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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

Subject: Case No. 2014-00372 LG&E Case No. 2014-00371 KU

Dear Public Service Commission Members,

LG&E has made a request that its customers pay more for having an electric meter and wiring connections to a house, and to pay less for kWh usage by raising the fixed monthly electric connection fee from \$10.75 to \$18 a month and to boost the fixed natural gas charge of \$13.50 up to \$19 a month. KU has requested an increase in both their fixed electric connection charge and kWh prices.

Please deny their requests because:

- We work diligently to use minimal electricity and natural gas by keeping our programmable thermostat set as low as possible. Our thermostat is set for 55 degrees at night and a maximum of 64 degrees at 5pm during the winter, and a maximum of 78 degrees in the warmer months. Our use of ceiling fans rather than A/C helps. We also pay \$5 extra a month for LG&E's Green Energy Program. Why? Because we don't like using electricity that comes from coal. Our average kWh usage during 2014 was 318 kWh, substantially lower than the 1000 kWh average. Increasing the base rate will reduce our incentive as well as those of other customers to use less energy.
- This is also a social justice issue for small users and low income users. Someone who has an electric bill of \$40 a month or less will have an increased financial burden.
- Ecojustice is also at play here because of the carbon spewed into the air by coal-fired power
 plants. Our society badly needs to be encouraging clean renewable energy instead of creating
 barriers that discourage it with regressive rate schemes. We must begin to employ clean,
 carbon-free electric generation to reduce the impacts of climate change.

Please do not approve either of these wretched schemes by LG&E and KU to make more money. Your title, Kentucky **Public Service** Commission, indicates you are to provide service to the public, not to the electric companies.

Sincerely,

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