

Public Comments Received for Case Number: 2026-00185  
Response Monday, August 31, 2026

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Received through Public Comments

Saturday, August 29, 2026

From: Jennifer Meredith  
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Comments:  
To the Kentucky Public Service Commission:

I am a resident of Whitley County, Kentucky, and I respectfully submit this comment regarding Case No. 2026-00185, the Commission's investigation into the affordability of electric service and the potential effects of large new electric customers, particularly as Kentucky experiences increasing interest from data centers of varying sizes.

Whitley County faces significant economic challenges that make electric affordability especially important. According to U.S. Census Bureau estimates, Whitley County's poverty rate exceeds the statewide rate, while its median household income is below Kentucky's median household income. The county also has a substantial number of households living on fixed or limited incomes, including elderly residents and families already facing significant housing, food, transportation, and medical expenses. Under these circumstances, even a modest increase in monthly electric bills could impose a serious hardship. These conditions underscore why existing residential customers should not be required to bear costs associated with infrastructure constructed primarily to serve large commercial customers.

I understand that data centers and similar facilities may require extraordinary amounts of electricity, as well as new generation facilities, substations, transmission lines, and other electric-grid infrastructure.

I respectfully request that the Commission ensure existing residential customers are not subjected to electric-rate increases or other cost increases resulting from infrastructure, generation, transmission, or related investments made primarily to serve new electric customers, regardless of the size of the data center. Residential customers should be protected from these costs both now and in the future.

In particular, I ask the Commission to consider the following:

Data centers and other extremely large-load customers should bear the full cost of infrastructure required primarily to serve their electricity demand.

Residential customers should never be required to subsidize new power plants, transmission lines, substations, or other infrastructure constructed primarily to serve data centers of any size. They should also be protected from future rate increases associated with these costs.

Utilities should provide clear disclosure of projected data-center electricity demand when seeking approval for new generation, transmission infrastructure, or rate increases.

The Commission should carefully determine whether projected data-center demand is based on committed projects or speculative proposals before authorizing major investments that could ultimately be recovered from ratepayers.

Contracts between utilities and data-center customers should include strong protections to ensure that existing customers are not left responsible for infrastructure costs if a proposed data center is delayed, downsized, or abandoned.

The Commission should evaluate the cumulative impact of multiple proposed data centers rather than considering each project in isolation.

Kentucky residents should receive meaningful public notice and opportunities to comment when a proposed data center could require substantial new utility infrastructure in their region.

The Commission should establish safeguards ensuring that existing residential customers do not experience electric-rate increases, either now or in the future, because of costs associated with serving data centers or other large commercial loads.

As a Whitley County resident, I am particularly concerned about how future data-center development could affect families in southeastern Kentucky. Because Whitley County has higher poverty and lower household incomes than Kentucky overall, many residents have limited ability to absorb increased utility costs. Our communities should not face higher household electricity bills because infrastructure was constructed primarily to serve commercial data centers of any size, and residents should remain protected from such increases in the future.

I am not asking Kentucky to reject economic development or technological advancement. I am asking that economic development pay its own way and that Kentucky families be protected from any resulting rate increases, both now and in the future.

Please make affordability for existing residential customers a priority and ensure that they are not subjected to electric-rate increases as the Commission evaluates Kentucky's changing electricity needs.

Thank you for providing Kentucky residents with the opportunity to participate in this proceeding.

Respectfully,

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