From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)

To: <u>Mitchellr</u>

**Subject:** your comments in case 2011-00161 - Kentucky Utilities Co. environmental surcharge case

**Date:** Thursday, October 20, 2011 11:35:00 AM

## Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your comments regarding the environmental compliance plan and surcharge proposed by Kentucky Utilities 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 2011-00161. Please cite it in any future correspondence regarding this case so that your comments may be readily directed to the case file.

A video that explains the legal process under which the Kentucky Public Service Commission considers such cases is available through the PSC website. Follow this link:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IvGmPHRtdNk

Thank you again for your interest.

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From: Mitchellr

Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2011 11:06:39 AM

To: PSC - Public Information Officer

Subject: LG&E and KU Environmental Surcharge Case

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Dear Sir/Madam,

As a ratepayer, I believe this request by LG&E and KU for an Environmental Surcharge should be denied due to its reliance on invalid data and incorrect future projections.

Before any rate increase is discussed LG&E and KU need to go back to the drawing board and re-write their application with reliable information. Each should also provide a more in-depth analysis associated to integrating the cost of additional energy efficiency and clean energy.

Continuing an over-reliance on coal with artificially low prices will only result in higher rates down the road, worsened public health and weak economic/energy landscape for Kentuckians.

There are better options. We need investments in renewable, sustainable energy that will create green jobs and a green economy. We do not want workers negatively impacted by retirement of plants but rather to see them retrained to work on new renewable

energy projects.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Mitchell

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