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RE: Proposed rate changes for LG&E

In opposition to the proposed rate changes LG&E published in the Courier-Journal on Friday January 2, 2004, I am requesting the commission to consider the underhanded way they have hidden charges for their proposed rate changes. While I agree with part of their published information, i.e. the average monthly increases for residential "service", I am opposed to the proposed changes in the following charges;

Electrical Service

Residential Service Rate R

Customer Charge - changing from \$3.31 to \$9.00 monthly - 172% increase

General Service Rate GS

Customer Charge - per meter per month for single phase service

Changing from \$3.92 to \$18.00 per month - 359% increase

Meter Test Charge

Changing from **no charge** to \$31.40

Gas Service

Residential Rate RGS

Customer Charge changing from \$7.00 to \$10.80 per month - 54% increase

Meter Test Charge

Changing from **no charge** to \$69.00

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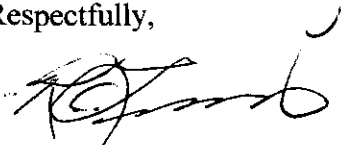
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While I "might" understand a needed increase in charges for electricity and gas usage, I am very much opposed to these other charge increases. From a customers point of view, it is bad enough that the bill will increase an average of \$11.54/month (19.9%), according to their figures, without the other added increases proposed. If a residence used no electric or gas for an entire month they would still owe a bill of \$37.80 vs. the present \$14.23. This equates to 166% increase with no utility usage.

If I understand the charge for the "Meter test Charge" correctly, this would mean if we questioned our bill and thought maybe the meter was reading incorrectly, we would have to pay for them to prove it. This is LG&E's meter and it is their responsibility to make sure it is reading correctly. If they are having trouble with customers requesting meter tests to often, perhaps they should consider a free test/meter once/year.

It is my hope you will consider the average annual pay increases being given to the working people trying to pay these excessive increases with no "added value" being given in return.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard A. Lewis", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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