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**To:** ["V Lee"](#)  
**Subject:** your comments in case 2018-00295 - LG&E rates  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 20, 2019 1:58:00 PM

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Dear Ms. Lee:

Thank you for your comments on the application of Louisville Gas & Electric Company for a rate adjustment.

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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**Subject:** Re: your comments in case 2018-00295 - LG&E rates

Virginia Lee

On Fri, Feb 1, 2019 at 11:41 AM Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <[REDACTED]> wrote:

If you wish to have your comments placed into the case file, please REPLY TO THIS E-MAIL and provide your full name.

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**From:** V Lee [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
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**To:** PSC - Public Information Officer <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** HEARING NEEDED for Case number 2018-00295

To whom it may concern,

I am a Louisvillian who has utilities through LG&E

I understand that LG&E has proposed rate hike and there is no scheduled hearing. Why is that? This issue is important to me and we all deserve the opportunity to weigh in on such an important change.

I bet they are trying (again) to get approval for fixed meter charges. Please know that I am opposed to this structure. It is completely feasible for LG&E to raise rates through usage fees. Meter fees just hurt those who can least afford it. We need to encourage efficiency and increased meter fees do just the opposite. Relying on usage fees gives people the option, you can use all the energy you want, but if you choose to use less it can save money.

Please let me know why there will not be a public comment hearing.

Thank you,  
Virginia

**From:** Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)  
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**Subject:** your comments in case 2018-00295 - LG&E rates  
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**From:** Carl Hall [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 15, 2019 8:17 AM  
**To:** PSC - Public Information Officer <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** LG&E Proposed Rate Increase, Case No. 2018-00295

As I understand this request from LG&E, the rate increase will be seen in the fixed costs associated with a connection to the grid rather than the cost per kWh. Clearly, increases in fixed costs will not give rate payers the opportunity to have much of an impact on their bills because it will not provide an incentive for rate payers to reduce their energy usage.

If LG&E needs a rate increase, it should be reflected in the costs that rate payers see per kWh.

Carl Hall  
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**From:** Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)  
**To:** ["kate.cunningham"](mailto:kate.cunningham)  
**Subject:** your comments in case 2018-00295 - LG&E rates  
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Dear Ms. Cunningham:

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**From:** kate.cunningham [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 06, 2019 6:28 PM  
**To:** PSC - Public Information Officer <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** 2018-0295; objections to rate hike (again)

To Whom It May Concern:

How many bites at this apple does LG&E get? I object to this proposed flat rate/meter cost increase just as I objected to the very similar proposal last year. It is simply unfair to increase the rate for meters, as this flat rate increase affects low income consumers disproportionately. Those of us who want to trim our utility bills by putting on a sweater in winter or eating ice chips during the summer cannot escape the increased monthly fee for our meters.

In addition, I personally am an environmentalist seeking to offset my own contribution to climate change by having installed a solar array on my home. Raising the monthly cost of the meter does nothing to incentivize others to go solar nor to reimburse me any part of the initial investment cost of my solar panels,

even tho these solar panels help provide energy to LG & E's grid.

In short, I strenuously object to this proposed rate/meter charge increase. I also urge you to allow the intervention of Metropolitan Housing Coalition, which has more specific expertise on these matters than I do. MHC has also studied the disparate effect of public policies on low income Metro residents for many years. MHC is reliable and credible.

Thank you for considering my views.

Kate Cunningham, LG&E ratepayer  
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**From:** Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)  
**To:** "[Lindsey Hughes](#)"  
**Subject:** your comments in case 2018-00295 - LG&E rates  
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Dear Ms. Hughes:

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**From:** Lindsey Hughes [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
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**To:** PSC - Public Information Officer <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Case Numbers: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)

All Kentuckians need and deserve affordable and clean energy. This rate case (Case number 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)) moves us in the wrong direction. The LG&E and KU plan is bad for consumers, harmful to people on low and fixed incomes, and damaging to energy efficiency and rooftop solar. Kentuckians deserve so much better than this. The KY Public Service Commission must open up its public process and reject this rigged deal.

Under this plan, the average LG&E residential electric customer will pay \$7.53 more per month, a 7.5% increase. The average LG&E natural gas customer will see their bill rise by \$7.14 dollars a month, a 12.2% increase. And the average KU customer's monthly increase under this proposal will be \$13.47, a 11.7% increase.

The PSC is a state agency whose job is to make sure monopoly utilities serve the public interest and charge rates that are fair, just and reasonable. But in this case you, KY PSC, allowed corporations like

Walmart and Kroger to intervene, while blocking the Metropolitan Housing Coalition, Louisville's Association of Community Ministries, the Community Action Council for Lexington-Fayette, Bourbon, Harrison and Nicholas Counties, and the Sierra Club from formally participating. All of these groups have a long history of participating in rate cases, and their exclusion by the you, KY PSC, is unacceptable.

Thank you,

Lindsey Hughes  
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**To:** [Joy Jamison](#)  
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**From:** Joy Jamison [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
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**Subject:** LG&E Proposed Rate Increase, Case No. 2018-00295

LG&E/KU are at it again. You have not listened to them before - don't listen to them now. They want to jack up the monthly service fee all customers pay for service, rather than further increasing the charge on energy used.

This approach makes it very difficult for low-income customers to manage their bills by conserving energy. No matter how little energy they use to get by, they'll still owe this monopoly an increasingly large amount just for basic service.

Shifting more of each monthly bill to the fixed monthly service fee is also a deliberate strategy to discourage us from conserving energy or investing in rooftop solar. If forced to pay large, fixed monthly fees no matter how much energy we use (and we're VERY stingy, keeping our thermostat very low), we'd all be screwed - pardon my French. Thanks for reading.

Joy Jamison, 5311 Bartonfield Lane, Louisville 40219.



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Americans are being left behind. Here's how we fix it.  
Henry M. Paulson Jr., Erskine Bowles, Melissa S. Kearney for The Washington Post.

Massive federal investments in community colleges, dedicated strategies to promote the economic health of rural labor markets, sensible zoning reform to promote housing affordability, and a payroll subsidy to offset the cost of minimum-wage increases on employers.

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