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Dear Commissioners', Chandler, Hatton, and Regan,

I support the initiative to increase solar generation to 4,200MW capacity, <u>before</u> considering the two new gas turbines requested by LGE-KU in case 2022-00402.

Last year Kentuckians were hit with the highest utility rates ever. This was because Kentucky and the U.S. are using unprecedented amounts of natural gas to generate electricity. In addition, Kentucky residential gas rates, already among the highest gas rates in the country, were 36% above the national average. Kentucky needs zero-fuel solutions NOT fossil fuels to stop rising utility rates and climate change. The time to right the ship is now

The increases in my utility bills, especially r/t natural gas have caused financial hardship for me on a fixed income. Also, I am becoming increasingly worried about the effects of continued fossil fuel on our weather and climate. I'm also worried about the future for my grandchildren. LG&E needs to get off this out-dated and unhealthy plan to continue putting carbon into our atmosphere and put all their resources into renewable energy that requires no future fossil fuel use.

Thanks for taking this into consideration in your decision making capacity.

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