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To: The Public Service Commission Concerning: The Louisville Gas and Electric's Price Increases.

Dear Agent of the Commission,

At this point I would classify the Louisville Gas and Electric company just shy of being called a *Monopoly*. In business when you want to expand you issue stock or float a bond or like Louisville Gas and Electric squeeze the wallets of your customers until they say "Uncle." I find the price increases by LG&E simply *outrageous!*

The problem is choice. The general public has no choice, but to accept the increases because we have no competitor to turn for purchasing energy.

When LG&E was sold to a foreign entity I knew my energy bill was eventually going to skyrocket and I'll be damned if it hasn't.

Some changes I want LG&E to make so I can lower my energy bill are these. It should be a requirement for any public utility to buy back excess energy produced by an outside source. I have been investigating the installation of solar panels on my home and business plus putting up a windmill. After calling LG&E I have been informed they don't buy back excessive energy. Please notify me about who I can contact to get this proposal introduced and possibly made into law.

Sincerely Yours,

Andrew J. Schmitt