

Dec.9,2014  
To: Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Blvd.  
Frankfort, KY 40602  
Case #: **2014-00372**  
Ref: L.G.&E. Rate Increase  
Dear Sirs;

William L Cornell  
9507 Woodhollow Rd.  
Louisville, KY  
40229

RECEIVED

DEC 12 2014

PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION

As a residential customer of L.G.& E. in Louisville, KY I am opposed to the current request to increase rates.

L.G.&E. Has received more then their fair share of funding in the past and has done nothing outstanding to warrant and increase paid by it's customers.

I like many other seniors in this community have not gotten our fair share of increases from the government weather State or Federal and are bearing just as big a share of the increase as the rest of the community. While I realize you have no control over that you do have a responsibility to the people of this state to see that unfair increases such as this are not allowed to be completed.

To put it another way – what if it were your Dad & Mom or relative who has to suffer this increase repression – would you say yes then?

Although outages have not been frequent they have in fact occurred this last year and yes, I know that they are sometimes unavoidable, how about all those that weren't do to normal neglect or just simple things such as trimming back trees that are a very real hazard in the winter months and the storm months.

L.G.& E. also has found ways to even cut back the service by installing devices whereby they can cut off power for a certain period and have made it sound attractive to the customers as to assure them they would be getting money back. I've talked to those who have the devices installed and they told me that no significant returns were given to them by L.G.&E.

I myself have witnessed as many as 3 to 4 trucks and equipment to fix a problem that just one vehicle equipped with proper gear could fix. Why should a supervisor have to make extra trips out to a site just to check on his men, if they are doing their jobs there is no need and yet the supervisors are out there spending time and extra money on fuel to go to those sites they need not be at. Every vehicle is equipped with radio communications as well as the fact that many of the crew members have cell phones!

I was an electrician by trade and in years past had worked side by side with L.G.&E. Workers to complete a task and without a supervisor or extra trucks unless an emergency required the delivery of a part to the site. Also back then supervisors drove pickup trucks and often delivered the needed parts and thus eliminating the need to a big gasoline or diesel powered truck to take out a part that could be moved by pickup truck.

All these things mount up to a lot of extra expenses burdened by the customer and to increase what should be trimmed is preposterous.

There are many ways to cut expenses, but L.G.&E. hasn't bothered to look at them, as it's much easier to just let us customers burden the weight of an over-inflated system. Therefore I am requesting that you refuse to allow an increase(per case# **2014-00372**) and force them to make a lot of internal changes to trim their own fat. Also laying off employees isn't the solution, better ways of doing what should already be done is, such as those mentioned above. Thank you for your time in reading this and we the people of this community will await your resolve.

Sincerely,

William L Cornell

12/9/14