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Dear Vice Chairman Gardner:

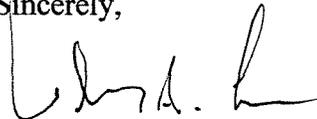
I recently received notification that LG&E has applied for a rate request with the Kentucky Public Service Commission. I am writing to formally record my objection and request that you use all available resources to ensure that we Kentuckians are protected from this unfair and poorly supported proposal.

As I understand it, when all of the numbers and words are condensed into a comprehensible summary, LG&E is proposing to raise the customer service charge on electric and natural gas by a historic 300% and 279%, respectively. Not only is this fundamentally unfair, but it will forever change the relationship between the consumption of energy and its total cost. A higher "fixed" customer service fee is simply not acceptable.

I have read LG&E's press release giving their justifications; however, none of their reasons seem well supported. Wasn't the decision to build the Trimble County Two electricity plant based on projections of revenues, using rates in effect at that time? Are we being asked to bail out a poor business decision on the part of EON, LG&E's parent, or simply swell their profits? Wasn't the extensive damage from the 2008 & 2009 storms caused, at least in part, by a lack of ordinary maintenance which we customers have been paying LG&E for all along? A thorough review of records is called for. Doesn't every individual and business in Kentucky have to find, within their own set of resources, a way to deal with higher operating costs, increased property taxes, higher insurance premiums, greater medical costs, etc., etc.? Shouldn't we be proud that our energy costs are lower than the national average and surrounding states? Doesn't that mean that we are doing something right and perhaps we could serve as an example rather than commit ourselves to being like them?

Please take these points into consideration and make sure the citizens of Kentucky do not become a victim of corporate greed and that HL&P is held to the standard of public good rather than German profits.

Sincerely,



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