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Re: Louisville Gas and Electric Co. (LG&E) and Kentucky Utilities Co. (KU)

To whom it may concern:

As the Democrat Floor Leader, I write this letter to convey to the Commission that the Senate Democrat members have been contacted by many of our constituents regarding the requests for rate increases by LG&E and KU. Home energy costs make up a large portion of household budgets, especially those living on low and fixed incomes, therefore, the proposed rate increase would be a hardship for those customers.

During these difficult economic times, times which president-elect Obama has called "a crisis unlike any we have seen in our lifetime - a crisis that has only deepened over the last few weeks," such a rate increase and specifically the 5% late payment penalty would be onerous to those individuals who have been hit the hardest.

On behalf of all of those who have contacted me and my Democrat counterparts, I urge you to consider this application very carefully.

Sincerely,

Ed Worley

Democratic Floor Leader Kentucky State Senate

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