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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing with regard to the increase that LG & E has already stated it will seek, to compensate for all the work necessary to reinstitute all electric service, after the immense wind storm. This was an unreal occurrence, and I sympathize with the enormity of their challenge, BUT they lied to us. It is a matter of public record, that they repeatedly told us that they had 500 workers out restoring power the first two days until the rest returned from Texas. Several days later though, LG & E's representative wrote in the Courier Journal that at that time 1900 workers were out working for us, 1600 of which were out of towners. Do the math! They didn't want us to know those ~~1st~~ 2 days, how few there were, but that sure explains why so relatively few areas got their power back those first 2 days.

We all need help from time to time, and thus its nice to send some assistance to another community, but it is idiotic to send most of our entire staff to a state 2 days ride away, leaving us defenseless in an emergency, and I don't want to reward their lies and poor planning.

On a different note, I have a real problem, with companies that issue stock, raising rates on customers when losses occur. During good times, their profits are passed along to the stockholders. Well, it follows then that when they incur losses, that needs to be taken from those same stockholders. There is nothing logical or equitable about passing profits on to one group, and losses to another. I hope that you will keep that in mind when they come to you, and that if you are bound to grant them an increase—you demand a decrease in rates for us, in their next up-cycle.

Sincerely,

