

Dear Mr. Zalph:

The PSC has received your comments regarding the rate adjustment requested by Louisville Gas and Electric Co./Kentucky Utilities Co. Your comments will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. For your future reference, the case number in this matter is 2008-00251/2008-00252. Please reference this case number in any future correspondence.

The case file in this matter, as in all matters before the PSC, is available at the PSC Web site.

Thank you for taking the time to share your views.

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From: Barry Zalph [mailto:barry.zalph@psc.ky.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2008 10:33 PM
To: Melnykovich, Andrew (PSC)
Subject: Public Comment in PSC cases 2008-00251 and 2008-00252

Dear Mr. Melnykovich,
I have been a citizen of Kentucky and a customer of LG&E for 17 years. The prices that LG&E charges per kilowatt-hour for electricity and per hundred cubic feet for natural gas affect, but do not dictate, my energy costs. Investments in energy efficiency that can reduce customers' demand for electricity and natural gas can reduce our overall energy costs even if they slightly increase rates. In addition, customers bear other costs of power generation, including the costs of water and air pollution and loss of scenic and ecologically valuable land and waterways. The failure to consider such costs can render the Public Service Commission's "least cost" standards ineffectual in protecting the public's interest in meeting our energy needs at the least total cost. Well-informed and clear-thinking environmentalists such as Geoffrey Young deserve standing to address the PSC on these issues. The position taken by LG&E - that environmentalists should be excluded from rate cases from the outset - is extreme and unreasonable. Rates affect customers' incentives to save energy, and in turn clearly affect the environment. Since Geoffrey Young is the only environmentalist who has requested intervention in PSC cases 2008-00251 and 2008-00252, I urge that the PSC grant him full intervenor status in order to ensure that the environmental perspective is represented in this case. To exclude this perspective would do a disservice to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,
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