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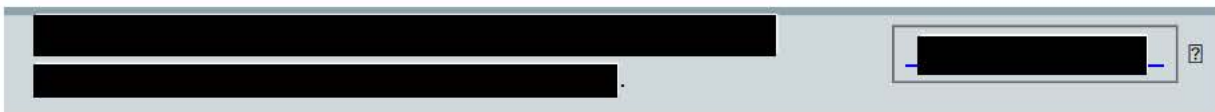
Case No. 2025-00257

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.

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As more people die in house fires because of KY Powers high rates, they'll lose more customers because the customers are dead!

This will lead to an excuse for higher rates in a year or two.



That will lead to more fires and deaths.

It's a never ending cycle with these ripoffs.

What are you people going to do about it?



occurring in Owsley County on Feb. 24, 2026.

- **The Cause:** While not all causes are confirmed, fire officials note an increase in fatalities during winter. Residents are reporting extremely high, in some cases nearly \$500–\$800, monthly electric bills, leading them to use potentially dangerous alternatives like space heaters, wood stoves, and propane heaters.
- **Alternative Heating Dangers:** The reliance on alternative, often unmonitored, heating sources has increased the risk of fires.
- **Legislative Action:** Lawmakers have filed House Bill 535, known as the [Eastern Kentucky Energy Savings Act](#) , aimed at providing immediate relief from rising power costs for families. 

As of late February 2026, investigations into several of the fatal fires were ongoing.  Facebook · WYMT




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High electric rates in Eastern Kentucky are being connected to a rise in dangerous, often fatal, home heating fires as residents turn to alternative, lower-cost methods, according to reports from [WYMT](#)  and [social media updates](#)  in February 2026. 

Here are the key details from the reported situation:

- **Fatal Fire Surge:** More than 10 people died in house fires across Eastern Kentucky since December 2025, with another fatal fire occurring in Owsley County on Feb. 24, 2026.
- **The Cause:** While not all causes are confirmed, fire officials note an increase in fatalities during winter. Residents are reporting extremely high, in some cases nearly \$500–\$800, monthly electric bills, leading them to use potentially dangerous alternatives like space heaters, wood stoves, and propane heaters.
- **Alternative Heating Dangers:** The reliance on

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