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Re: LG & E 2009-00549

To Whom It May Concern:

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As a consumer with no alternative choice in obtaining utilities, my own income has not kept pace with the cost of living for several years (a State agency as well!), a spouse forced into early retirement by a company that manipulated the system and did not have to pay out promised retirement, I find it appalling and shocking that a public utility company is seeking an increase that will triple the cost to its consumers who are already suffering economically.

In our middle income neighbor we have already had three foreclosures, and in less than a block six folks are out of work and several of them still unemployed with benefits running out.

I watch as my mother's slim fixed income is being eaten away by rising costs such as these and she too, will not have an increase in Social Security this year. Many folks in her local retirement community will be adversely affected by this increase and may be forced to choose between vital medications, food or having their heat on. Will the average American citizen be able to retire? Not with increases of this magnitude!