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Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601

Case Numbers: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)

To Whom It May Concern at the Public Service Commission:

I write with the utmost concern regarding the proposed rate increase sought by Louisville Gas and Electric and Kentucky Utilities: Case Numbers 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E).

I am a utility customer. I am a Kentuckian, a senior resident and an individual with deep concern for those living on a fixed income. The decision to increase this fixed rate would greatly impact fixed-income individuals.

In my ministry with these individuals, I know they have difficult choices to make. It is of great concern so many aspects of their lives continue to rise in price while income remains the same. The most difficult being such large percentage increases that seem to leave one wondering how "what will these individuals do without next?"

I oppose the fixed charge that is being proposed by LG&E and KU. First, it is a financial hardship to low-income and senior individuals. Second, this fixed increase does nothing to provide an incentive or behavior change for us to conserve energy or work toward being more efficient in the use of energy. Lastly, I find it shameful knowing that the Kentucky Public Service Commission has gone to court to block the voices of our public.

In addition, I am aware that a net metering bill is in the 2019 Kentucky General Assembly. This bill is set to discourage rooftop solar and be another win for the utility companies. It seems unfair to me that the utility companies are looking to gain not once, but twice on their profit - one from each effort.

It is with this unfairness to the consumer, especially those who are low-income and seniors, that I urge you to oppose this rate increase.

Sincerely,

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