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Honorable David L. Armstrong, Chairman  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
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Dear Chairman Armstrong,

This letter concerns the proposed hike in fees for natural gas and electricity for Louisville Gas & Electric customers that the company intends to ask the Kentucky Public Service Commission to approve as reported in The Courier-Journal this morning. As reported in the article the proposed hikes would place an unfair heavy burden on the fixed-income elderly customers and all smaller home owners according to the company's own distribution plan. The fee hike plan is great for the large home owners who run L.G.&E. The company says it needs the money brought by the increase to maintain its plants and equipment and pay for storm cleanup. It has been reported many times that the federal government is putting in much money to pay for effects of the wind and ice storms and damage caused by the flooding this past summer. If L.G.&E., as well as the other utility companies, had been making upgrades over the years as probably their policies call for then vast amounts of money would not be needed at one time. One wonders whose pockets that improvement money found it's way into over time. Simply put, L.G.&E.'s plan, as put together, is too unfair and too costly at this time for the customers to bear. We understand L.G.&E.'s need to make a profit and upgrade from time to time but the poor, sick, elderly customers as well are trying to make it out of this terrible recession that was caused not by them but by the greedy and corrupt bankers and Wall Street people who run big companies like E.onU.S. All the customers are asking is to let them get their heads above water a little bit so they might be able to afford increases at some point. Right now L.G.&E. customers and many people across Kentucky are being badly hurt by the terrible economic situation that is taking it's time to ease.

Chairman Armstrong, your record over the years as a government leader is second to none in taking care of the citizens fairly and wisely knowing what they can and can't afford. Your record as chairman of this commission is no different. I urge you and the commissioners to please send L.G.&E. back to tone down their unfair and outrageously costly plan their customers cannot afford at this time.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stewart Williams". The signature is written in black ink and includes a horizontal flourish at the end.

Stewart Williams