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From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)
Sent: Saturday, March 06, 2010 11:35 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: your comments in case 2009-00549 - Louisville Gas & Electric Co. rates

Dear Ms. Woodruff:

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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Welcome to 2010 and another potential utilities increase. The Louisville Water Company got their increase, but I hope LG&E is not allowed to increase their rates as proposed. We recently paid for insulation for our walls and attic in order to reduce our usage and consequently, our bill. If LG&E is allowed to increase the base rates, expenses like these are useless. I find it hard to believe that the cost for transporting gas service to a house is almost \$30/month or \$360 per year and the cost for transporting electric service to a house is \$15/month or \$180/year. Once the lines are installed and connected - for which utility company receives a connection fee - the transport cost should be minimal and bills should be based on actual usage.

While I have no problem with LG&E collecting some of their loss from the storms, they should not be allowed to collect all of it. Too many of us suffered losses as well. We lost about \$600 in food and spent about \$1500 for hotels during the ice storm. We also had property damage and lost about \$1500 in insurance deductible and that is just one family. Additionally, our city and state both suffered great expenses for clean-up after these storms, but they have not increased our taxes to make up for their loss. If LG&E is allowed to recoup some of their losses, they should be

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required to itemize the losses and show what share they are covering. It should also be added as a separate line item for a finite number of years so that it does not become another increase for them.

With the economy the way it is, many people are cutting back and still struggling to meet every day expenses. As a retiree on a fixed income, each increase can hit pretty hard, but even more so this year since there was no cost-of-living increase.

I sincerely hope that PSC will work tirelessly to ensure the people of Kentucky are treated fairly in light of this request.

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