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Subject: **LG&E** **KU**
Rate hikes **RECEIVED**

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RE: Notice to File Lawsuit Against PSC; **Unlawful LG&E Rate Hikes**,
has \$20 Billion+ in Capital Gains > **Ratepayers Are Not Investors** –

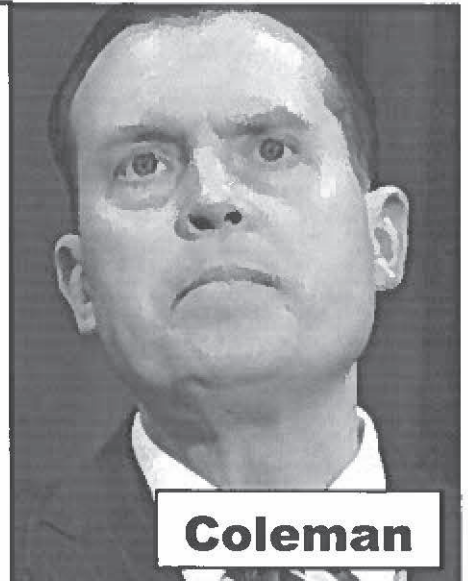
- **LG&E Must Refund** Legacy Rate Hikes to Ratepayers –
- PSC is Rubberstamp for Unlawful LG&E Monopoly (**oppressing ratepayers**)
- **Extreme Cost of Open AI [Data Centers]** Not Legally Justified Over China's Deepseek AI (**Inclu. Pollution as a Core Problem**) ¹ –

Dear Director Stacey, Gov. Beshear, & AG Coleman,

Where the PSC would approve **2026 LG&E rate hikes** for infrastructure improvements, I hereby give “standing notice of intent” to file a lawsuit to stop the hikes. The attached flyer summarizes the issues for such lawsuit. **The herein “issues of equity” makes unlawful any negotiated rate hikes between the “intervening parties” and LG&E.**

The intervening parties include the **KY Attorney General**, KY Industrial Utility Customers, Inc., KY Coal Association, officials of Louisville Metro Gov't, Walmart, Inc., **and other parties\power brokers**. These parties as **commercial parties**, of course, support “business as usual” for rate hikes spent on capital\infrastructure improvements. For example, how many of these parties have \$stock invested in LG&E? Another example is the parties negotiated the next rate hikes to occur again in 2028, **only two years after 2026**. Because hikes for capital improvements are inherently unlawful, the intervening parties cannot speak for small businesses and The People, the bulk of LG&E's revenues. Also see Footnote 2 on page 2.

• Should KY Attorney General **Russell Coleman** resign from office? He's not protecting us from: fraudulent elections, illegal taxation, terrorism in West Louisville, broken courts in Jefferson Co., unlawful LG&E rate hikes, Etc, Etc.



¹ If not for today's era of un-enlightenment (also called wokism) brought-on by the weak U.S. dollar from Federal Reserve antitrust violations reducing competition and denying opportunities, American free enterprise would very likely have discovered and developed China's Deepseek AI.

To wit, as a profit-bearing company, such as most-all businesses, LG&E must use its own capital gains for infrastructure. For, ratepayers **are not** investors for providing capital that increases the value of LG&E. We are customers only for buying natural gas and electricity. **And wherefore, PSC can only set legitimate rate hikes based on the market cost of producing & supplying natural gas and electricity.** It's unlawful for Gov't to guarantee profit margins for LG&E's already illegal monopoly. Clearly these practices are oppressing small businesses and The People. As again, how many of the negotiating parties are invested in LG&E? ²

In January 2025, collected from ratepayers, LG&E reported having \$20 billion in capital gains. **So rate hikes for capital improvements is theft from ratepayers.**

• LG&E Must Refund Legacy Rate Hikes to Ratepayers

Even further, Gentlemen, **the other reason rates hikes are unlawful based on capital\infrastructure improvements** is that they are permanent. They remain after the improvements are long paid for- to become "legacy rate hikes," **literally free money to LG&E.** The company has enriched itself by collecting legacy hikes on capital improvements from decades ago. And thus, LG&E must refund this money to ratepayers.

And wherefore, **PSC cannot legally grant rate hikes that result in legacy hikes.** For this, too, is theft from ratepayers. Hence, a lawsuit should consider a plan for LG&E to refund customers.

• PSC is a Rubberstamp for the Unlawful LG&E Monopoly (oppressing ratepayers)

Under the 1947 Taft-Hartley Act, LG&E is an unlawful monopoly. In Kentucky, rate hikes are politicized because PSC rubberstamps\approves virtually all requests for hikes without political costs to the governor who chooses the PSC director and the other board members. To avoid this conflict-of-interest, Gov. Beshear and legislators should decide rate hikes. **This "direct accountability" to ratepayers\ voters will result in fewer hikes.** Then PSC (under another name) may serve as a research agency for informing elected officials. — Elected officials must end LG&E's illegal, oppressive monopoly on utilities. Voters must demand Gov. Beshear, AG Coleman, and their other elected officials to end this monopoly. **Also see Footnote 2** below.



deepseek

AI (artificial intelligence)

China's Deepseek AI uses traditional chip technology without the power-hogging data centers required for Open AI. The extreme cost and environmental pollution cannot pay off for Open AI. **Also, see Footnote 1 on page 1.**

² **Due to the illegal \$transfer-of-wealth to Wall Street corporations causing the gov't debt crisis, politicians seek higher utility rates for charging higher taxes. Stopping the antitrust violations causing the debt will end this conflict-of-interest and remove the pressures for higher taxes.**

- **Extreme Cost of Open AI [Data Centers] Not Legally Justified Over China's Low-cost Deepseek AI** (Pollution is Also a Core Problem)

- How long will the public stand for the idiotic Open AI platform?

While oil prices are down (partly due to the Gov't shutdown), natural gas prices remain high. One reason is the extremely high power demand for data centers for AI (**artificial intelligence**). Clearly here, if a single data center consumes enough power to power the city of Philadelphia, then its not legally justified using Open AI. And this is only one of the several herein legal issues.

Legal Issue 2 is the gov't is unlawfully requiring taxpayers to fund AI data centers even though Open AI is patented technology (proprietary) owned by private individuals. You see the daily advertisements for consumers to buy their AI products. **So, NO Gentlemen**, AI data centers are not legal for this purpose. You cannot use our tax dollars (**our massive tax dollars**) for private owners to enrich themselves. Sorry.

Legal Issue 3 is that companies\owners of the West, mainly in America, will not admit that the power demands for Open AI are not feasible. When including the AI pollution crisis, since China's low-cost Deepseek AI platform is functionally comparable to Open AI, Gov't must halt the implementation of the extreme cost of Open AI. For protecting the economy and environment, we must face the reality of switching over to Deepseek. With all due respect to American technology, **it's idiotic to continue Open AI**; and, of course, Western owners of Open AI are aware of this harm to The People and the environment.

— **Open AI is Accelerating Pollution** (while not having a pollution reduction plan)

Legal Issue 4: Even before the push for AI in recent years, the planet was already on the course of deterioration from pollution, illustrated in the movie trilogies **The Matrix** and **The Terminator**, and the 2014 android-thriller **Automata** (starring Antonio Banderas). Though the mainstream media promotes images of pristine nature to keep uninformed people thinking everything is all right, this is not the case.



Above is an **AI data center** that uses as much electricity as Philadelphia. **Who will stop this stupidity?** Western elites are too proud to admit the Chinese Deepseek AI is the obvious choice for the future. **Ironically**, the "Deepseek path" is due to the West refusing to share the Open AI chip technology. **Again, refer to Footnote 1 on page 1.**

For example, in a February 2025 Firstpost report, the global population of Orca killer whales has decreased from 200 to 73. By these whales traveling the world, it indicates the steady showing of humans treating the oceans as a toilet. In the June 2025 NATO summit, President Trump pushed NATO nations to increase military spending to 5% of their GDPs as more expansion of the military industrial complex. In late October 2025, Russia tested\revealed its nuclear-powered cruise missile with nuclear warheads, called **Burevestnik**. Firstpost reports it can stay in flight indefinitely but leaves a radioactive afterburner trail that contaminates everything. President Trump responded stupidly by announcing to test a nuclear bomb. — Etc, Etc. ³

So, as more wokism, pollution is invisibly creeping-up around us while not having a pollution reduction plan. Instead, more pollution is “business as usual.” As seen in the movies, **it’s how we know we’re headed to an unlivable planet.**

And wherefore, data centers for Open AI is accelerating pollution. It may be out-of-sight today, but when becoming visible, it’ll be too late to stop it. **This is the future for our children.** And that’s why we all must push back in Kentucky to halt Open AI, to end data centers, of which other States will then follow. **It’s not feasible**, cost-wise or environmentally, and so we must call upon our elected officials to switch over to Deepseek as the only alternative. (It means we must make peace with China.)



CONCLUSION: And so Gentlemen, for the above “opposing causes,” you do not have “legal cause” to increase LG&E rate hikes for capital improvements. — And I present to you the herein compelling “legal case” for ending Open AI. A reasonable court will agree that Deepseek is the responsible, common sense alternative.

Your duty is to protect The People’s equity in this matter.

Sincerely,

Daniel Cobble 11-3-2025
Daniel Cobble

- **Attachment:** flyer on LG&E rate hikes
- **C/c:** DC, for Public Distribution (The-Protect-America-Project.INFO & .ORG)

³ **The proper response from a U.S. president is to offer treaty-talks and grant Putin’s two requests to join NATO (to Clinton & Bush). He understands the environmental dangers of Burevestnik and thus does not want to use it. He wants peace that requires the U.S. gov’t to become an honest broker for peace. This includes ending the military industrial complex (also called the U.S. war policy).**

LG&E is Back to Its Old Habits of Unlawful Rate Hikes

The recently announced premise for the 2026 LG&E rate hikes is unlawful\inequitable. It wants ratepayers to once again pay for capital improvements of infrastructure. This is improper because ratepayers **are not** investors for providing capital. In 2008, 2011, and 2015, Mr. Cobble argued to the Louisville Metro Council that improvements must come from LG&E's \$billions in capital (already accumulated from ratepayers). The company began 2024 with \$20 billion in capital (**up from \$10 billion in 2015**). Due to Cobble's arguments, LG&E had finally stopped this behavior since 2015 but has now returned. **Legitimate rate hikes are only to be based on the market price of producing & supplying natural gas and electricity.** Any costs for infrastructure must come from LG&E's own capital.

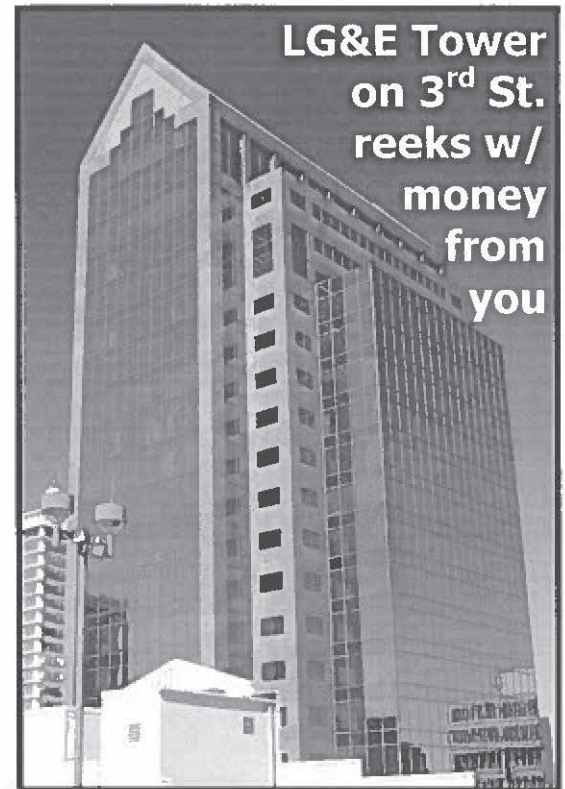
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Rate hikes based on infrastructure are also inequitable because they are permanent. **It, too, is why LG&E is stupefied rich.**

remain after the improvements are long paid for. This, too, is why LG&E is "stupefied rich." The company is still collecting rate hikes on capital improvements from decades ago **that, LEGALLY, are owed back to**

ratepayers. Elected officials must end LG&E's illegal monopoly on utilities (see the 1947 Taft-Hartley Act). **Meanwhile,** ratepayers may include this report when demanding from elected officials to not accept the LG&E rate hikes. Ø



Rate hikes for LG&E infrastructure are unlawful\inequitable because ratepayers **are not** investors for directly providing capital that increases the company's value.