TELEVISED MESSAGE TO LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL & KY Public Service Commission

Sept. 27, 2018 – 6:00 pm • by Daniel Cobble – Page 1 of 2 w/ Four Attachments

New Book on Affordable Healthcare & Unlawful LG&E Rate Hikes

First, I wish to inform the Metro Council that finally my new book called the Equity-based Healthcare System is on sale at Lulu.com. "Equity" refers to the premiums paid by ratepayers and employer-sponsors go into escrow accounts, and no longer given over to insurance company profits or costs. EBH is based on the business model of *whole life insurance*. This means, for example, the City of Louisville can provide full health coverage ~~for its employees while 1) earning investment income, or 2) be cost-neutral,~~ or 3) any losses are based only on the offset of charged medical claims. But no longer are premiums automatic losses on balance sheets & for house-holds. So, it's within your interest to support passage of the ***American Healthcare Equity Act*** bill that's in the book for everyone to study.

Next, I thought the local and State gov'mts had pressured LG&E to stop increasing rates to raise capital for its construction projects. Once again, these rate hikes are not lawful for two reasons. First, we are not investors, we are only customers buying natural gas & electricity. **Yet the proposed hikes raise approx. $130 million per year as capital invest-ments**. Second, these projects have "finite costs" for specific amounts of funds needed. Yet these rate hikes go on-and-on into perpetuity, forever, even though the projects have long been paid-for and completed. **For example**, I have been living in my small two-bedroom apartment for twenty years. See attached my 1998 & 1999 LG&E bills for $31 and $35. Then see my August 2018 bill for $141, & approx. $150 with this rate hike. So to the contrary, LG&E owes us refunds for the overpayment of past projects **that have long been completed**.

The equitable way for LG&E to handle its construction & maintenance is to establish a **Long-term Business Plan for Infrastructure**, complete with a balance sheet. Then use its capital and capital gains for these costs. It would borrow via it's **A-1 credit rating** for any needed additional funds. Then, rate hikes are justified only when LG&E's overhead expenses increase beyond its capital & credit thresholds.

Wherefore, please see below the petition-letter to the KY Public Service Commissioners for everyone to mail-in.

Thank you!

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Petition Letter to:

Commissioners
KY Public Service Commission (**PSC**)
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, KY 40602

Pursuant to the herein information, I do not support the rate hikes proposed by LG&E. As shown, I believe these rate hikes **are not** legally proper.

Furthermore, I believe LG&E owes refunds to its ratepayers and should stop the rate hikes for construction & maintenance projects that are paid for.

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Thank you!

Betty McCurdy

My Signature

Wed., 2-27-'19

P.S. Send both pages to PSC.

STATEMENT TO LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

WHY THE **NO-GROWTH ECONOMY – BAILING-OUT STATE PENSION FUNDS; – HOW TO INCREASE SCHOOL FUNDING & RAISES FOR TEACHERS WITHOUT TAX HIKES**

I would like to update my findings to the Metro Council's 2014 forum on raising the minimum wage in Louisville. I argued that we are making economic decisions through **the prism of <u>three bad</u> monetary policies.**

These faulty policies are: **1.** Low interest rates. **2.** Private investors receiving their capital directly from the Federal Reserve. And **3.** Without the Glass-Steagall Act, citizens and foreigners **<u>cannot</u>** safely deposit their money in U.S. banks. – **These** <u>relative</u> **policies are detailed on Page 2.**

Some of you know of the recent studies on Seattle's 2014 minimum wage-hike to $15. Seattle workers are losing approx. $125 per month, at $1,500, annually. – More broadly, in both 2014 and 2015, the after-tax private wealth in the U.S. increased by **$5-1/2 trillion**. That's $11 trillion for both years. With today's stronger U.S. financial climate, we can safely assume 2016 and 2017 will yield at least these same amounts. **That's $22 trillion within these 4 years**. – How, then, are we accumulating this immense wealth **<u>while not able</u>** to pay down our national debt, now at over $19 trillion**?** – This means your taxes paid to service the debt goes into a black sinkhole, **HAVING NO EFFECT, AT ALL.** – These numbers **<u>do not</u>** lie.

I explained this oxymoron in 2014. These policies improperly *channel* currency from the Feds (bonded by U.S. Treasury) into the U.S. financial sector where the superrich are, and **<u>AWAY FROM THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR WHERE YOU AND I ARE</u>.** This violates anti-trust laws and the Federal Reserve Act of 1913. And requires reinstating the ***Glass-Steagall Act of 1933.***

<u>This lopsided $22 trillion would bailout</u>: All the States' troubled pension funds; Social Security; bad student loans. It would properly fund our public schools, provide raises for schoolteachers, Pres. Trump's $53 billion for the military, Etc. **And with trillions leftover for corporate profits.**

<u>NOTE</u>: This information is affirmed by the **<u>WARNINGS</u>** of Jeremy Grantham, Chief Investment Strategist at GMO. See PBS.org, July 28, 2017 Charlie Rose Interview.

Wherefore, I ask the audience to copy and mail this packet to your local, state, and federal elected officials. Help get this info to social media. **And I recommend the Louisville Metro Counsel** to build coalitions with other Mayors and Governors to pressure Washington **to reverse these policies.**

Thank You!

1. **Increase U.S. prime interest rate to competitive level** (w/ China, UK, Etc). The Fed's low prime interest rate, currently at 1%, discourages the purchases of U.S. treasury bonds (and commercial banks not lending to small businesses). Historically, we have used treasury bonds to service the U.S. debt and budget. But since these bond sales are low, we must borrow more money from the Feds to service the debt. – **Most people incorrectly believe** today's bloated debt is caused by Gov'mt spending.

2. **Stop giving virtually free money to investors.** On May 2, 2008, **private investors were allowed** to begin borrowing wholesale dollars directly from the Feds (at .25%). They no longer have to borrow from commercial banks or private lenders. **This is removing $$trillions** from U.S. commercial competition / circulation. – They then buy-up property with these wholesale dollars (stocks, bonds, companies, real estate, etc.). For example, it explains why the stock market is booming in our no-growth economy. (*To fully monetize the dollar, it must be routed through the commercial sector for establishing its value through the activity of competition. Its increased value then attracts more investments*.)

3. ***Glass-Steagall*** was passed in 1933 during the Great Depression **to separate private investments** from the bank accounts of consumers. When repealed in 1999, it took only 9 years for the banks to again collapse the economy in 2008. Reinstating *Glass-Steagall* would allow consumers (including foreigners) to safely return their money to U.S. banks. This, in-turn, generates economic growth.

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