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Public Service Commission
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Re: Cases 2014-00372 and 2014-00371

Dear Sirs:

I ask the Public Service Commission (PSC) to reject the filings by LG&E and KU which propose a 67 percent increase in the residential customer fixed charge, from \$10.75 per month to \$18.00 per month (case numbers 2014-00372 and 2014-00371.)

This restructuring of rates and charges will stifle efforts to increase energy efficiency and work to the detriment of expanding renewable energy technologies.

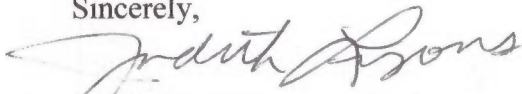
Raising the residential customer charge by 67 percent will impose inordinate increases on those customers who use the least electricity. Those are the low income households who are forced to conserve, as well as those who have incorporated energy efficiency and/or renewable energy measures for environmental or economic reasons.

A higher fixed charge with lower per unit rates will also remove the incentive for utility energy efficiency programs, and will stifle the growth of the many businesses that manufacture, install or service energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies.

The original intent of the fixed customer charge was to pay only the costs associated with metering and sending bills. The utilities are now seeking to expand the customer charge to offset efficiency reductions in use and to raise their profits. This is a misguided and abusive use of the regulatory structure.

I strongly urge the PSC to deny this large increase in the fixed residential customer charge proposed by LG&E and KU, and request that a more just rate structure be preserved.

Sincerely,



Judith Lyons