Public Service Commission
211 Sower Blvd
Frankfort KY 40601

November 20, 2012

Re: Case No. 2012-00221 and 2012-00222

I am writing in opposition to the proposed increase in monthly service charge for each customer. I understand the proposed increase is from $8.50 to $13.00 per month. Such a flat rate increase does nothing to encourage energy conservation.

I personally have spent many thousands of dollars at my home, to increase insulation and replace drafty windows , door and refrigerator. I even recently replaced my entire HVAC system, to boost energy efficiency at my home. Many other ratepayers have taken similar measures. The fair way to charge for energy volumetric pricing, that is, charging for the energy used. Your proposed increase in monthly service charge constitutes a flat tax that falls the same on the energy misers as well as on the energy guzzlers.

Please include my comments in the record for the above cases. I am an LG&E customer, as you can tell from my address below. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kate Cunningham

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TO: Commissioners
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RE: Case No. **2012–00222** – Opposition to **LG & E's** Proposed Rate Increases and Improper Structure

Dear Commissioners:

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If any increase is due, I oppose increasing the monthly service charge. LG&E wants to raise the monthly electric service charge by 53% (from $8.50 to $13.00) and the kWh price by only 3.7% (from 7.242 cents to 7.513 cents).

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Very truly yours,

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the burden from low-income ratepayers who still pay the same base fees per month as people with more money and larger homes + larger consumption. I think we need to resolve this + reprioritize the way we bill for electricity and gas. Thank you!

Raise the rate per KwH, not the base monthly service fee, again!

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To the Public Service Commissioners:

I write in reference to case #2012-00222. I want rate hikes, when they occur, to be on per unit of consumption rather than the base service charge! The pattern of rate increases is disappointing in that the service charges keep increasing while our prices per kilowatt hour remain artificially low. Please resolve this. Higher rates per kwH incentivize development of renewable energy that Kentucky needs and renewable energy creates jobs in Kentucky that pay well. It also makes sense to remove

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Dear Commissioners:

I am a residential customer of LG&E and I represent thousands of constituents in the 9th District who are LG&E customers. I write to oppose LG&E's across the board rate increases on electric service. The current rates are fair and reasonable. In these difficult times, LG&E already enjoys a secure and generous rate of return on its capital.

The proposed settlement raises overall rates 5.2%. However, 53% of the overall increase is on the flat rate. Yet the flat rate only comprises 10.4% of the present average bill.

The proposed settlement still disproportionately increases the flat monthly charge that is not based on actual usage.

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Respectfully,

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