

From: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
To: "BC Plumbing"
Subject: your comments in case number 2014-372 - LG&E rates
Date: Friday, February 06, 2015 2:24:13 PM

Dear Ms. Berry :

Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration.

For your future reference, the case number in this matter is 2014-00372. It would be helpful if you would please refer to it in any further correspondence.

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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From: BC Plumbing [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2015 7:54 AM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer
Subject: LG&E Rate Increase

Thank You
Brenda Berry
BC Plumbing Co.
1215 South 7th St.
Louisville, KY 40203

Comment Letter

Opposing the LG&E/KU Residential Rate Restructuring

Reference cases 2014-00372 and 2014-00371

I ask the Kentucky 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 energy efficiency and clean renewable energy.

Increasing the residential customer charge by 67 percent, as LG&E and KU propose to do, will impose inordinate increases on those customers who use the least electricity: low-income households who are forced to conserve and on those who have incorporated energy efficiency or renewable energy measures for economic or environmental reasons. A higher customer charge will also short-circuit utility efficiency programs and stifle the growth of the many businesses who manufacture, install or service energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies.

Rates can be structured to ensure both adequate returns to the utility and, at the same time, send price signals to the rate payer that encourage efficiency, demand-control, and adoption of renewable forms of energy. Increasing the customer fixed charge is the antithesis of any such enlightened rate structuring approaches, especially when coupled with a reduction in the per KWh charge, as LG&E proposes.

While the original intent of the fixed customer charge was to pay only the costs associated with metering and sending bills, these utilities now seek to expand the customer charge far beyond its original purpose. Expanding the customer charge, as LG&E and KU seek to do, is both misguided and abusive of the regulatory structure.

Further, increasing the proportion of fixed costs in a bill promotes a tendency of higher energy users to be even more wasteful in their usage. As we look to a future that includes the EPA's Clean Power Plan, this is exactly the path our utilities should NOT be taking.

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

Sincerely,



US Mail to: Public Service Commission
211 Sower Blvd.
Frankfort, KY 40601

Email to info.psc@ky.gov and put the Case number in the subject line.

From: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
To: "Jean Christensen"
Subject: your comments in case number 2014-372 - LG&E rates
Date: Friday, February 06, 2015 2:23:29 PM

Dear Drs. Christensen :

Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration.

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From: Jean Christensen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 10:56 PM
To: info@psc.ky.gov; PSC - Public Information Officer
Subject: Reference cases 2014-00372 and 2014-00371

Dear Sirs:

A letter in opposition to the LG&E/KU Residential Rate Restructuring
Reference cases 2014-00372 and 2014-00371

We am writing today to request that the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) reject the filings by LG&E and KU that 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).

There are two important reasons to oppose this restructuring of rates and charges: 1) this will stifle development of energy efficiency and clean renewable energy, and 2) the increase of the residential customer charge by 67 percent, as proposed by LG&E and KU, will impose inordinate increases on those customers who use the least electricity. The low-income households that are forced to conserve because of financial constraints and those who have incorporated energy efficiency or renewable energy measures for economic or environmental reasons into their lives will experience what is, in essence, a penalty for living as they do. A higher customer charge will short-circuit utility efficiency programs and stifle the growth of

the many businesses who manufacture, install or service energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies.

Rates should be structured to ensure adequate returns to the utility and, at the same time, to send price signals to the rate payer that encourage efficiency, demand-control, and adoption of renewable forms of energy. Increasing the customer fixed charge is the antithesis of any such enlightened rate structuring approaches, especially when coupled with a reduction in the per KWh charge, as LG&E proposes.

It is in the interest of the citizens who are working to improve the overall energy picture here in Kentucky to deny the proposed increase in fixed charges by LG&E and KU and it is in the interest of protecting those who can least afford a 17% increase in the fixed rate.

Thank you,

Drs. Jean and Jesper Christensen
1465 S. 2nd St
Louisville, KY 40208

From: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
To: "kate.cunningham"
Subject: your comments in case number 2014-372 - LG&E rates
Date: Friday, February 06, 2015 2:20:38 PM

Dear Ms. Cunningham :

Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration.

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From: kate.cunningham [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 4:58 PM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer
Subject: 2014-00372 comments

I am a homeowner in Metro Louisville. In November, 2014, I had 10 solar panels installed on the south-facing roof of my modest ranch style home. Even during the past few winter months, my system has generated almost 200 kWh of clean electricity. I think dispersed roof-top solar is the efficient, economical and sustainable way to increase our electricity generating capacity in Kentucky. I object to the proposed LG&E fee structure that would increase the base monthly rate for all, regardless of the amount of power used by each meter. Increasing this base monthly rate discourages people who are doing every thing we can, at our own expense, to Minimize Usage and to Add Power to the Grid.

Entities that Use More Energy should Pay More for the Energy Used, not vice versa.

Think about this, for our current needs and for future planning. Increased use of renewables is the only sustainable way to leave a livable planet for our grandchildren.

Thank you for considering my views.

Kate Cunningham

Louisville KY 40222

From: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
To: "Givens, Nancy"
Subject: your comments in case number 2014-372 - LG&E rates
Date: Friday, February 06, 2015 2:22:21 PM

Dear Ms. Givens:

Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration.

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From: Givens, Nancy [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 9:42 PM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer
Subject: Case Related Comment Case No. 2014-00372 LG&E / Case No. 2014-00371 KU

February 6, 2015

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

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

Dear Public Service Commission Members:

I am an LG&E customer. I am writing to request that the PSC reject the request filed by LG&E. Its two components, a fixed monthly charge increase and a slight decrease for per unit cost, discourage a diversification of the energy supply away from fossil fuels and toward an increasing emphasis on conservation, efficiency, and renewable sources including solar.

My concern is related not only to the economics, but also to public health and quality of life. The growing and proven threats posed by climate change; air, water, and soil pollution; and harms to public health from fossil fuels and extreme extraction methods, such as fracking and mountaintop removal, create added impetus to diversify and add new, clean, and cost-effective technologies in greater portion into Kentucky's energy supply.

Kentucky has good solar resources, and the costs for solar energy have plummeted in recent years; installation rates around the country have consequently soared. Yet Kentucky lags significantly behind other states^[i] and Louisville lags behind other cities in increasing solar installations. A recent study ranked Louisville last of America's largest fifty cities for installing solar—partially due to its lower electric rates but also to policies and rate structures that do not support or incentivize solar,^[ii] such as the rate change now proposed by LG&E.

I understand the argument by the utility that as decentralized net-metered solar systems become more prevalent the businesses and homeowners utilizing the grid are not "paying their fair share" for grid and meter costs. However, this is only part of the story. While it sounds good on paper, at this point solar accounts for less than .01% of the energy portfolio – it is hardly causing a burden to Kentucky utilities. In addition, the business or homeowner installing solar pays the full cost for the equipment and labor and any unused electricity produced is freely available to the utility company to use for other customers. In essence, the utility benefits from added production capacity without having made capital investment and is receiving added value for nothing. We must look at this part of the story also.

People who conserve energy, increase energy efficiency, and make the investment to generate electricity from solar and other renewable energy should not be penalized for their investments to save energy by having to pay a higher basic rate. The fixed increase in basic monthly charge will also disproportionately harm low and fixed income customers. And the lower per unit cost will discourage efforts to conserve and increase efficiency and our use of renewable energy at a time when we need to incentivize these and decrease our use of fossil fuels.

Nancy Givens
211 S. Hite Ave.
Louisville, KY 40205

^[i] U.S. Department of Energy, Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency, <http://www.dsireusa.org/>

^[ii] Kennerly, J. and Proudlove, A. (2015). Going Solar in America: Ranking solar's value to consumers in America's largest cities, NC Clean Energy Technology Center, http://nccleantech.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/Going-Solar-in-America-Ranking-Solars-Value-to-Customers_FINAL.pdf

From: [Melnykovych, Andrew \(PSC\)](#)
To: "Zane Lockhart Jr."
Subject: your comments in case number 2014-372 - LG&E rates
Date: Friday, February 06, 2015 2:25:52 PM

Dear Mr. Lockhart:

Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration.

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From: Zane Lockhart Jr. [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 11:59 PM
To: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)
Subject: LG&E Rate Increase Request: Reference cases 2014-00372 and 2014-00371

Dear Mr. Melnykovych

Dear Sirs: I would like to go on record as opposing the LG&E fixed rate increase request as being an added burden to the poor and those on fixed incomes as well as stifling investment in alternative energy resources.

Please see the attached letter.

Respectfully,

Zane D. Lockhart
Louisville, KY

Comment Letter
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Sincerely,



Zane Lockhart
1322 S 2nd St.
Louisville, KY 40208

From: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: your comments in case number 2014-372 - LG&E rates
Date: Friday, February 06, 2015 2:24:55 PM

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Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2015 9:21 AM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer
Subject: Opposing the LG&E/KU Residential Rate Restructuring Reference cases 2014-00372 and 2014-00371

To Whom It May Concern:

Please find attached a letter to the Public Service Commission that opposes the residential rate restructuring requested by LG&E/KU.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,
Judith A. Payne
1360 S. 2nd St.
Louisville, KY 40208
[REDACTED]

Judith A. Payne, Ph.D.

1360 South Second Street
Louisville, KY 40208

Phone: [REDACTED]

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January 5, 2015

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Sincerely yours,
Judith A. Payne