Dear Mr. Koch:

Thank you for your comments regarding the rate increase proposed by Louisville Gas & Electric Co. Your comments will be placed into the case file for the Commission's review as it considers this matter. For your future reference, the case number in this matter is 2009-00549. Please cite it in any future correspondence regarding this case so that your comments may be readily directed to the case file.

Thank you again for your interest.

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From: PSC - Public Information Officer Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2010 2:28 PM To: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) Subject: FW: AGAINST the EON-us/LG&E rate hike!

From: REDACTED on behalf of myron koch[SMTP:REDACTED] Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2010 2:27:32 PM To: PSC - Consumer Web Inquiry; PSC - Public Information Officer Subject: AGAINST the EON-us/LG&E rate hike! Auto forwarded by a Rule

Dear Public Service Commission,

LG&E/EON-us, like any other business, should get their finances aligned rather than pass permanent increases on to the customer under the guise of the 2009 ice storm. The energy industry is (and has been) reaping RECORD PROFITS for a number of years, and should use some of that profit to make their systems more efficient.

As for the "natural disaster" argument...did they not have insurance against catastrophe? Did the state and federal governments NOT contribute to the rebuild after the ice storm of 2009? It WAS declared a national disaster.

This looks like another ploy for the energy moguls to squeeze more out of an already tapped-out public.

They're also verbally and visibly afraid that "green energy" will affect their status quo, according to their chairman's message. (<u>http://www.eon-us.com/chairman_message.asp</u>)

Considering their business model, the role of their product in society (we ALL NEED IT, without exception--it's NOT a luxury), and their constant rate hikes...not to mention the FREE

upgrade to their Louisville system, due to the Arena Project and thanks to the taxpayers...I think they can go without an extra added bonus this year. Or next.

After all, LG&E's now a German company, so the profits are NOT staying in our already famished community, anyway.

REFUSE THE RATE HIKE!

Cheers,

Myron Koch 40220