



LOUISVILLE MILL SUPPLY COMPANY

Industrial Products  
Material Handling Products

Date: 9-10-12

Chairman David Armstrong  
Vice-Chairman James W. Gardner  
Commissioner Linda K. Breathitt  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Boulevard  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

RECEIVED

SEP 10 2012

PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION

Re: Louisville Gas & Electric Rate Increase; Case No. 2012-00222.

I understand the Louisville Gas and Electric (LG&E) tariffs are presently under review by the Kentucky Public Service Commission as part of LG&E's request for an increase in natural gas distribution rates. LG&E allows its "select" customers to buy their own natural gas from outside vendors.

I am a captive customer with no choices. My competitors, located in other states, are currently able to manage their natural gas costs, but I am not. My company would benefit from having the capability to control its energy costs.

The Public Utilities Commission should not be picking energy winners. LG&E rules should not only allow "select" customers exclusive rights, but all business should have this right. Natural gas prices are near 10-year lows -- why can't I take advantage of this market?

The threshold for usage to be eligible to transport should be lowered to around 2,000 Mcf/year so that commercial customers can participate in fixing their energy costs.

Sincerely,

  
Greg Shellthamer

Name

Louisville Mill Supply Co

Company

President

Title/Position

Fax 1: (502) 564-3460

Fax 2: (513) 621-3773

Email: [pscfileing@ky.gov](mailto:pscfileing@ky.gov)