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Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, KY 40602

Dear Sirs or Madams:

Reference Case No. 2007-00410 & LG&E

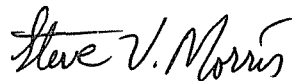
On September 14, 2007, LG&E applied to change the due date for payment of our gas and/or electric bill from 15 days to 10 days from the date of issue. Although the change, if approved, would not be effective until early 2009, the notice was sent out this fall. I am personally against the idea entirely and feel that it is not beneficial to the commonwealth in any way.

This motivation behind the idea would seem to be that LG&E wants their money faster regardless if people can afford to pay it sooner. I would think that it would benefit more commonwealth citizens to extend the 15 days to 18 or 20 days. Energy prices are increasing year over year and instead of seeing relief, we see an increase in cost. Controlling usage in times of extreme temperature can only go so far and this year is a prime example. Those individuals with higher income jobs and more disposable income may be able to get ahead enough to be impacted far less than those individuals who are on the lower end of the income bracket. Lower income families in Kentucky cannot afford to pay late fees on top of their monthly bill because LG&E wants to reduce the amount of time to pay the bill. Those that are paid on salary do not get paid weekly either; reducing the amount of time to pay would hurt those individuals too.

The concept of reducing the amount of time to pay the bill could imply that with the digital age, people can pay their bills online. However, the same people that can afford to own a computer and the internet may not have the same problem allocating enough funds within 10 days vs. 15 days as those who cannot afford those luxury items and must depend on the USPS. Ever reliable that the postmen may be, it still takes time to travel from the origin, to the bill payer, and back to the LG&E. One also cannot expect those same people to track down an available computer in a public place to pay online, especially with identity theft as an impending problem.

I'm not sure what benefits anyone other than LG&E could receive from this application, but even if an official statement was released, most people will probably not be aware of the application or pending change in the first place. There will probably be few individuals that read the additional material to comment on the application, so I expect that we will probably have little impact on the overall assessment. Sure there was a small note included on page three of the bill a couple of months ago, but chances are most people will be more concerned with trying to pay their bill rather than read the additional "junk" material that comes with the bill. I urge you all to consider denying the application that LG&E has entered as Case No. 2007-00410, please.

Sincerely,



Steve V. Morris