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Ms. Southard:

The PSC has received your comments regarding the application by Louisville Gas & Electric Co. to amend its environmental compliance plan and adjust its environmental surcharge. Your comments will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration as it deliberates in this matter. For your future reference, the case number is 2009-00198.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

(By way of information, LG&E does in fact sell gypsum to drywall manufacturers. However, their ability to do so is determined by factors such as availability of nearby drywall manufacturing facilities, transportation costs and price and demand conditions in both the gypsum and drywall markets. Revenue received from sales of gypsum count as an offset to rates charged to customers.)

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I just want an opportunity to weigh in on LG&E's latest in a series of rate increase requests.

Today's Courier-Journal reports that a portion of the .71/month increase would be for a LANDFILL for DISPOSAL OF GYPSUM. Why can't this valuable byproduct be SOLD to certain manufacturers? Shortly after Hurricane Katrina, retail prices shot through the roof for drywall sheets - made with gypsum. In fact, a shortage occurred. (I believe some builders resorted to an inferior product imported from China that has exhibited dangerous health issues.) Wallboard (drywall) is only one of many products and uses for gypsum. Why should already-stressed electricity consumers be asked to PAY to dispose of a byproduct that should be recycled?

Thank you for listening.

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