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Dear LG&E:

I have received your letter regarding the proposed increases in our Residential Rates. After spending many of my working years in various business, I can certainly understand your needs. And, I also want to say that I have been very happy with LG&E since resuming service here in late 2006.

However, I am writing to make a very special request.

For all the citizens of your service area who are receiving Social Security or other living expense assistance, I would like to request that we be exempted from the rate increase. As you well know, Social Security has frozen our increase for this year and for 2011 and perhaps even into a third year. An \$8.92 increase in my bill is going to present a hardship.

I am in a Tax Credit Apartment with income based rent. Since January, my Rent has increased by \$6.00, (and it takes one-half of my Social Security), gasoline continues to fluctuate, my dental insurance increased \$0.67, my medical office visit co-pay for specialists increased \$15.00 and I have seven specialists to pay, each of which I see at least once a month for assorted medical problems, If Radiology/Laboratory studies are requested by a specialists, then I also have a larger co-pay to pay for those services. And I am still paying hospital co-pays from last year while my insurance company (Anthem) and Norton Healthcare were in contract dispute, and I had to pay out-of-network rates. Last year I suffered going through the "Donut Hole" on prescriptions before I finally reached the Catastrophic Coverage in December which allowed me to get my prescriptions for just a few dollars for the one month.

The total monthly increase in my routine living expense for 2010 year is \$21.67. This doesn't sound like much but I have to "rob Peter to pay Paul" to stay within my income from Social Security. More and more, I am having to ask for a special payment any one month in order to accommodate another required payment.

I have limited myself to \$25.00 per week for food and miscellaneous spending which doesn't provide for much. If I am to add another \$8.92 cents to this, I really don't know what to drop: food or 11 prescriptions.

I am ineligible for patient assistance plans because I am in a Plan D Prescription Plan, and my Social Security Gross amount before the mandatory Medicare premium is too high for food stamps. One lady at my church has been stopping by about once a month with a few groceries. This certainly helps.

I know that I am not the only one in this situation. Won't you please exclude the Social Security recipients and other low-income fixed income people from this requested rate increase? We recipients of Social Security would be ever so grateful for your consideration. Perhaps it may be necessary to identify people like myself vs. the ones who have other forms of income, such as pensions, investment dividends, etc. I would be more than happy to furnish a financial verification as would most in this same situation.

I know this is a lengthy explanation on why I feel the aging population needs special attention on your requested rate increase.

I will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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