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Kentucky Public Service Commission  
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Re: Case number 2016-00371

Dear KPS Commissioners:

I am writing to encourage you to **reject** the recent application by Louisville Gas & Electric to increase the Basic Service Charge from \$10.75 to \$22.00. LG&E's proposal includes reducing the per kWh charge by 2.4%, but increasing the Basic Service Charge by 206%. This is outrageous.

Approval of such an increase would place a greater, undue burden of funding such a program most heavily on the shoulders of lower income members of the community, who already struggle to make ends meet and pay their utility bills.

The example of the savings cited by LG&E in the February 2017 Power Source newsletter that accompanied customers' bills is skewed to highlight a savings that most customers will never see. In fact, the average Kentuckian will see an overall increase in their bill. In my case, living in a modest 700 square foot home, I will see a **70% increase in my electric bill**.

Let's look at the numbers:

LG&E cites a "real world" example with a High Energy Use Month of 1914 kWh, which, with the suggested rate change, suggests a 6.1% savings. However, according to InsideEnergy.org, the average American uses just 900 kWh per month, with the average Kentuckian utilizing 1177.3 kWh. LG&E's "real world" example significantly exceeds even the country's highest average monthly usage (1291.4 kWh by Louisiana).

Please do not let LG&E's funny numbers fool you. This suggested rate increase will NOT benefit the average customer. It will only benefit LG&E.

Sincerely,



K.C. Spence  
A Louisville Gas & Electric customer