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To the Editors:

Media reports today indicate that Louisville Gas and Electric company may be coming on the market for sale. LG+E tries to play the good guy in our economy by allowing seniors to choose a due date for their bills to match the receiving date of their retirement checks (even though the check will still be for the same amount of money - no help), or by subsidizing those who fall at or below certain income guidelines (heaven help us who fall just above the threshold for any assistance), or, if you're the working poor, laid off, or otherwise unemployed, the WHEAP program, for which I am assessed a monthly charge (not much, granted, but I'm a "contributor", nonetheless). And now, they want to sweeten their pot by requesting a rate hike that will increase their marketability/profitability.

Thanks to Patrick Howington for the excellent article March 2nd which gave a much fuller explanation of the impact on each household than did the notice that LG+E included in February's bill about the rate hike.

When retirees are locked in to a fixed income (no social security COLA - and, by the way, my KY Retirement

system "take home" was actually reduced in January because of new tax-withholding rates) - and with the high unemployment due to the economy being in the toilet, it seems grossly unfair for a utility company which has no competition to request such exorbitant rate increases. I have called the Public Service Commission to express my opposition and encourage others to do the same (502-564-3940).

And don't get me started on MSD !!

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