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RE: LG&E Rate Case No. 2012-00222

**Parallel Products** is a natural gas transportation customer of Louisville Gas & Electric (LG&E) that consumes about 180,000 Mcf of natural gas each year. Parallel Products currently employs 80 people in Kentucky and paid over \$250,000 in taxes to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the city of Louisville, and the city of Shively in 2011. Our company has been a key contributor to Kentucky's economy for over 15 years.

**Parallel Products** is contacting the Commission to express its concern regarding the pending LG&E Rate Case No. 2012-00222. LG&E seeks to increase its gas transportation rates and make certain changes to gas transportation service which would harm companies like ours.

**Parallel Products** is currently participating in a supplier pool. For customer like us, LG&E proposes to reduce the daily imbalance threshold from the current 5% to only 2% in order to encourage more accurate daily nominations. We devote considerable time and resources to projecting our daily usage and corresponding delivery nomination to LG&E in order to achieve the utmost accuracy that we can. It is important to recognize that our nomination is due to LG&E the day before any consumption even begins to take place, so changes in weather forecasts, modifications to production schedules and a host of other factors can result in deviations between nominations and usage; it does not occur simply due to our error or carelessness.

As a Rate FT customer, we currently pay a \$230 monthly Administrative Charge. LG&E proposes to more than double this charge to \$600/month. This is a substantial increase, much greater than the current rate of inflation. The current markets do not allow businesses like ours to increase our rates by 160%; why should LG&E be allowed to take such a big increase?

For these reasons, **Parallel Products** asks that the Kentucky PSC Commissioners reject these changes LG&E's gas transportation service as the utility has not offered adequate justification and furthermore, such changes will unnecessarily harm gas transportation customers like us in Kentucky.

Sincerely

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