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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: your comments in case 2009-00549 - Louisville Gas & Electric Co. rates
Date: Thursday, May 06, 2010 2:24:00 PM

Dear Ms. Geary:

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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To Whom It May Concern,

I do not live inside the Louisville area, however, I do receive both LG&E and KU services. I am the struggling mother of four. I live on a budget, and like most families right now, I am barely able to keep my head above water as it is. I understand companies are struggling to make ends meet and keep their heads above water as well. America as a whole has been hit with a wide spread epidemic of lack of funds.

You can not expect people, like myself, to be able to make the payments when both of my major utilities will be increased should this rate increase pass. My normal bills are almost too much, and I have to have electric and gas. I do everything in my power to make sure that these bills are kept at a bare minimum. With out gas to heat my house or heat my water, my children will surely be sicker. With out electricity, we will not have a stove to cook on, or even the ability to charge the only phone I have.

These companies are making a lot of money with the late fees where so many of us can not make all the payments at one time. Each month I have at least one bill which has to be lapped over until the next month to be paid. Both myself and my husband, have worked hard to get all of our bills caught up and with this years taxes we were able to. However, now that we were caught up (and a little over with the gas bill) we are left still struggling as we were last year. They have collected late fees from me for the past year. How many others have they charged that extra couple of dollars to?

When the ice storm came, we were with out power in my town for a week to ten days. I know how hard it was then, I beg to question what will happen when so many are having to live with out? This time it's a 13.5% raise on LG&E and a 12% on KU, but what is next? How many more times will they ask for more money? How many more Americas will have to lose everything? Yes it's two companies now, but who will follow?

America is trying to recover from a "recession". with this we have to stimulate the economy, not break the citizens with more taxes and larger bills when the pay checks are not going up. Jobs are still hard to find, and more and more people are filing for unemployment. President Obama is even sending out stimulus checks to those on unemployment because he wants to boost the economy. Adding a new tax will work in the opposite way. Nothing will be coming back in for the citizens, and more and more people will continue to lose their jobs and the "recession" will continue to worsen while these companies benefit off the struggle of the American families.

Sincerely,
Crystal Geary

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