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Customer in Opposition:

Larry Mitchell
1615 Fort Sumter Dr.
Lexington, KY 40505

Comments:

Fix. Income, where am I to get extra money when we don't get any raises in SS.



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Customer in Opposition:

Melissa Bright
932 QUARTER HORSE Court
LEXINGTON, KY 40503-5455

Comments:

Everyone understands that the cost of living increases over time. However, no one can handle a doubling of a basic utility cost. Even with two incomes ever month we are very careful that where we spend our income reflects our values, meets our basic needs, sets our children on the right path for the future, sets us on a path to the next phase in our adult life. None of that includes having any of our basic utility costs double. For some families that will mean choosing between heat and food, or heat and life saving medication. LG&E/KU's basic meter rate request is not fair or reasonable.



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Customer in Opposition:

Blaine Price
656 MILLERSBURG RD
PARIS, KY 40361-8837

Comments:

The basic meter service rate is currently plenty high enough to cover the cost of the equipment as it never ends and goes on indefinitely. The meter will be paid for many times over during the life of the equipment, and the metered electricity or gas is already at a for-profit rate. A rate increase effectively doubling the basic meter service rate is nothing short of gouging consumers that have no other alternatives on the monopoly that is the power company.



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Customer in Opposition:

Eleanore Greene
5408 Ye Old Post Road #2
Louisville, KY 40219-2314

Comments:

I oppose the rate hike because I think it is excessive.



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Customer in Opposition:

Debra Goodman
125 Lincoln drive
Frankfort, KY 40601

Comments:

I'm a single, retired woman. There have been no COL increases! I CAN'T GET AHEAD!!



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Customer in Opposition:

Marcia Lenz
7001 Bridgepointe Blvd.
Prospect, KY 40059

Comments:

This will be an unfair and expensive rate hike. Please note that I am opposed to this increase. It will especially hurt folks on a fixed income such as retirees!



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Customer in Opposition:

Carlos Guzman
9715 RIVER TRAIL DR
LOUISVILLE, KY 40229-5224

Comments:

The LE & G rates / services are already high . We struggle many times in order to make the monthly payment . Corporations like this one have always a excuse to increase the rates .



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Customer in Opposition:

Jerry DeWitt
4884 CHARLOTTE DR
LOUISVILLE, KY 40219-1706

Comments:

I can not afford to pay any more i am 73 years old have health problems



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Customer in Opposition:

Martha Wright
13301 Vendetta Way Unit 201
Louisville, KY 40245

Comments:



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Customer in Opposition:

Carolyn Green
5019 INVICTA DR
LOUISVILLE, KY 40216-1635

Comments:

I am 64. I need to retire. Working 40 hours a week is taking it toll. Its hard enough now to make ends meet. Not fair that they get so many price hikes.



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Customer in Opposition:

Jo Ann Shumate
525 Eastern Parkway
Louisville, KY 40217

Comments:

Many of us (including myself) are on a fixed income and have trouble paying our utility bills as they are now. Since we are not receiving raises, I do not think you should be either. We should never have allowed our utilities to be privately owned by greedy for profit companies.



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Customer in Opposition:

thomas orthober
11003 Thunder Drive
louisville, KY 40272

Comments:

As Of June 1st,2016, After Forty-Five Years Service, I Retired From Southern Wine & Spirits In Louisville, Kentucky!!! I Am Presently On Social Security & Medicare, While Living On A Fixed Income, Which Requires Me To Manage All My Monthly Obligations, On An Extremely Slim Budget!!! Therefore It Is Mandatory That I Keep My Monthly Obligations To A Minimum!!! Thank You For Listening To My Comment!!!



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Customer in Opposition:

Susan Simmons
1711 Quarry Hill Road
Louisville, KY 40213

Comments:

We haven't gotten an increase in social security. Medicare has gone up. Everything has gone up but the paycheck!



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Customer in Opposition:

Rachel Fautz
907 McKinley Avenue
Louisville, KY 40217

Comments:



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Customer in Opposition:

Trisha Stewart
895 Campbell Rd
Madisonville, KY 42431

Comments:

Being on a fixed income this increase would be quiet a burden financially. Please reconsider and refrain from raising the rates.

**AARP COMMENTS ON LG&E-KU RATE CASE
Dockets 2016-00370-/2016-00371**

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On behalf of our 470,000 members in the Commonwealth, AARP Kentucky appreciates the opportunity to comment on the LG&E-KU rate cases.

Many of our members are on fixed and low incomes and already have trouble making ends meet. Accordingly, we have numerous concerns with the filing which would be especially hard on this group.

AARP recommendations are as follows:

- There should be no increase to the monthly customer charge.
- The plan to give every customer a new meter should be rejected.
- The proposed rate increase is too high.

Kentucky Utilities should not be allowed to raise its fixed basic service charge for residential customers from \$10.75 per month to \$22 per month — a more than 100 percent increase.

As we have successfully argued in many other states, the customer charge should not be expanded beyond its traditional role of collecting metering and billing costs. Simply stated, other costs should not be shifted for recovery from the customer charge.

The proposed rate hike means that even if you turned off all the electric and natural gas appliances in your home, you would still owe KU \$22 per month independent of energy consumption.

Increasing the monthly service charge is unfair and disproportionately burdens low-income and older Kentuckians, many of whom are living on fixed incomes and struggling to pay for food, rent, medicine, and utility bills. This rate hike will make it impossible for low-income people to manage utility costs and will be an unnecessary burden to all families. Many of such customers are low use customers as well.

Increasing the fixed monthly charge to \$22 per month also discourages conservation and energy efficiency (because the per kwh and per therm rate is reduced).

The PSC should follow the lead of other state commissions including Oklahoma, Minnesota, and Arizona to name a few and keep the customer charge where it is so customers can continue to control their energy spending.

In addition to concerns about the hike in the monthly customer charge, AARP agrees with the Attorney General that the revenue increase is too high. (The AG proposes a reduction of \$142 million dollars of the \$210 million increase requested.)

AARP also agrees with the Kentucky Attorney General that LG&E/KU's proposal to install so-called smart meters should be rejected.

As the Attorney General points out, it would cost consumers \$350 million over 10 years without providing them any benefits. Customers already have a meter. LG&E/KU should continue their pilot test to see if customers want and can respond to a smart meter before being allowed to replace every customer's meter with a smart meter. Customers already have a meter. They do not need a new one.

We also thank the PSC for delaying the technical hearings due to the discovery of errors in the company's cost of service study. AARP has seen a nation-wide utility push to re-do rate design and cost allocation based on such studies which in general seemed designed to shift more costs to residential customers. Certainly parties should be allowed sufficient time to review the corrected materials from the utility.

AARP thanks the PSC for this opportunity to comment.

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