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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [James Gardner](#)
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Friday, March 08, 2019 8:45:57 AM

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In closing, I urge the Kentucky Public Service Commission to open up your public process and reject this rigged deal. It is bad for consumers, harmful to people on low and fixed incomes, and damaging to energy efficiency and rooftop solar. We deserve far better.

Sincerely,

James Gardner
3101 Sunny Ln
Louisville , KY 40205

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Thursday, March 07, 2019 1:10:53 PM

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In closing, I urge the Kentucky Public Service Commission to open up your public process and reject this rigged deal. It is bad for consumers, harmful to people on low and fixed incomes, and damaging to energy efficiency and rooftop solar. We deserve far better.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Toomey-Fields
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Thursday, March 07, 2019 11:24:01 AM

Dear members of the Kentucky Public Service Commission:

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It appears to be effort to kill solar net-metering, a state policy that makes space for Kentucky's growing homegrown solar industry ... which is contrary to the company's publicized efforts to conserve energy.

Please practice what you preach by encouraging energy conservation and renewable sources. I'm sure, by doing the right thing, financial benefits will win out in the long run.

Sincerely,

Helen Kielkopf
3200 Apple Hill Rd
Louisville, KY 40245

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Wednesday, March 06, 2019 9:27:39 PM

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Sincerely,

Ronald Whitmore
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Amy Boone](#)
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Wednesday, March 06, 2019 9:17:37 PM

Dear members of the Kentucky Public Service Commission:

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I urge the KY Public Service Commission to reject this deal and to open up your public process, as it is bad for consumers, harmful to people on low and fixed incomes, and damaging to energy efficiency and rooftop solar. We deserve better.

Sincerely,

Amy Boone
1700 Fraser Dr
Louisville, KY 40205

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ann Morehouse](#)
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Wednesday, March 06, 2019 8:56:38 PM

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Ann Morehouse
2706 Lakeside Dr
Louisville, KY 40205

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Wednesday, March 06, 2019 8:25:36 PM

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Sincerely,

Holley Holland
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Louisville, KY 40205

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Henry Jackson](#)
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Wednesday, March 06, 2019 10:42:49 AM

Dear members of the Kentucky Public Service Commission:

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The net effect of the increased fixed monthly service fee is to discourage customers from conserving energy or investing in rooftop solar. If Kentuckians are forced to pay large, fixed monthly fees no matter how much energy we use, we are less likely to make behavioral changes or investments to reduce our energy use.

Additionally, the LG&E/KU proposal is to conceal information from customers. At the same time that they want to raise our monthly base rate, they also propose to make that charge invisible to us. Instead of the current fixed monthly rate, our bills would instead show the increased rate as a daily, rather than a monthly charge. Do the utilities think customers will be happier to see a fixed charge of \$0.53/day than \$16.43/month? And does the PSC think that change is in the public's interest?

The LG&E and KU plan is rigged to harm KY's homegrown solar industry. This proposal from LG&E and KU also contains a poison pill. The utilities are proposing a deceptively simple change that seems designed as a back-door effort to kill solar net-metering, a state policy that makes space for Kentucky's tiny but growing homegrown solar industry.

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Sadly, this appears to be a two-step process to end solar net-metering as we know it. In the first step, LG&E and KU are asking the KY PSC to put a stamp of approval on their questionable claim (made without evidence or an open process) that the energy charge is best thought of in two pieces, one smaller and one larger. In the second step, they are likely to bring this PSC approved "information" to lawmakers, as they continue to argue (based on widely disputed assumptions about the value of rooftop solar) that solar customers should get credited for only the smaller portion.

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I urge the Kentucky Public Service Commission to open up your public process and reject this rigged deal. Its bad for consumers, harmful to people on low and fixed incomes, and damaging to energy efficiency and rooftop solar. We deserve better.

Sincerely,

Henry Jackson
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Wednesday, March 06, 2019 9:39:01 AM

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The LG&E and KU plan is rigged against low-income folks, energy efficiency, & rooftop solar.

The utilities want to jack up the monthly service fee all customers pay for service, rather than further increasing the rate we pay for energy. For example: KU and LG&E want to raise fixed monthly rates for electricity from \$12.25 per month to \$16.43 in most months, a 34% increase. And LG&E's natural gas customers will see their fixed monthly fee jump from \$16.35 to \$20.15 in most months, a 23% increase.

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In closing, I urge the Kentucky Public Service Commission to open up your public process and reject this rigged deal. It is bad for consumers, harmful to people on low and fixed incomes, and damaging to energy efficiency and rooftop solar. We deserve far better.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Wednesday, March 06, 2019 9:36:58 AM

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Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Wednesday, March 06, 2019 7:37:56 AM

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Sincerely,

Octavia Anderson
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Wednesday, March 06, 2019 4:20:35 AM

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Sincerely,

Gloria Barbee
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Wednesday, March 06, 2019 12:49:44 AM

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Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kathleen Helm](#)
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Wednesday, March 06, 2019 12:03:42 AM

Dear members of the Kentucky Public Service Commission:

I BELIEVE MY INPUT SHOULD CARRY SOME ADDITIONAL WEIGHT AS I AM MORE GREATLY AFFECTED THAN SINGLE FAMILY HOMEOWNERS. Owning multiple properties that I am trying to rehab on a \$30k income and maintaining utilities at them, this addition alone will put me beyond my ability to compensate for the increases. Bills will go unpaid until eventually a property will have to be sold at a loss of future income (MY ONLY MONEY TO LIVE ON!) and at a great loss to my 30 year investments. THIS IS NO SMALL MATTER INCREASING UTILITIES. I AM NOT USING MANY UNITS AT MOST PROPERTIES BUT THE INCREASES ARE BASED ON ACCOUNTS NOT USAGE. THIS IS WRONG AND I URGE YOU TO REJECT IT!!!

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4034 S. 5th St.
Louisville, KY 40214-1657

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Walter Wolz](#)
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Tuesday, March 05, 2019 11:28:39 PM

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To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
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Date: Tuesday, March 05, 2019 11:20:39 PM

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To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
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Date: Tuesday, March 05, 2019 11:18:41 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Tuesday, March 05, 2019 10:47:39 PM

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Sincerely,

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Louisville , KY 40212

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Yolanda Walker](#)
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Tuesday, March 05, 2019 8:36:50 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Tuesday, March 05, 2019 8:28:44 PM

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Louisville, KY 40212

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Tuesday, March 05, 2019 10:21:52 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Tuesday, March 05, 2019 5:29:54 PM

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Jesse Weil
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Tuesday, March 05, 2019 3:53:55 PM

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Jessica Howard
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Janice Martin](#)
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Tuesday, March 05, 2019 3:45:03 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Tuesday, March 05, 2019 2:40:58 PM

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To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Tuesday, March 05, 2019 2:11:59 PM

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Thank you for your consideration of my comments, and for your service on the commission.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Tuesday, March 05, 2019 2:01:56 PM

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To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
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Date: Tuesday, March 05, 2019 1:51:46 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Tuesday, March 05, 2019 1:35:02 PM

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To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Tuesday, March 05, 2019 11:40:56 AM

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To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
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To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
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To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Tuesday, March 05, 2019 12:49:59 PM

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Date: Tuesday, March 05, 2019 1:02:02 PM

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