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Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40601

Re: LG&E Rate Increase Application, Sept 2008

Dear Sir or Madam:

LG&E recently sent out a rate increase notification showing that their residential rate increase request would be 4.47% for electricity and 5.92% for gas. This appeared to be within a reasonable range given the increase in gas over the past year.

I am on the monthly budget amount program which has worked well over the past five years. However, this year when the rate reset in September 08, the budget amount went from \$190.00 per month to \$261.00, a 37% increase. This far exceeds the projected increases for electric and gas shown on the LG&E rate increase request shown above. I called LG&E thinking this was a mistake but they said it is based in my actual usage. This is questionable given that I have increased the insulation in the attic and replaced all of my windows with energy efficient models over the past two years. Please note the projected amount of \$190.00 per month for 2007-08 was accurate since I did not owe LG&E any additional money at the end of the period.

A 37% increase in the budgeted amount is outrageous given the projected increases shown in the LG&E documentation. I recommend strongly that their rate increase be reviewed for actual cost increases to the residential customer.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 502-239-2856.

Sincerely, Pleases DECker

Charles D. Elder