

Dear Rev. Sturtevant:

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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I am writing to object to the proposed rate hike for both electricity and natural gas by LG&E.

1 - Word was leaked earlier in the week that LG&E is on the market. This effort at a rate hike would thus appear to be a ploy to try to increase the sale price. Then, the higher sale price will increase the debt of the new owner, which will in turn argue that it needs a higher return to meet expenses.

2 - LG&E has failed to keep sufficient crews available to deal with outages, such that my family has repeatedly gone without power for more than a week at a time. I live in a neighborhood with underground utilities, so it is clear LG&E has failed to adequately prepare for extreme weather situations, and should be spending more on serving customers instead of on marketing the company to another giant utility holding company.

3 - LG&E should be devoting efforts to promoting conservation instead of adding capacity that relies on non-renewable resources. A reduction in demand coupled with the creation of renewable resource power generation is the only responsible course as the world faces climate change and as mercury and other pollution from coal powered plants endangers human health as well as the environment.

4 - LG&E's effort to increase rates during a continuing economic crisis with unemployment predicted to stay unbearably high for at least another year is not the action of a responsible utility. LG&E should instead work on creating a lifeline rate for people with low incomes, instead of streamlining its procedures for cutting off people from the essentials of heat and light. Utilities make a guaranteed profit and owe the public appropriate safeguards for the poor, and especially those who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own.

- The Rev. Elwood R. Sturtevant
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