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Kentucky Public Service Commission
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Attn: Mr. David L. Armstrong, Chairman

Re: Recent Rate Hike Request by LGE, ²⁰¹²⁻⁰⁰²²² Case **2010-00204**

Dear Chairman Armstrong:

Recently, Louisville Gas and Electric petitioned the Public Service Commission to initiate a rate hike on its electric service.

I urge the Commission to oppose any rate hikes *at this time*. As you are aware, Kentucky is in the midst of a recession, which has been the worst for many years. Unemployment is almost 10 % and some fear could go much higher.

Those people on fixed incomes are being squeezed at every corner with little help from our federal or state government. In fact, we owe much of this economic debacle on both past and current federal administrations and that collection of greed called Congress. Not to mention, Mr. Chairman, we still could experience hyperinflation considering the state of the economy. The Chairman of the Federal Reserve has not ruled this out.

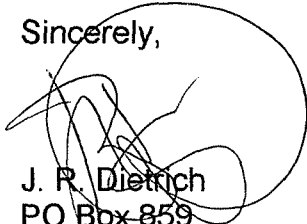
Louisville Gas and Electric's proposal to raise gas customer 6.9% and electric users 7.0% is foolhardy. A nominal increase would be acceptable, however, 7% seems ludicrous considering the economic times.

I certainly believe that there are legitimate reasons for increases in utility rates but there is also a proper time for initiating those rates. In the midst of a deep recession is **not** one of those times.

I urge you and the Commission to take a hard stand on this issue and oppose any rate increase until there are visible signs that there has been a marked improvement in our local economy and the general welfare of the citizenry. I hope that someone on the Commission about who has heat this winter or not.

I appreciate the opportunity to present my point of view and trust you will do your due diligence

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. R. Dietrich", is written over a large, hand-drawn circle. The signature is somewhat stylized and overlaps the circle.

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