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Case Number (check one):

- For LG&E customers, the rate case is Case #2016-00371.  
 For KU customers, the rate case is Case #2016-00370.

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The Kentucky Public Service Commission must ensure that LG&E's and KU's rate structure is fair, necessary, and does not hurt low and moderate income residents. The PSC should reject these proposals. Insist that these utilities come up with a fair plan that allows us all to breathe easier.

I think that is unfair to increase service fees especially since we have no alternative utility company. We will be forced to pay even when our usage is low. Please do not approve this unfair pricing scheme.

The proposed charges will discourage people like me from taking steps to make our homes and businesses more energy efficient or use renewable energy. These charges will move Kentucky in the wrong direction and make things worse for our energy bills, health, local jobs and climate.

Also, LG&E and KU have sent customers misleading information about the new rate structure, indicating that it will save consumers money. But their claims only apply to very high users, and only in months with very high energy use. For my family and many others, their plan will lead to an average increase in my monthly energy bill. I am concerned about the nature of the utilities' public information. And I believe it makes no sense for a rate structure to reward customers who use the most energy.

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From: Mindy Marchal, Louisville, KY 40205

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Subj: LGE Service fee hikes Case #2016-00371

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It has come to my attention that that LGE is proposing new rate hikes that will hurt all customers, especially low-income people – like my daughter.

They want to **double their flat monthly service fee** to \$22 per month!

These proposals will hurt many customers, especially low and fixed income people, apartment dwellers and people who attempt to conserve energy. They will limit our ability to save monthly by reducing our energy use. They will also discourage many people from installing rooftop solar or energy efficient systems, steps which are needed to lower harmful pollution and protect our health and climate. These rates are the wrong direction for our community.

The utilities say they need the new charges to upgrade all electric and natural gas meters on their system to advanced digital meters, or Smart Meters. Digital meters can play an important role in encouraging energy conservation by supporting time-of-use pricing. If designed well, time-of-use rates can offer advantages for customers and utilities. But LG&E and KU are not proposing to use the new meters for that purpose. Instead, **they say their investment will allow them to reduce personnel costs (by eliminating jobs)** and cut service response time, since the meters can be turned on and off remotely. So in effect, they are asking for a permanent rate increase from customers for a one-time cost which will lead to job cuts and permanent savings for the utilities.

These two Kentucky-based utilities are subsidiaries of PPL Corporation (formerly Pennsylvania Power and Light), headquartered in Allentown, Pennsylvania. , PPL **boasted that its shareholder return of more than 6% was “second to none”** among large utilities. The company also increased its dividend to shareholders for the 13<sup>th</sup> time in the past 14 years.

I am asking you to do whatever you can to stop any movement on this case #2016-00371. I will be monitoring the decisions and progress you make on this case.

Please let me know your response to this detrimental rate hike.

Thank you,

Mindy Marchal