

Memorandum

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To:	Whom it May Concern:
Fr:	Eric Evans Associate State Director Advocacy & Outreach
Re:	Public Comment Petitions for LG&E/KU cases 2014-00372 and 2014-00371
Date:	May 8, 2015

The enclosed petitions are additional public comment petitions that were sent in to AARP regarding LG&E and KU rate cases 2014-00372 and 2014-00371. The petitions were sent after the settlement negotiations and are based on LG&E and KU's original rate request.



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Karen Adams LEXINGTON, KY

This is quite nearly a monopoly as we have little choice in our services.



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Jean Anicka CALIFORNIA, KY

Everything goes up but the paycheck.



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Henrietta Barker LOUISVILLE, KY

The proposed increase would make my utility cost go up at least 20%. My income increased less than 3%. This will just allow me less food and other necessities. Please consider denying this request.



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Sandra Barrett FLORENCE, KY



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Nancy Best SALVISA, KY

Constant increases are just too much. STOP. Find another way.



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Darryl Bingham DEWITT, KY

when you continue to exposed people on fixed income you are affecting thier finanical ability to to provide the neccessity for themselves . the rate hikes are are just gouging people unnecessarily and esposing a lot of customers to these uncall for rate increases. it is a added expense on the meter rate in addition to regular electric rate. please someone help the control these rates hikes that are abuse to many people.



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William Bland SHEPHERDSVILLE, KY



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Sabrina Braden LEXINGTON, KY

With raising gas and food prices, families like mine are already struggling and living paycheck to paycheck. If you raise the rates like this, we will have to choose between buying groceries or paying for electricity. This is INSANE and nothing but corporate greed!



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Larry Busch TAYLORSVILLE, KY

I need all the extra money I have at the end of the month for food and my prescription, and not to pay the electric company's for a meter.



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Shirley Clemons LEXINGTON, KY

I oppose the rate people. In Lexington Kentucky are paying. To high on there. Utilities as it is now this is a poor state with lots people. Working for 7.25 hour why don't. We get. Busy making changes to help the hard working. People. Instead of making the utility companies rich



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Claudia Crawford LOUISVILLE, KY

I have 800 square feet that I am heating and cooling. It cost \$200 per month and I am still hot in the summer and cool in the winter. It costs \$7000 for a new furnace and I am still not comfortable. How can anyone on a fixed income of \$1,100 per month maintain living with taxes, repairs and minimal food? Look at the salaries at LG&E's upper management. They don't do without anything while the rest of us struggle. It's just one increase after another. Something needs to change. We have to operate on a fixed income why can't you fix it for few years and see what it's like?



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Gloria csmpbell LEXINGTON, KY

Out monthly check don't go up to keep pace with rate increase



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Wendy Daly Louisville, KY



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Susan Davis Lexington, KY



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Sue davis Lexington, KY

All utilities are constantly asking for and receiving increases which is definitely hard on those of us living on fixed incomes, as seniors. My house can't get any smaller, but my electric continues to rise.



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Debbie dean RICHMOND, KY

I am on fixed S S income. Can't afford anymore. Electric bill this winter was appx. \$400. That is one-fourth of my income.



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Deborah Doan WINCHESTER, KY

Groceries are on the rise. Everything costs more. Try to go to a dentist without insurance and watch what little savings dwindle. People should have worked all their lives now have to worry if they are going to make it thru the month or if they are going to be able to pay their utility bills. Elderly and sick (disabled) individuals need electric to keep their homes comfortable. It is a necessity not a luxury. Families who have worked hard to buy their homes are now under the burden of more and more expense. This has to stop somewhere.



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Rose Doughlas ASHLAND, KY

I only work part-time.



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Valerie Eldridge , KY

On a fixed income so I cant afford an increase or I will have to cut back on food and medications



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Linda Evans Lexington, KY

I am Senior citizen and can not afford the present rates. Please do no allow this greed to continue. Please put yourself in my place. Thank you for not....allowing this increase.



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Dianna Faust PARIS, KY



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Jean Featherstone ALEXANDRIA, KY



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Marguerite Floyd Lexington, KY

I have a very limited income -- I can't go running off to a bureau or commission to get more money.



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Donna Fogle LEXINGTON, KY

The rate increase that KU wants is 67%!!!! WHO gets a 67% raise?!?!?!? I have sent a letter to the PSC protesting this and I have suggested that they consider a rate comparable to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which is what we employees receive. This is usually 1%, 2% or 3%. PLEASE SEND A LETTER PROTESTING THIS RATE INCREASE!!!!!!



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Lawrence Foster SHEPHERDSVILLE, KY

i am alarmed of prices.ho whigh can u go.i am on social security.i gues u aslong with others want the raise i got this year.thanks, Mr. Foster



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Mary Grigsby WESTPORT, KY



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Roger Helm LEXINGTON, KY



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Martha Hendron Lexington Kentucky 40505,

There are so many people who live on fixed incomes and it is increasingly becoming more difficult to meet the necessities of life and a lot of these are elderly, ill, or have disabilities. We can't afford these increasesm



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Arlene Hensley LEXINGTON, KY

Utility rates are high enough already. Especially for seniors on fixed income.



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Brenda Hill SCIENCE HILL, KY

Paying bills on social security is already tough. You and your employees already make enough.



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Vicky Holman Louisville, KY

It seems like the bills just keep getting higher every year. I am a single person 61 years old and can't get social security yet. It places a difficult burden on senior citizens. Gas prices have gone done in recent months but the LG&E still wants to raise the cost. I just want to voice my opinion that this rate increase is not needed by LG&E.



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Leona Hopkins Lexington, KY

People living on small pensions and social security cannot afford this raise hike. It not only hurts seniors but people on disability and low income. Please reconsider. It is hard enough now to meet payments as they are.



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Edith Horn Versailles, KY

Rate increases for those on fixed incomes will cause a hardship.



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Franklin Howard ASHLAND, KY

I live off Social Security and the power of my spending money has decreased from everyone else raising prices on food, water, clothing and you have already made increments to my bill.



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Rhonda Howard LONDON, KY



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Kristen Hughes LEXINGTON, KY

The rates have already increased so much in the past few years that our bills during the winter months are triple what they once were. Utility costs keep increasing, yet for most of us, our income is not increasing and companies no longer offer cost of living raises to compensate for the massive hikes in bills. Our economy in not such that people can afford another price increase. There will be a lot of people without electricity as a result.



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Betty Jacobs Debord, KY

I'm a widow on a small fixed income. I have large copayments on some of my prescriptions and large deductibles on my medical bills. I don't shop for groceries any more, I buy only what I can't do without. Please don't allow my utilities to be increased. Thank you Betty Jacobs



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Marilou Johnson RICHMOND, KY

The PSC recently approved a rate increase and this is too big of a jump! You (KU & LGE) ask for a huge unreasonable amount - REALLY!?!?! \$7.25 to \$18.00 a MONTH!!!!!! - I guess your real plan is to get about half that amount and you still have a huge increase but you can act like you didn't get what you "needed." You are providing an essential utility and not a luxury - PSC, do your job and control these rates!!!!



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Tara Keegan VERSAILLES, KY



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TERESA LAY ADOLPHUS, KY

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John Markham Princeton, KY



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Glenn Mcdonald Lexington, KY

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Gwendolyn Mitchell Nicholasville, KY

I am with RECC Blue Grass Energy and pay 490.00 per month on the budget. My house is all electric. But there is never more than 3 lights on, the refrigerator, and one TV. The furnace of course when it's cold. 1 AC window unit when it's hot. I don't understand how my bill can be so high. The thermostat is never set higher than 72 no matter how cold it gets outside. I am disable and on a fixed income. The majority of what I have goes to RECC Blue Grass Energy.



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Sharon D Morris Louisville, KY

LG&E are doing the same thing that Louisville Water is. We already pay over 54 dollars a month in service charges, surcharges. And other charges like home assistance charge, which I did not sign up for. Our water bill use to be in the 35 dollar range every other month. Now we are paying over 112 dollars every other month, all because of service charges and surcharges, when is it going to stop!!!! I live on a fixed income and everything keeps going up. I think it is terrible that they keep trying to service charge and surcharge us to the poorer house. When something breaks we don't have the money to get it fixed. Please stop.



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Julie riegger Lexington, KY

I have not had a raise at work over 2.5 % in a long time!



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maruice snow Georgetown, KY



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Darrell Sowders BARBOURVILLE, KY

I'm on a fixed income and cannot afford the additional cost



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David Spanyer DANVILLE, KY



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James Straub Lexington, KY



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Martha Williamson RICHMOND, KY

We have participated in a physical audit of our energy systems and a survey conducted by KU and LGE. Neither of these has been effective in helping us reduce our energy use and neither program has convinced us that the utilities are concerned with upgrading their systems and reducing dependency on coal. We'd like to move out of the 19th century.



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marykaye wilson LEXINGTON, KY

I don't want my utility bills raised as I liv on a fixed income



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Phillip Wright Lexington, KY

Living on a fixed income and utilities rate increases are not very compatible. Your dollars don't stretch very far, and you end up having to decide which is more important, food, medicine or your utilities bill.