

October 30, 2012

Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Blvd.
Frankfort, KY 40601
RE: Case 2012-00222

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to oppose the request by LG&E to increase the basic service charge, again! I believe consumers should pay a fair price for utilities and to me that would be based on usage. By imposing a fixed monthly charge unrelated to usage LG&E penalizes those of us who take the need for conservation of resources seriously. My wife and I have invested in energy efficient appliances, replaced our home's original windows with modern energy efficient ones, and have substantially increased the insulation in our home. We did this because we believe that energy should not be wasted and that conservation measures will forestall more drastic changes in the environment with attendant social and economic hardships for everyone. The unfairness of the proposed rate plan for electric service can be illustrated by the similar rate plan already in place for gas. We use natural gas only for cooking. During the summer months our gas usage is trivial since most of our meals are served cold. Yet, we pay a service charge of \$12.50 each month. How is this fair?

Public utility companies should be helping consumers to conserve resources but the lure of profits leads them to policies which will only increase energy consumption and further degrade our environment. So-called volumetric pricing is not only fair to consumers but is also an incentive to conservation that people can easily understand and see immediate benefit from.

I urge the Commission to reject this latest request from LG&E.


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