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**From:** Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 07, 2010 2:33 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** your comments in case 2009-00549 - Louisville Gas & Electric Co. rates

Dear Ms. Karcher:

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. As you noted, 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.

In response to your questions:

As investor-owned utilities, LG&E and KU are not eligible for nor did they receive any federal or state disaster assistance funds to reimburse them for storm losses.

Executive salaries are available in the rate case filings.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Thank you again for your interest.

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**From:** debbie karcher[SMTP:DAK2424@YAHOO.COM]  
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LG&E 2009-00549 and KU 200-00548  
These rate increases are absolutely absurd. Consumers are getting hit from all directions making the cost of living nearly impossible. Products are smaller and double the price of two years ago. Crude oil rates can be raised at any given time. Many people have lost their jobs and now face loosing their property because of no income. If these houses are sitting empty awaiting

foreclosure no one will be paying utilities any way. As I recall those on Social Security did not get a rate increase this year. Working consumers do not get such an absorbent raise in pay. Lucky to receive 3%. I work in the healthcare industry and see numerus elderly on fixed income that cannot afford the necessary treatment for illness therefor health related issues go untreated. I for one am fortunate enough to be financially stable at this time but that is because I'm frugile and watch my expenditures. How ever, if the cost of living continues to spiral upward that may change. I have a beautiful gas fireplace which I used one time during the holidays. My gas bill increased by \$79.00, so it now lays dormant because it was not worth the expense. I understand LG&E sustained losses during the two storms but so did the residents. Did LG&E recoup some money from the government? What is the CEO's yearly income of these corporations? Are there lavish vacations that could be stopped? The reciepts and expendatures need to be may available to the public to show the need for such an increase in utility rates. It's time to stop gouging the consumers. The proposed LG&E \$117 million/yr and KU \$136 million/yr plus \$1.2 billion would be better spent on installation of residential solar energy.

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