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Members of the P.S.C.

I am writing this letter to express in no uncertain language my strong protestations concerning L&E's proposed rate increases.

By charging flat rate increases for both gas and electric the very poor and retired people will suffer extreme undue economic tragedy. As actually will all Kentuckians. People will have less incentive to lower their consumption of energy if they are not really going to be able to save money on their utility bills.

Many people suffered as a result of the triple whammy effect due to nature in the recent past. They did not get compensated in any way for their losses such as spoiled food and frozen pipes.

The reason we enjoy lower utility rates than most in the country is because Kentucky is the second leading producer of coal. Edge costs such as availability, transportation etc are factors in L&E's ability to purchase coal cheaper than many other states. It is not necessarily anything in particular L&E has done as concerns management or efficiency that reflect the lowered cost.

When L&E talks about the cost of having to provide the costs of distribution the infrastructure for delivery is already in place. The only costs they incur is mainly through building growth.

It's pretty much the same with the water company and M.S.D. Consumers are

charged a certain amount for water consumption. We still have to pay for sewer bills when we water our yards even though the water is not going to the sewers.

It's a travesty mostly what utility companies are doing. If L&E gets this rate increase then E.ON which is a German held company will make a nice profit from the next budget.

Kentucky will lose! One of our biggest draws as concerns future business investment in this state is our attractive energy costs. Simply put the people of Kentucky, the state of Kentucky needs business growth to provide jobs so our state can collect the revenue to successfully operate our budget which is currently in dire straits.

It is also a shame that you people have not been inundated with thousands of letters protesting this rate increase. It's indicative of the times when people are so apathetic that they don't even vote and allow politicians to too long so they can enjoy very comfortable pensions.

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I sincerely hope this letter expresses my point of view and probably most people who are either too ignorant or lazy to write you.

Sincerely yours,  
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