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**Sent:** Monday, March 08, 2010 9:18 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** your comments in case 2009-00549 - Louisville Gas & Electric Co. rates

Dear Mr. Bleuel:

Thank you for your comments regarding the rate increase proposed by Louisville Gas & Electric Co. Your comments will be placed into the case file for the Commission's review as it considers this matter. As you noted, the case number in this matter is 2009-00549. Please cite it in any future correspondence regarding this case so that your comments may be readily directed to the case file.

Thank you again for your interest.

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed LG&E rate hikes as referenced in case # 2009-00549. I do not feel that a rate increase is justified for any reason. The storm outages are the lamest excuse they could have. Any losses they may have incurred have certainly been written off as a loss on their taxes. Lots of people lost something in those storms and did not get compensated. No one paid me for my lost food or pipes bursting. The point is that LG&E merely wants to increase profits at a time of economic stress. Regardless of what the experts may say; the energy sector was the ROOT cause of our recession. The fact is, that the rise in energy costs has had a domino effect on all of our pocketbooks. A rise in rates of any amount at all would have negative effects on Kentucky and its residents. I believe that LG&E also states that they need extra money to replace aging gas mains. They should do like everyone else and pay for that out of their profits. It is normal for a business to improve its infrastructure by reinvesting their profits. If a normal business chooses to pay for such things by raising costs to the customer, then the customer has an option to go elsewhere with his/her business. This is

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not the case with utilities. They are the only game in town, so to speak. They have a Monopoly on energy here. This is why I implore the committee to vote no to any rate increases whatsoever. I further recommend that LG&E be bought by the Commonwealth of Kentucky or some other public entity such as the city of Louisville, to make it a public utility driven by the welfare of the people not profits, thereby cutting rates to all.

In closing, I wish to restate my opposition to any rate increase whatsoever in reference to case# 2009-00549 and would like to thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,  
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