern Kentucky customers are asked to shoulder another major increase.

3) The PSC must protect ordinary residents and prevent cost

shifting

I respect the need to maintain reliability and infrastructure. But the PSC's job is also to ensure basic fairness.

Eastern Kentucky already struggles with:

- fixed incomes
- high medical costs
- rising grocery prices
- housing costs
- winter heating expenses

So I am urging the PSC to make this a central issue in this case:

- No cost shifting from large corporate/industrial customers to households
- Full transparency on what upgrades are being built and why
- Clear proof that this increase is not being used to subsidize corporate expansion

Thank you for accepting my supplemental comment and entering it into the official record.

Respectfully,

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