

2008-00252

Dear Ms. Shaughnessy:

The PSC has received your comments regarding the rate adjustment requested by Louisville Gas and Electric 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 2008-00252. 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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If this is not the correct office to which these comments should be addressed, please forward. Further, when I tried to use the "Contact Us" site on your website I had to go through setting up a new email account, which I really don't want to do. I am perfectly happy with what I have and feel you are able to contact me through the information given here. Thanks.

January 2, 2009

I would like to comment on the increase in monthly rates requested by LG& E. I live in the Louisville area and in October, I believe it was, I saw a \$130 increase in my bill, which should not have changed until this month (January). I am on the budget plan and owed about \$50 at the time, which would come payable at the end of the year. I went from paying \$180 to \$315! That is a huge jump especially since my income didn't increase and it is highly unlikely that it will! I understand that the recent wind storm was very costly but the company should have been prepared to underwrite the costs as a cost of doing business. I also understand that oil prices have been high, something we all have felt not only through our LG&E bills but in every area of our lives, from the gas pump to groceries. This request for an increase on top of the unplanned increase in October tells

me that the company is more interested in turning a profit for its parent company and stockholders than it is in the community it serves and its customers. No company is guaranteed a profit, much less maintain a certain level of profitability, and no one is guaranteed a certain level of return on investment. Given the increase seen over the past few months, I don't feel the company needs a further increase, especially in these economic times.

What adds insult to injury is that the profits go to a company that is out of country. In this day when national security is of the utmost importance why a foreign business was allowed to purchase and gain control of such a vital company as a utility is really something I don't understand.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak.

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