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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I AM WRITING IN RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASE SET FORTH BY LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC CO. MY CONCERN IS FOR ALL THE LG&E CUSTOMERS ON FIXED INCOME AND ARE HAVING TROUBLE PAYING THEIR BILLS AT THE CURRENT RATES. I AM NOT ON FIXED INCOME, BUT I AM AWARE OF MANY LG&E CUSTOMERS THAT ARE ON FIXED INCOME. WITH THE SEPT. 2008 WIND STORM AND THE JAN. 2009 ICE STORM, MANY LG&E CUSTOMERS FELT THEIR RATES WOULD BE INCREASED TO PAY FOR REPAIRS TO POWER LINES AND CLEAN UP. MANY CUSTOMERS ON FIXED INCOME CAN NOT AFFORD AN INCREASE IN THEIR BILL, NOR DO THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET POWER FROM ANOTHER COMPANY IN THIS AREA. SEEMS LG&E WOULD HAVE SAVED THEIR COMPANY MONEY BY NOT HAVING TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY WHILE POWER WAS OUT TO SO MANY RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES. I BELIEVE 12.19% IN ELECTRIC AND 8.75% IN GAS RATES IS EXTREME FOR FIXED INCOME CUSTOMERS THAT CAN HARDLY SURVIVE NOW.

THANK YOU

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