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RE: Rate Increase for LG&E

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter as a customer of LG&E both in business and as a home owner.

Please **DO NOT** give this monopolystic company another rate increase at this time.

Because:

- 1. The economy of Jefferson County cannot withstand more cash drain.
- 2. Small businesses are hanging by an ignited thread and each time rate s at LG&E and MSD increase, our costs dramatically increase and our customers dramatically decrease. More businesses small and large will go bankrupt.
- 3. As a home owner who kept their heater on 65 all last winter and was cold while the LG&E bill soared, I am pleading with you not to put any more burden on the us. the customers.
- 4. There is no more cash left in people's pockets to pay for food & gasoline much less anything else.
- 5. Customers know that LG&E just got or will get millions of dollars for their downtown Louisville building that is to be demolished to make way for the Arena. Let them use that to compensate their increases.

Above all please remember we are **people not numbers**, **not resources but humans** who have to cook and wash and try to stay warm or cool and we have no other place to get our gas and electric from other than LG&E.

Thank you for your time.

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