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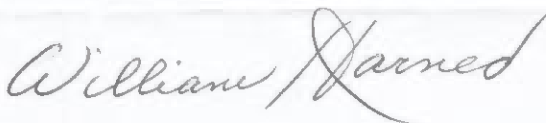
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Case 2014-00372 – LG&E and KU rate increase request:

December 30, 2014

An increase in electric rates by the large utilities will raise the overall market price of power. Rural electric power purchases will cost more and all businesses will find increased costs of operation that must be passed to the consumer. Low income families cannot manage these increases and adding to the burden on older Kentuckians who struggle financially is unconscionable.

I urge the Commission to view these power rate increases with a very critical eye such that the requestors must reveal all of the subsidies they may receive as they upgrade power plants and why their current profitability does not position them to use the capital markets in their quest for more efficient production. Already, these companies seem able to raise rates as customers try to use less power, so the consumer gets poorly used again by funding the utilities' building programs.



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