

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

MICHAEL R. WILSON)	
)	
COMPLAINANT)	
)	CASE NO.
V.)	2025-00127
)	
LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY)	
)	
DEFENDANT)	

ORDER

Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E) is hereby notified that it has been named as a Defendant in a formal complaint filed on April 21, 2025, a copy of which is attached as an Appendix to this Order and incorporated herein.

The Commission finds that pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 20, LG&E should satisfy the matters complained of or file a written answer to the complaint within ten days from the date of service of this Order. The Commission directs LG&E to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ regarding filings with the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. LG&E shall satisfy the matters complained of or file a written answer to the complaint within ten days from the date of service of this Order.

¹ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission mandated the use of the electronic filing procedures found in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, except for *pro se* formal complaints filed against utilities).


2. A copy of this Order shall be served through the U.S. Postal Service, First Class mail, on Michael R. Wilson at 3006 Lime Kiln Lane, Louisville, Kentucky 40222.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Commissioner


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director



Case No. 2025-00127

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2025-00127 DATED DEC 10 2025

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In the matter of:

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PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION

Michael R. Wilson
(Your Full Name)
COMPLAINANT
VS.
LG&E
(Name of Utility)
DEFENDANT

COMPLAINT

The complaint of Michael R. Wilson respectfully shows:
(Your Full Name)

(a) Michael R. Wilson
(Your Full Name)

3006 Line Kiln Ln. Louisville, KY 40222
(Your Address)

(b) LG&E
(Name of Utility)

820 W. Broadway Louisville, KY 40202
(Address of Utility)

(c) That: See attached letter incorporated by reference herein
(Describe here, attaching additional sheets if necessary,

the specific act, fully and clearly, or facts that are the reason

and basis for the complaint.)

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Formal Complaint

Michael R. Wilson

vs.

LGE

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Wherefore, complainant asks _____

(Specifically state the relief desired.)

Dated at Louisville, Kentucky, this 17th day
(Your City)

of April, 2025.
(Month)

Michael R. Wilson
(Your Signature*)

(Name and address of attorney, if any)

Date

*Complaints by corporations or associations, or any other organization having the right to file a complaint, must be signed by its attorney and show his post office address. No oral or unsigned complaints will be entertained or acted upon by the commission.

Michael R. Wilson
3006 Lime Kiln Ln
Louisville, KY 40222

April 17, 2025

Linda C. Bridwell, PE
Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-8295

Dear Ms. Bridwell,

This is a complaint filed against Louisville Gas and Electric ("LG&E") pursuant to K.R.S. § 278.260 and 807 KAR 5:001 Section 20. As a residential customer, LG&E recently confirmed to me in the enclosed letter dated April 1, 2025 that it would begin imposing a combined monthly fee of \$17 (\$12 for retaining a traditional electric meter and \$5 for retaining the traditional gas meter) for opting out of its advanced metering infrastructure ("AMI"), which would include installing a new so-called "smart meter" for my electric and gas usage.

These charges are unreasonable, arbitrary, and therefore inconsistent with K.R.S. § 278.030, given that no additional costs or new services are incurred or provided by LG&E simply by my decision to retain the existing electric and gas meters that have already been installed on my residence. The costs of my existing, functioning meters were long ago paid by me as a customer and the ongoing service cost of manual meter readings has already been factored into my existing utility rates approved by your agency and charged by LG&E.

LG&E has not indicated any forthcoming gas or electricity rate reductions corresponding with a reduction in labor costs currently attributed to employing meter readers, which will presumably be obviated by AMI. To the contrary, it appears I will be directly subsidizing the new costs and labor of AMI equipment installation, periodic maintenance, and eventual replacement for other LG&E customers without any appreciable benefit to their rates, either.

On the other hand, I understand from LG&E's customer service that the costs of reading traditional meters *will likely be reduced* by LG&E as a result of its recent practice of performing periodic meter readings. Specifically, my last few monthly invoices reflect *estimated* usage that have been reconciled when actual readings occurred, which has only been performed only every other month.

Please refer this complaint to LG&E for a response and an appropriate review by your agency, including a hearing, if necessary, to examine the factual basis for LG&E's AMI opt-out fees, a finding they are "unreasonable" for the reasons above; and therefore, to order them to be disapproved and uncollectible by LG&E.

Sincerely,



Michael R. Wilson

Enclosure

Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)

Phone: 888-367-7180



PPL companies



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Michael Wilson

Or Current Resident

3006 Lime Kiln Ln

Louisville KY 40222-6013



April 1, 2025

New monthly charges beginning with your next bill

Account number: [REDACTED]

Dear Michael Wilson:

LG&E and KU customers choosing not to receive an advanced meter upgrade are responsible for paying monthly opt-out charges to support the manual processes needed to provide service without an advanced meter.

Beginning with your next energy bill and every month following, additional charges of \$12 per meter for each electric meter and \$5 per meter for each gas meter will be included in your bill. The "AMI Monthly Opt-out Debit" line item(s) will appear in the Other Charges section of each bill.

If you would like to have these monthly charges eliminated, please visit lge-ku.com/meter-opt-in, and fill out the form, or contact us at 888-367-7180 (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET) and request a meter upgrade at no charge.

Sincerely,

LG&E and KU Ombudsman

Michael R. Wilson
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Louisville, KY 40222

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