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Kentucky Service Commission PO Box 615 Frankfort KY 40602

Attention: Executive Director, Jeff DeRouen

RE: Case # 2009-00549

I am <u>AGAINST</u> the propose LG&E rate increase. We are a retired couple living on SS and pension. All we have seen recently is things going "up". I have not been warm this winter. We have kept our thermometer at a low degree and electric use is kept at a minimum. Our attire this winter has been sweat pants and sweaters in our home, but our LG&E bill is still higher than compared to months last year.

There are so many families that cannot afford an increase. We serve families through our Saint Vincent de Paul conference at our church and we know the problem they are having paying their bills. LiHeap has helped the ones who qualify, but there are so many families who are needing help for the first time.

LG&E has agreed to give the "Ministries" in Louisville \$14,000 if they raise \$7,000 to help families in need on their LG&E bill. BIG DEAL...Of course, they can do this when there is a \$117 million proposed hike on 400,000 customers. I figure the increase for one year on less than 100 customers will take care of the \$14,000 to the Southwest Ministires in our area.

Please deny this rate increase on the people in Louisville.

Sincerely,

George and Beverly Richards

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