

2008-00252

Dear Ms. Limpert:

The PSC has received your comments regarding the rate adjustment requested by Louisville Gas and Electric Co. Your comments will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. For your future reference, the case number in this matter is 2008-00252. Please reference this case number in any future correspondence.

The case file in this matter, as in all matters before the PSC, is available at the PSC Web site.

Thank you for taking the time to share your views.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I was unaware of the meeting on January 5, 2009, regarding the proposed gas and electric rate hikes by EON-US (aka, LG&E). If I had heard about them, I would have attended the meeting, but that is another matter.

Kentucky residents are suffering. We are already burdened with high gas & electric rates. In my home state of Wisconsin, my family & friends are paying less than we are down here to heat/cool/and provide gas and electric to their homes. That makes no sense to me, since I can undoubtedly guarantee that Wisconsin is a much colder state than Kentucky, and therefore it would seem that their bills should be higher. A recent price comparison of units used for gas & electric sent my Wisconsin friends reeling! They realized that we're paying so much more down here than they are up there per unit - in fact, one of my friend's bills would have almost doubled if she were paying Eon-US rates.

I say again that Kentucky residents are suffering under the burden of unreasonably high gas and electric rates. Yet, corporate officers of EON-US are not seeing pay cuts. This is not even an American owned company; yet their corporate executives are given a carte

blanche invitation to enjoy extremely high salaries, while Kentucky residents are forced to decide whether they can afford to heat their homes in cold weather!

Why would you allow them to do this? Whom do you serve - Kentucky residents or Eon-US executives? Would it really matter if LG&E donated less or not at all to provide fireworks for Thunder over Louisville if it meant that thousands of Kentucky residents could provide heat for their families? Or gas and electric for cooking and hot water for showers, laundry, and cleaning?

We don't NEED Thunder over Louisville; we do NEED affordable gas and electric rates.

Personal accountability is all well and good, but it's past the time for asking Kentucky residents to tighten their belts yet another notch. We've tightened our belts to the point of starvation.

It's now time to ask corporate executives to stand up and join the ranks of "personal accountability." It's high time that corporate executives, in the name of decency and morality, gave up some of their "wanted, but not needed" perks - whether it be excessive salaries, excessive benefits, etc., so that everybody becomes personally accountable.

Kentucky residents are suffering. Job losses are staggering. As more and more people lose their jobs, or lose hours, their pay will shrink. As paychecks dwindle or disappear altogether, it will become a matter of being able to keep a roof over our heads, put food on the table, and heat our homes. It's becoming a matter of survival for thousands and thousands of Kentucky residents. What do we give up in order to keep our gas & electric on? Do we give up food? Doctor visits? Medication? Our children?

As people give up more and more, their resentment builds and their hope dissipates. People begin to resort to desperate acts, including crime, to make ends meet. Everything is interconnected.

Raising the rates of Kentucky residents who cannot afford to pay more and are already paying too much is not the answer. That solution will only serve to exacerbate the problem.

It's time for the corporate executives to give up their excessive salaries and benefits in order for Kentucky residents to survive, especially in these depressive economic times.

Please do the right thing by Kentucky residents and deny EON-US this rate hike. Ask them instead to trim their corporate excesses. It's about time.

Thank you,

Sandra J. Limpert