

Public Comments Received for Case Number: 2026-00159
Response Monday, July 13, 2026

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, 2026-00159 in any further correspondence.

The documents in this case are available at: [View Case Filings for: 2026-00159 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Received through Public Comments

Friday, July 10, 2026

From: Bren Martin
City: Russell
State: KY
Zip: 41169

Comments:
Dear PS Commissioners, et al:

I had requested an audit at a previous testimony I shared in Ashland /or Frankfort and Im so glad this audit is happening!

It is very concerning that a company that residents must rely upon for survival can raise rates so much, claiming high expenses while its Executive receives multiple millions and residents are enduring great storms and around 20% of children are living in Poverty!

It was stated that your audit was to assess Operstions and Management but Not a Financial or Rate Audit. Im not clear how you can assess Management and operations without looking at Finances.

According to the PSC website:

For your general information:

The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) holds significant power to regulate intrastate utility services, including setting fair rates, ensuring reliable service, overseeing construction, approving securities, and resolving consumer complaints for electric, gas, telecom, water, and sewer utilities, while balancing public and utility interests, though it cant award property damages. Its authority stems from state statutes, allowing it to mandate financial audits, access records, and enforce service standards for utilities like co-ops, districts, and investor-owned companies, but not for municipally-owned or TVA-served entities.

Key Powers Responsibilities:

Rate Regulation: Approves or denies rate increases, ensuring they are just and reasonable.

Service Oversight: Ensures adequate, efficient, and reliable service, monitors facility construction, and manages service area expansions.

Financial Authority: Approves utility security issuances, conducts financial audits, and establishes accounting systems.

Consumer Protection: Resolves complaints and mediates disputes, though it doesn't award damages.

Safety Compliance: Enforces safety regulations for pipelines and utility operations.

Quasi-Judicial Role: Acts as a three-member board with quasi-legislative and judicial duties.

What it Regulates (and Doesn't):

Regulates: Investor-owned electric, gas, telephone, water, and sewer utilities; electric/telephone co-ops; water districts/associations; gas pipelines.

Doesn't Regulate: Utilities controlled by cities, political subdivisions, or TVA.

How it Balances Interests:

The PSC's mission balances the utility's need to recover costs with the public's right to affordable, reliable service, acting as a quasi-judicial body

We are counting on you! Please add my letter to public records and I appreciate your reply and update of actions taken regarding this important matter! F

Service List for 2026-00159

* Harlee P. Havens
Stites & Harbison
250 West Main Street, Suite 2300
Lexington, KY 40507

* Kentucky Power Company
1645 Winchester Avenue
Ashland, KY 41101

* Kenneth J Gish, Jr.
Stites & Harbison
250 West Main Street, Suite 2300
Lexington, KY 40507