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RE: Case number 2009-00549

Dear Commission,

Although I have never spoken out regarding public issues before, I feel the need to write to your regarding my comments regarding the outrageous request for a rate hike by LG&E. Through the years, I have stood quiet as requests by LG&E were made and granted by the PSC but not this time. I realize that as a private company their aim is to show a profit for their investors but this a company providing a necessary basic service which has a monopoly of service to its' customers. We have been gouged and squeezed at every opportunity and asked to cover expenses which normally would be considered maintenance expenses which are considered in the rates already.

The idea that they want to switch to a standard jump in line connection is outrageous. I live in a neighborhood which has been established for over 50 yrs. The connection line is less that 50ft.as are the rest of the homes in the neighborhood and most of the city. . The idea of raising the monthly fee per meter from \$9.50 to \$26.53 and discontinuing the delivery charge per cubic feet of gas gives me no impetus to conserve energy. It is a way for me to subsidize the connections for new houses in the East end or out of the county.. These houses are on larger plots, placed further apart and of course would be more expensive to provide services to. That however should be the burden of the builder and home owner to incur, not my burden. This is an added burden to the cost ridden elderly and inner city residents who generally live in the older areas of town. My line has been paid and though at some point repairs may have be made, again, this has always been a percentage of the cost built in to maintain the system. Homes which require a longer connection should be required to pay a larger percentage.

Please consider the effect of raising rates and the method of charging and how it will affect those who can least afford it.

Thank you.

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