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My husband I are homeowners and have been for over 45 years. We have some concerns about LG&E's proposal for rate increases that we are sharing via this letter.

The higher basic fee rate that is being proposed by LG&E as well as increasing higher usage rates, will make it harder on those who are retired seniors, who are on low or fixed incomes, and those who are unemployed with families to raise.

For us, we try to conserve energy by keeping our thermostat on 66 during the winter months, and by using blankets and space heaters while watching TV or in a room where we spend a significant amount of time. We use energy-saving light bulbs, hand-wash dishes, dry clothes on an outside line on sunny days, use fans instead of air conditioning, etc.

With the recession and the economy in such a mess, we feel this is not the best time to raise rates in basic delivery fees and a monthly rate increase on electricity and gas to such a level. With unemployment high as well higher costs just to live, will make an increase of this size very hard to maintain any sense of conservation.

The question is how do we conserve our resources if LG&E is granted such a high increase. With all other costs rising in groceries, gasoline, medical costs, etc. we will find it difficult to know how to conserve energy that help us lower our utility bills. As gas customers, we will feel the pinch of higher usage rates even more during the summer months when the consumption is lower.

It is our opinion that the Commission needs take all matters into consideration from all constituent groups. LG&E officials need to re-evaluate how these high costs will affect the population at large and most especially the aforementioned groups.

Sincerely,


Judith A. Gordon