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The Honorable David Armstrong, Chairman
Kentucky Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 615
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have received a copy of your letter regarding the applications of Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company to the Kentucky Public Service Commission for rate increases.

While I am fully aware of the statutory responsibility of the Commission, the current economic condition in our state makes it very questionable as to whether such a rate increase can be justified. As a customer of one of these utilities and as a representative of thousands of customers of one of these utilities, I can clearly advise of the burden utilities have been on customers, particularly those on a fixed income. Recognizing that executive financial abuses have resulted in our present financial crisis prompts me to suggest a close examination of such actions with respect to both of these applicants.

I cannot support the current proposal for any rate increase at this time and will not be able to add my support to any such rate increase under current economic conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

Julian M. Carroll
State Senator