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By Kentucky PSC at 11:31 am, Mar 04, 2019

From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)

To: <u>Steven Schweinhart</u>

**Subject:** your comments in case 2018-00295 - LG&E rates

**Date:** Sunday, March 03, 2019 3:18:00 PM

#### Dear Mr. Schweinhart:

Thank you for your comments on the application of Louisville Gas & Electric Company for a rate adjustment.

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 2018-00295. 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.

## Andrew Melnykovych

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From: Steven Schweinhart [mailto:

**Sent:** Sunday, March 03, 2019 3:07 PM

**To:** Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov> **Subject:** Re: your comments to the Public Service Commission

1443 S 6th Street #1; Louisville, KY 40208

On Sun, Mar 3, 2019, 3:05 PM Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) < Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov> wrote:

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Director of Communications Kentucky Public Service Commission 502-782-2564 (direct) or 502-564-3940 (switchboard) From: Steven Schweinhart [mailto:

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 11:04 PM

**To:** PSC - Public Information Officer < PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Subject: Comments about Rate Hikes for 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)

Hello,

I am emailing in comments about the proposed rate increase for customers of LG&E and KU. I am against the proposed plan because of the aggressive proposed rate hike that will disproportionately impact residents on low and fixed incomes. The plan will also provide disincentives for energy efficiency and rooftop solar, which moves us in the exact opposite direction that we need to progress to transition to a greener and more democratic society.

Thanks,

Steven Schweinhart

To: <u>Deanna C Rushing</u>

Subject: your comments in case 2018-00295 - LG&E rates

**Date:** Sunday, March 03, 2019 3:13:00 PM

### Dear Mr. Rushing:

Thank you for your comments on the application of Louisville Gas & Electric Company for a rate adjustment.

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From: Deanna C Rushing [mailto:

**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2019 6:10 PM

**To:** Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov> **Subject:** Re: your comments to the Public Service Commission

My address is 1382 South 1st Street, Apt. 3, Louisville, KY 40208

On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 1:20 PM Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) < Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov> wrote:

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From: Deanna C Rushing [mailto:

**Sent:** Sunday, February 24, 2019 4:15 PM

**To:** PSC - Public Information Officer < <a href="mailto:PSC.Info@ky.gov">PSC.Info@ky.gov</a>>

**Subject:** 2018-00294 2018-00295

Kentuckians deserve much better than this proposed system of rate hikes. Open your process to the public. We deserve full disclosure on how you charge us for your service. People who have invested in solar panels deserve to have the full credit for their solar power. People representing low-income individuals deserve and have a right to the same legal access as big corporations like Kroger and Walmart.

Deanna Rushing

To: "Stephanie"

Subject: your comments in case 2018-00295 - LG&E rates

**Date:** Sunday, March 03, 2019 3:13:00 PM

Dear Ms. Stidham:

Thank you for your comments on the application of Louisville Gas & Electric Company for a rate adjustment.

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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----Original Message-----

From: Stephanie [mailto:

Sent: Monday, February 25, 2019 5:12 PM

To: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) < Andrew. Melnykovych@ky.gov> Subject: Re: your comments to the Public Service Commission

Stephanie Stidham Louisville, KY 40222

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> On Feb 25, 2019, at 1:33 PM, Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) < Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov> wrote:
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> If you wish to have your comments placed into the case file, please REPLY TO THIS E-MAIL and provide your full name and place of residence.

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- > -----Original Message-----
- > From: slsmail [mailto:
- > Sent: Saturday, February 23, 2019 1:38 PM
- > To: PSC Public Information Officer < PSC.Info@ky.gov>
- > Subject: LG&E proposed rate increase Case #2018-00295

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> Members of the Kentucky Service Commission

> RE: Proposed LG&E Rate Increase - Case # 2018-00295

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> As a resident of Louisville I implore you to please vote against the proposed rate increase being requested by LG&E. This request is coming at a time that other utilities, the public schools, and local government are all seeking increases in taxes. I believe we are at the tipping point for many residents, particularly those on fixed incomes. Those seeking rate increases point to possible programs to assist the poor as a solution. This doesn't address the problem. Where is the solution and concern for those who are just getting by, who don't receive assistance nor would they seek assistance. They are making their bills now but with increase after increase after increase are now in the situation where they stop buying food or prescriptions or other needed items. Where is the concern that these increases, always conveyed in the most direst terms, are actually forcing people into poverty or creating quality of life hardships. These individuals are not visible to most governmental organizations because they don't speak out or seek help - they simply suffer and try to retain some level of pride.

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> There is always need and the easiest thing seems to be raise taxes and throw a few dollars at the poor. It is time that the easiest doesn't win. Cut salaries and administrative costs. Trim back projects to longer periods. Work harder with contractors to get the best deal for consumers. Require those seeking easy fixes of raising taxes to show that they did everything they could prior to requesting an increase and then require them to show cost cutting along with any increase - which needs to be reasonable - which the current proposal is not. As a consumer it is hard to accept such a large proposed increase at the same time individuals within these organizations are making such high salaries and there is no sign of administrative cuts or efforts. Every proposed increase should be handled with the solemn care deserving a situation where you are potentially forcing real people into poverty or causing them to do without vital things. Particularly those who are disabled or elderly and can not get out and get another job to make up for the income being redirected to a new tax. I think sometimes organizations forget they impact real people and real lives. As a Service Commission I hope that you will see the human consequences in this potential increase and vote NO. Thank you.

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To: "Tim O"Connor"

**Subject:** your comments in case 2018-00295 - LG&E rates

**Date:** Sunday, March 03, 2019 3:10:00 PM

#### Dear Mr. O'Connor:

Thank you for your comments on the application of Louisville Gas & Electric Company for a rate adjustment.

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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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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----Original Message-----

From: Tim O'Connor [mailto

Sent: Monday, February 25, 2019 2:50 PM

To: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov>

Subject: Re: LG&E Rate Increase

Andrew,

My residence is 10844 Hobbs Station Road, Louisville, KY 40223.

Thank you,

Tim O'Connor Cell: 502-554-2466

- > On Feb 25, 2019, at 1:35 PM, Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) < Andrew. Melnykovych@ky.gov> wrote:
- > If you wish to have your comments placed into the case file, please REPLY TO THIS E-MAIL and provide your place of residence.

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Pinson, Gwen (PSC)
> Sent: Friday, February 22, 2019 1:44 PM
> To: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) < Andrew. Melnykovych@ky.gov>
> Subject: FW: LG&E Rate Increase
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Tim O'Connor <
> Sent: Friday, February 22, 2019 1:42 PM
> To: Pinson, Gwen (PSC) <
> Subject: LG&E Rate Increase
> Ms. Pinson;
> I am writing to express my opposition to allowing a rate increase to LG&E.
> Given their profit margin and balance sheet, it would be most appropriate for them and their stockholders to
reinvest in their own infrastructure rather than asking the taxpayers to provide that funding in the form of a rate
increase.
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> They already have monopoly protection in the marketplace and it is our government's responsibility to force them
to operate in a reasonable financial fashion given the lack of competitive options available to the consumer/taxpayer.
> Thank you for your consideration in this matter.
> Best Regards,
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> Tim
> Tim O'Connor
> Cell:
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To: "Jackie Cobb"

**Subject:** your comments in case 2018-00295 - LG&E rates

**Date:** Sunday, March 03, 2019 2:59:00 PM

Dear Ms. Cobb:

Thank you for your comments on the application of Louisville Gas & Electric Company for a rate adjustment.

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 2018-00295. 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: Jackie Cobb [mailto:

Sent: Monday, February 25, 2019 3:27 PM

**To:** Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Case 2018-00295

1320 Cherokee Road, Louisville KY 40204

On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 1:21 PM Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) < Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov> wrote:

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From: Jackie Cobb [mailto

**Sent:** Thursday, February 21, 2019 5:18 PM

**To:** PSC - Public Information Officer < <a href="mailto:PSC.Info@ky.gov">PSC.Info@ky.gov</a>>

**Subject:** Case 2018-00295

To Whom It May Concern at the KY PSC,

I am writing to voice my opposition to LG&E's proposal to raise and restructure its rates.

LG&E's rate hike puts more costs into a mandatory, fixed service fee. This approach is unfair for customers who make decisions to purposely use less energy (whether that's living in a smaller space or putting a sweater on during the day).

This proposed rate discourages energy efficiency and energy use reduction, which both are critical to meeting the environmental challenges we face as a society.

LG&E needs to be structuring its rates in ways that ENCOURAGE (not discourage) people to use LESS energy. The proposed rate hike should not be approved by the PSC.

Thank you, Jackie Cobb

To: "Ronnie Jandt"

**Subject:** your comments in case 2018-00295 - LG&E rates

**Date:** Monday, March 04, 2019 11:09:00 AM

Dear Mr. Jandt:

Thank you for your comments on the application of Louisville Gas & Electric Company for a rate adjustment.

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 2018-00295. It would be helpful if you would please refer to it in any further correspondence.

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From: Ronnie Jandt [mailto

Sent: Monday, March 04, 2019 10:41 AM

To: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) < Andrew. Melnykovych@ky.gov> Subject: Re: your comments to the Public Service Commission

Andrew, Thanks for your reply. I do wish my comments to be placed into the case file. My residence is 641 Emily Rd. Louisville, Ky. 40206. Thank you for your time. Cordially, Ronnie

On Sun, 3/3/19, Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov> wrote:

Subject: your comments to the Public Service Commission

To: "

Date: Sunday, March 3, 2019, 3:08 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: PSC - Consumer Web Inquiry

Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 2:01 PM

To: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) < Andrew. Melnykovych@ky.gov>

Subject: FW: LG&E increase request

----Original Message\_----

From: Ronnie Jandt <

Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 1:27 PM

To: PSC - Consumer Web Inquiry < PSC. Consumer. Inquiry@ky.gov>

Subject: LG&E increase request

#### Dear Sir or Madam,

Please pass this along to the Commission members. I am writing regarding the Increase that LG&E has requested. I hope that as you all weigh the merits, or lack thereof, of the request, that you keep in mind the immense over-growing financial burden on citizens. We are presently taxed at similar rates as our Founding Fathers were when they initiated the American Revolution, to break away from such oppressive taxation. We, citizens CANNOT continue to absorb regular increases from our Doctors, our insurance companies, our grocers & our public utilities, while paying said taxes. The merits of LG&E's request are almost irrelevant, as every agency can conjure up requests and needs that taken individually, seem very worthy. The problem is that cumulatively they are onerous, and driving more "Middle Class" Americans into the Lower echelon. More and more, literally cannot afford to even have all these services anymore. Look at Louisville's growing homeless population. A certain percentage of them are in that state ONLY because prices have overwhelmed their honest attempt to pay them. LG&E's specifics of this request embrace their desire to improve infrastructure --- THAT IS NOT NOW NECESSARY !!! If they were a private company with large profit margins, those might be laudible goals, BUT in a country that is \$21,000,000,000 in debt, and in a State that can't fulfill it's Pension obligations, WE THE PEOPLE have no extra money for anything beyond basic services.

LG&E talks about wanting to help in having fewer & shorter electric outages. They have improved things so much in recent years, that that is already NOT a major problem for ANY of us on any regular basis. NONE of us enduring one are thrilled, but it gets corrected and certainly doesn't warrant LG&E wanting an extra \$150,000,000. That's ludicrous. That's clearly much more about expanding their own job security than it is to help the public. The Public Service Commission exists to govern and regulate public utilities --- TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC. You are certainly NOT there to protect the Utilities, and to "rubber-stamp"

their every request. We all are paying enough !!! NO MORE TAXES, & NO MORE UTILITY INCREASES should be allowed nor tolerated until when and if our society gets itself on better financial footing. I have worked as an accountant, and that is simple economics. ANY individual or company that ran their affairs this way would already have been forced into bankruptcy. WE THE PEOPLE need you to realize the aforementioned, and to deny their request, in total, and protect us from the unaffordable. Thank you for your time and efforts. Ronnie Jandt

# RECEIVED By Kentucky PSC at 11:19 am, Mar 04, 2019

From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)

To:

Subject: your comments in case 2018-00294 - KU rates and your comments in case 2018-00295 - LG&E rates

**Date:** Sunday, March 03, 2019 3:04:00 PM

#### Dear Mr. Partymiller:

Thank you for your comments on the application of Kentucky Utilities Company for a rate adjustment.

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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Thank you for your interest in these matters.

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From: [mailto

Sent: Friday, March 01, 2019 4:44 PM

To: PSC - Public Information Officer < PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Subject: Comment on Cases 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)

**Public Information Officer:** 

I am writing as an LG&E & KU customer to offer comment on the above referenced cases.

I am greatly concerned about the ongoing trend of increasing utility fixed-rate/meter charges.

While I understand the utility appeal of separating 'fixed' charges from variable charges, I do not see that this sends appropriate market signals. The utility is ultimately producing a product that provides value through provision of power and energy. Like other companies, the utility should recover its costs via charges for its products. Demand and energy charges seem entirely reasonable. Additional fees to establish service may also be reasonable,



From: Stephen Salt (Sent You a Personal Message

To: PSC - Public Information Officer

Subject: Public Comment Dockets No. 2018-00294 and 2018-00295, Kentucky Utilities and Louisville Gas and Electric Rate

Cases

**Date:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 7:51:33 PM

Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission,

Please reject Louisville Gas and Electric and Kentucky Utilities proposed rate increases.

This is an unjust, unfair, and unreasonable proposal that is contrary to Kentucky law. I, the undersigned, call on the Public Service Commission to deny this rate change!

These proposals will hurt many customers, especially low- and fixed-income people, apartment dwellers and people who attempt to conserve energy. They will limit our ability to save money by reducing our energy use. And they will discourage many people from installing rooftop solar or energy efficient systems, steps which are needed to lower harmful pollution and protect our health and climate. These rates are unfair, unjust and a step in the wrong direction.

Sincerely,

Stephen Salt 3329 Gondola Dr Lexington, KY 40513

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From: Thomas Browning (Sent You a Personal Message

To: PSC - Public Information Officer

Subject: Public Comment Dockets No. 2018-00294 and 2018-00295, Kentucky Utilities and Louisville Gas and Electric Rate

Cases

Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 10:07:29 AM

Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission,

Please reject Louisville Gas and Electric and Kentucky Utilities proposed rate increases.

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Sincerely,

Thomas Browning 3441 Laredo Drive Lexington, KY 40517

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depending upon the situation.

However, when utilities are allowed to recover costs without provision of power and energy, it would seem to incent irrational investment. If the power and energy demand alone do not support investment, it would seem economically efficient to make no investment.

Fixed charges seem to be used as a way to mask the problem of certain rate classes subsidizing other classes. If the residential rate class is really not paying enough, increase their rates to recover costs.

Continuing to increase fixed charges will just punish members of the class that are making thoughtful decisions about their grid requirements and subsidize those that give no thought to consumption patterns.

Demand charges should likely be introduced to elicit a proper response (albeit not based on any 15 minute interval, but instead times of peak grid demand).

My commercial fixed charges seem unduly high. They are at the extent where investments in efficiency elicit marginal savings that are dwarfed by fixed charges. Moreover, without a demand charge, no signal is being sent to incent conservation of grid resources. Meanwhile my service has been in place for decades with little to no upgrades and no enhanced reliability. In fact, in the past year, I have experienced far greater financial loss based on quality of utility service to my commercial buildings when compared with my residence - even though I pay a higher fixed charge at those locations.

I would urge the Commission to implement energy rates and accurate demand charges to compensate utilities. Minimize or eliminate fixed charges.

Regards,

Matt Partymiller

1038 Brentwood Ct. Lexington, KY 40511 & 10370 Bluegrass Prkwy Louisville, KY 40299 From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)
To: Mary Elizabeth Miller

Subject: your comments in case 2018-00294 - KU rates and your comments in case 2018-00295 - LG&E rates

**Date:** Monday, March 04, 2019 11:07:00 AM

Dear Ms. Miller:

Thank you for your comments on the application of Kentucky Utilities Company for a rate adjustment.

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Thank you for your interest in these matters.

Andrew Melnykovych

Director of Communications Kentucky Public Service Commission 502-782-2564 (direct) or 502-564-3940 (switchboard) 502-330-5981 (cell)

From: Mary Elizabeth Miller [mailto

**Sent:** Monday, March 04, 2019 8:00 AM

To: PSC - Public Information Officer < PSC.Info@ky.gov>

**Subject:** Case Number: 2018-00294 & KU and 2018-00295 & LG&E

To Whom it May Concern at the Public Service Commission:

I write to express my serious 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 Sister of Charity of Nazareth who has worked with low-income individuals and fixed-income seniors during my ministry. It is a grave concern to me that utilities are requesting a fixed rate increase that would impact these individuals. In addition, members of our community who currently live and work in regions where these utilities provide services would be impacted.

I oppose the fixed charge that is being proposed by LG&E and KU. First, it is a financial hardship to low-income individuals with whom we minister and seniors. Second, this fixed increase does nothing to provide an incentive or behavior change for any individual 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 certain members of our public from speaking out on this rate increase.

I am also 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 rooted within our mission of protecting the most vulnerable that we find this unfair to these individuals and families. Therefore, I urge you to oppose this rate increase.

Sincerely, Mary Elizabeth Miller, SCN P.O. Box 187 Nazareth, KY 40048

Sent from my iPhone

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