

# Board tables case while litigation remains on prior application

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MOUNT WASHINGTON – The owner of a piece of property in Mount Washington – as well as the neighbors who live in the area – will have to wait to learn the fate of his conditional use permit request.

Mike Rice, owner of Rice Lawn Care, requested a conditional use permit from the Bullitt County Board of Adjustments during a special meeting on Thursday.

He is looking to operate a contractor storage yard on his property off Bethel Church Road.

However, the board members were not in the mood to consider the application due to pending litigation filed by Rice after they previously denied a similar request.

Planning administrator Charlie Spalding said that county attorney Tammy Baker told him the prior litigation had no bearing on the new application.

However, board member Donna Etherton said she would like to not consider the new case until litigation is concluded.

Assistant County Attorney Jim Winchell said the board had the right to table the application.

The prior action filed in the 2023 case has not seen any recent action in court.

Attorney Scott Wantland respected the board's decision but said this is a new case and Rice has a different legal representation.

Several neighbors who opposed the request in 2023 were again present to speak. Some of their concerns at that point were that the facility would be used to store landscape equipment

and it would be close to their homes. And there was also a plan for storage units on a portion of the property.

The board voted unanimously to table the request until the prior litigation is concluded. Rice is allowed to continue to operate the business while the legal action is still in the process.

**In other business:**

\*For over 25 years, Alternative Health Adult Day Care has operated off Wilma Avenue in Hillview.

Owner Leah Smith Mercer has an opportunity to move the business to a larger operation just minutes away from the current site.

The board unanimously approved a conditional-use permit which will allow Mercer to continue the state process of relocating the business.

The proposed site is near the John Harper Highway.

Attorney Peyton Griffiee said that his clients, current property owners Sally and Ron Eiler, as well as Mercer, will continue to operate the day care program for adults with special needs.

Early in the hearing was a concern that the new owner, Mercer, was not present to answer questions. The sellers of the property were not able to talk about the plans by the buyer.

While Griffiee felt the questions could be answered without Mercer, board members were concerned that if they wished to place conditions on the permit, they needed the approval of the owner.

Mercer, who had to handle a business issue, arrived and quickly answered questions.

She said the property would be fenced and

security would not allow anyone from leaving or entering without permission.

The staff is CPR trained and smoke detectors would be in place.

The new location would operate in the same manner and clients leave each day. There is no in-patient care.

The original location would be closed when the new one on North Preston Highway opens.

The board unanimously approved the conditional-use permit. She will now be able to continue the process of securing state certification.

\*Mary Stevens received an unanimous approval for the conditional-use permit to operate an in-home day care facility.

Currently, caring for two children at her Springdale Court home, Stevens is seeking a license to care for up to 10. However, she expects to have no more than six children ages 1-10 in her home.

The home would have all the required safety requirements mandated by the state. The day care would be in operation Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

\*Dustin and Ashley Newton received unanimous support for the opening of a day care at 6160 S. Preston Highway.

Dustin Newton said that the limit would be 40 children. The facility would be open from 6:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

He said there would be plenty of parking and six employees would work at the day care.

The next meeting of the Bullitt County Board of Adjustments will be at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 8, at the Nina Mooney Courthouse Annex. The public is invited to attend.

## BULLITT COUNTY WOMAN’S CLUB BAKE SALE

The Bullitt County Women’s Club will host its Annual Bake Sale/Tasting, “A Taste of Bullitt County”, on May 12, 2025 at the Christian Life Center of the Mt. Washington First Baptist Church. At 6:45 the tasting begins and features items that will be auctioned at 7:15. The cost of the tasting is a donation. Baked goods range from breads and appetizers to casseroles and desserts.

Pre-auction entertainment will be provided by Mike Mann and John Wigginton. John will double as our auctioneer.

Proceeds will help fund scholarships for the Bullitt County Area Technology Center seniors.

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VEHICLES: 1955 Chevrolet Bel-Air, 2012 Chevrolet Canyon crew cab, 257,000 miles, 4x4, 2012 Dodge Challenger 183,000 miles, leather interior, 1983 Chevrolet dually 2WD pickup, 454 big block, 1947 Dodge Club Coupe project car, 2009 Harley Davidson Fat Boy, only 146 miles, 2012 Harley Davidson Sportster 48 with 600 miles, Honda CRF 100F dirt bike, Honda Forerunner four wheeler, power steering, 579 hours, Moomba ski boat, trailer, cover.

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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY’S 2025 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that in an April 30, 2025 Application, Kentucky Utilities Company (“KU”) is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“Commission”) in Case No. 2025-00105, pursuant to Revised Statute 278.183, of an amended compliance plan (“2025 Plan”). (Collectively, KU’s Application and supporting testimony and exhibits are KU’s “tariff filing.”) If approved, KU will begin recovering capital costs associated with a new pollution control facility in the 2025 Plan under KU’s existing Electric Rate Schedule ECR (also known as the Environmental Surcharge tariff) through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers’ bills in December 2025.

KU filed an application with the Commission on February 28, 2025, in Case No. 2025-00045 seeking approval to construct a selective catalytic reduction system at the Ghent generating station to reduce nitrogen oxide emissions, which are a precursor to ozone. In Case No. 2025-00105, KU is seeking an order approving the 2025 Plan to recover the costs of this new pollution control facility through its Environmental Surcharge tariff. The plan will help ensure ongoing compliance with regulations issued under the federal Clean Air Act as amended, including the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone.

The estimated total capital cost of this new pollution control facility is \$152.3 million. Additionally, KU is requesting recovery of future incremental capital and operation and maintenance expenses associated with this new pollution control facility. KU is also asking to recover the cost of publishing this customer notice through the Environmental Surcharge over 12 months and to have Environmental Surcharge recovery of future Commission-approved administrative expenses, including customer notice costs.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU’s Group 1 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 0.81% in 2029. Group 1 includes Rate Schedules Residential Service (RS), Residential Time-of-Day Energy Service (RTODE), Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service (RTODD), Volunteer Fire Department Service (VFD), All Electric School (AES), and all Lighting Rates (i.e., LS, RLS, LE, and TE).

RS and VFD customers using 1,085 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.09. RTODE customers using 1,043 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.14. RTODD customers using 987 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.30 up to \$24.28. LS and RLS customers could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.12. LE customers using 2,473 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.59. TE customers using 147 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.15.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU’s Group 2 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 1.10% in 2029. Group 2 includes Rate Schedules General Service (GS), General Time-of-Day Energy Service (GTODE), General Time-of-Day Demand Service (GTODD), Power Service (PS), Time-of-Day Secondary Service (TODS), Time-of-Day Primary Service (TODP), Retail Transmission Service (RTS), Fluctuating Load Service (FLS), and Outdoor Sports Lighting Service (OSL).

GS customers using 1,657 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.03 up to \$2.41. GTODD customers using 19,652 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.31 up to \$25.26. PS-Secondary customers using 30,434 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.39 up to \$32.35. PS-Primary customers using 35,028 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.45 up to \$36.82. TODS customers using 189,538 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$1.54 up to \$126.82. TODP customers using 1,242,574 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$8.25 up to \$678.42. RTS customers using 7,387,224 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$38.91 up to \$3,199.31. FLS-Transmission customers using 44,229,667 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$237.46 up to \$19,525.53. OSL-Secondary customers using 4,627 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.17 up to \$13.87.

The Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU, but the Commission may issue an order resulting in an environmental surcharge for customers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

Comments regarding KU’s 2025 Plan and Application may be submitted to the Commission through its website or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of this Notice, the Commission may take final action on the Application.

Any person may examine KU’s tariff filing at the Commission’s offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission’s website at <http://www.kypsc.com> or KU’s website (<http://www.lge-ku.com>) after KU makes its tariff filing on April 30, 2025. KU has requested a deviation from the requirement to make the tariff filing available at its office at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507. If the Commission denies that request, KU will make the tariff filing available at its office upon request by any person.