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To: "Justin Mog"
Subject: your comments in case number 2016-00027 - Louisville Gas & Electric environmental compliance plan
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 4:36:43 PM

Dear Mr. Mog:

Thank you for your comments on the application of Louisville Gas & Electric Co. for approval of its 2016 environmental compliance plan and associated surcharge.

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

As you noted, the case number in this matter is 2016-00027. It would be helpful if you would please refer to it in any further correspondence.

Case number 2016-00026 is the corresponding case for Kentucky Utilities.

The application and other documents in this case are available at http://psc.ky.gov/PSC_WebNet/ViewCaseFilings.aspx?case=2016-00027

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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From: Justin Mog [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 28, 2016 12:28 PM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer
Subject: Public Comment Re: Cases 2016-00026 and 2016-00027

Dear PSC,

I'm writing to submit comments on Cases 2016-00026 and 2016-00027 with respect to KU and LG&E's environmental compliance plans and surcharge.

The coal ash catastrophe created by LG&E and KU absolutely needs to be dealt with urgently. This is an environmental and public health concern of high priority. As an LG&E customer, I would be more than happy to pay my fair share to help clean up this mess. We all need to start paying the full costs of our energy use and stop creating "external costs" like mountains and ponds off coal ash. Cleaning up this problem is absolutely the right thing to do and asking rate-payers to help pay for it is absolutely the right thing to do.

I strongly object, however, to the means proposed for collecting funds from customers. A flat surcharge applied equally to all customers, irrespective of the amount of energy they consume

is highly regressive, unjust, unnecessary, and counter-productive. Any new fees should be strictly tied to the amount of energy consumed. The proposed environmental surcharge needs to be wrapped into an increase in the per-kWh charge customers pay. If not, customers will continue to lose the already marginal economic incentives to conserve energy and/or install renewable energy systems on their home or business.

Those who use more energy should be paying more to clean up the problems created by generating energy from coal. Those who use less should be rewarded by shouldering less of the costs. If we do not use this opportunity to raise per-kWh rates, we will continue to see more poverty and energy inefficiency, and slower growth in the deployment of distributed renewable energy systems. That is not the future we need and deserve.

I fully support a rate increase and paying the full cost of our energy use, but **ONLY** if those rates are directly tied to the amount of energy consumed during each billing period. Any other rate structure is wrong and should be opposed by the PSC.

Sincerely,
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