Public Comments Received for Case Number: 2025-00113

Response Monday, November 17, 2025

Thank you for your comments. Your comments in the above referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. Please cite the case number in this matter,2025-00113 in any further correspondence.

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Comments:

Public Service Commission

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Dear Public Service Commission:

I am writing again to ask that you reject multiple proposals in KU's application in Case Number 2025-00113, including new requests that were only recently made. The PSC must stand in for the public's lack of choice:

- •We generally cannot choose to live without utility-provided electricity service. Electricity service is not like a spa treatment that I can chose to forgo.
- •We cannot choose who provides our electricity service.
- •We cannot choose whether the service relies on clean energy or fossil-fuels.
- •We cannot choose to avoid the consequences of the energy service, such as the health and climate impacts of burning fossil fuels.

Thus, we rely on the PSC to make the choices that best serve the public interest. While it is in your remit to ensure that utility companies remain viable, this is so that they can provide us with the best possible service, it is not first and foremost so that they can serve shareholders. We should not have to be constantly fighting with the monopoly utilities to do what is best for customers. With this in mind, I ask you to encourage KU/LGE to pursue and seek approval for innovative business models (e.g. Performance Based Regulation) so that they can align their interests with ours. And I encourage you to open a docket that would allow stake holders to explore this alignment.

With respect to the current rate case I ask you to:

1. Deny KU's request to spend millions of dollars to extend the life of the Mill Creek 2 coal plant, and also deny their proposed funding mechanism. First, this request wasn't in the original application, and was slid in at the last minute with no opportunity for the public to

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evaluate it and respond. Many customers would prefer to have their money go toward home energy upgrades, expanded support of distributed solar, and expanded investment in utility scale solar (why shouldn't the companies pursue rather than abandon their previously approved solar PPAs?) Although a backwards plan to keep alive an aging coal plant is consistent with current federal policies, that does not mean the customers want this or that it serves the public interest. We do not want to extend the life of a coal plant and certainly don't want to pay for it.

- 2. Listen to the public's oral and written comments, and consider city policies. I watched parts of the formal hearing and was gratified to hear the commissioners mention the comments made at local public hearings. For example, importantly, commissioners mentioned the public concerns about affordability. However, I did not hear (and hopefully I just missed this) commissioners mention the customers (including members of city council) who spoke about threats posed by climate change, and the need for clean energy. I hope the commissioners do heed those concerns. Also, the fact that both the cities of Lexington and Louisville have emissions reductions targets for their communities (representing a very large share of KU/LGE customers) should play a role in the commissioners' decisions.
- 3. Deny the GCR Adjustment Clause proposed in the settlement agreement for cost recovery of new generation. This rider would be a permanent mechanism that, like the MC2 cost recovery mechanism, sanctions varying and unpredictable charges. These will be monthly costs that trend upwards over several years, and will likely void any reductions offered in the settlement agreement. The GCR will be a varying charge, and customers will never know how much their bill will be. Finally, these charges would not be properly vetted. The companies should always have to go through normal cost recovery processes for significant investments and allow adequate opportunity for intervention and public input, especially given an understaffed public service commission. And it seems to me that significant changes in how cost recovery occurs should not come via settlement agreements that admit no public voice. Finally, I worry that this inadequately vetted form of cost recovery would encourage the companies to go ahead with unnecessary construction that they otherwise might not pursue if they had to go through standard procedures.
- 4. I ask you to look very closely at the ROE deadband who are the winners in this situation? At a time when individual financial insecurity is increasing on multiple fronts, this is not the time for substantial rate increases, for back-door fees, and for guaranteed rates of return that are unnecessarily favorable to shareholders. It also seems to me that the "stay out" that the companies are offering, in return for the favorable provisions in the settlement agreement, is only a matter of months longer than when they would otherwise seek further rate increases. Approving GCR and the deadband, is not good policy, and does not serve the public interest.
- 5. Look very closely at the Large Load Tariffs. It is crucial that ?• residential customers are not subsidizing data centers?• the tariffs do not have loopholes resulting in avoidance by many data centers
- the tariffs encourage rather than discourage energy efficiency, load flexibility, and participation in demand response programs
- 6. Insist that the utilities seriously expand their energy efficiency offerings and outreach to all customers, but especially low-income customers, so as to lower rising energy bills.

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