

From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: your comments in case number 2018-00005 - Kentucky Utilities-Louisville Gas & Electric advanced meter case
Date: Wednesday, August 01, 2018 11:44:00 AM

Dear Ms. Moran:

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Re: your comments in case number 2018-00005 - Kentucky Utilities-Louisville Gas & Electric advanced meter case

Address: 110 S Campbell St, unit 422
Louisville, KY 40206s

Thank you.

Sarah Moran
[REDACTED]

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> From:

> Sent: Monday, July 09, 2018 1:06 PM

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

> Subject: Case 2018-00005

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> Dear PSC:

> I ask the Kentucky PSC NOT to allow the Advanced Metering System ("Smart Meters"). At this point in time, I am concerned that not enough data exists to prove that the consumer expense for these meters will be worth it. The parties involved must provide us actual DATA from actual users of these meters -- and from more than one utility company -- so the public and the Commission can see that they will be cost AND energy-effective. Without this information, they are simply a pig-in-a-poke.

> Thank you for your time.

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> Sarah Moran

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From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)
To: "[Aaron Tornes](#)"
Subject: RE: your comments in case number 2018-00005 - Kentucky Utilities-Louisville Gas & Electric advanced meter case
Date: Wednesday, August 01, 2018 11:48:00 AM

Dear Mr. Tornes:

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From: Aaron Tornes [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2018 3:43 PM
To: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov>
Subject: Re: your comments in case number 2018-00005 - Kentucky Utilities-Louisville Gas & Electric advanced meter case

Aaron Tornes
522 E Brandeis ave
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On Mon, Jul 23, 2018, 11:19 AM Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov> wrote:

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From: Aaron Tornes [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2018 11:17 AM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2018 - 00120

Dear Public Service Commission,

I have recently learned that LG&E is proposing a rate increase to consumers of \$717 million over five year for higher-tech, "advanced meters."

As a rate payer who would fund this rate increase I strongly oppose this allocation of consumer dollars. Kentucky needs jobs and this use of rate-payer money would not only lose jobs for meter readers but would also have a giant opportunity cost in the missed opportunity for new jobs. Furthermore, these meters would create no benefit to the consumer (real-time energy tracking, etc.).

I would like to see \$717 million invested in renewable energy in our state. An investment of this magnitude would create hundreds of full time jobs for citizens in need of work to maintain the infrastructure of these renewable energy systems. Additionally, it would likely create thousands of shorter-term jobs to create the needed infrastructure.

Furthermore, Kentucky lags far behind most other states in terms of renewable energy production. Not only is this bad for the health of our land, air and water (and the negative impacts in the health of our children and elderly) but it is an enormous loss to our economy.

I oppose this request of LG&E's and urge you to deny their proposal. Consumer dollars should be spent in ways the benefit the consumer, help those in need employment and safeguard the health of our homes.

Sincerely,
Aaron Tornes

From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)
To: "Maria Cleary"
Subject: your comments in case number 2018-00005 - Kentucky Utilities-Louisville Gas & Electric advanced meter case
Date: Wednesday, August 01, 2018 11:52:00 AM

Dear Mr. Cleary:

Thank you for your comments on the application of Kentucky Utilities Co. and Louisville Gas & Electric Co. seeking authorization for deployment of an advanced metering system.

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From: Maria Cleary [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2018 12:35 PM
To: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov>
Subject: Re: Case 2018-00005

Daryl Cleary. 1541 sylvan way Louisville Kentucky 40205

Sent from my iPad

> On Jul 23, 2018, at 11:04 AM, Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov> wrote:

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> From: Maria Cleary [REDACTED]
> Sent: Sunday, July 08, 2018 9:53 AM
> To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
> Subject: Case 2018-00005

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> Please use our money for energy-efficiency, pollution control technology and Solar/ wind power, instead!

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> Sent from my iPad

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From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)
To: ["Sarah Lynn Cunningham"](#)
Subject: your comments in case number 2018-00005 - Kentucky Utilities-Louisville Gas & Electric advanced meter case
Date: Wednesday, August 01, 2018 11:51:00 AM

Dear Ms. Cunningham:

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From: Sarah Lynn Cunningham [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2018 3:25 PM
To: info@psc.ky.gov; Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov>
Subject: Letter for Formal Record for Case 2018-00005

Dear Mr. Melnykovych,

Please confirm receipt and addition of the attached letter of testimony to the subject case file.

Cooperatively,
Sarah Lynn Cunningham, PE, Executive Director
Louisville Climate Action Network
[REDACTED]

23 July 17

Michael J. Schmitt, Robert Cicero and Talena Matthews, Commissioners
Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Blvd.
Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

RE: Comments on **Case No. 2018-00005**

Dear Commissioners,

The Louisville Climate Action Network (LCAN) includes businesses, community groups, religious organizations and educational institutions, plus nearly 1,000 individual Kentuckians.

LCAN urges you to reject the LG&E-KU request for approval to switch to an advanced metering system (AMS) and require it to be part of a rate case for the following reasons:

1. AMS is very expensive for what the consumers picking up the tab will receive. If you asked LCAN **how we would rather spend \$717 million** in consumer dollars, it'd be **on energy efficiency programs (DSM), renewable energy projects, pollution control technology and/or grid hardening.**¹
2. **Providing usage data to consumers the next day wouldn't be nearly as helpful as real time data.** It'd be hard to learn from our usage if we'd have wait to look it up the next day. LG&E-KU would have access to real-time usage data. Why not consumers?
3. **How the \$717 million will be assessed isn't defined.** If allowed to be assessed via basic service charges—the monthly flat fees all customers must pay, no matter how much natural gas or electricity used—billing practices will become more regressive.

Over the last few years, these utilities have been working very hard to move all of their fixed costs onto their fixed fees. But the inequities of a senior citizen living alone in a small, leaky apartment paying the same share of overhead as a six-digit-income family living in a big McMansion leads to the least fortunate among us choosing between utilities and medicine.

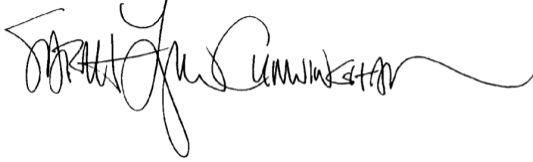
4. These utilities **haven't addressed privacy sufficiently.** AMS would allow utility staff and contractors—or hackers—to “see” when customers are home. Requiring the utilities to commit to specific privacy protections before approval seems prudent and quite reasonable.
5. Our existing meters still have useful life. Even if you're inclined to approve AMS, there's **time to correct the proposal's deficiencies.**

**I can, you can,
Louisville CAN!**

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6. We ask you to **make this proposal part of rate cases**, so the utilities will be required to provide more transparency and proof of their cost-benefit claims. The Commission and we **consumers deserve a clear proposal backed up by studies and data—before** we get stuck with its tab.

Cooperatively,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Lynn Cunningham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sarah Lynn Cunningham, PE, Executive Director
Louisville Climate Action Network

ⁱThat this proposal comes as **LG&E-KU also seeks permission to end its Demand-Side Management programs** is especially disappointing. It seems it has forgotten why natural monopolies are guaranteed a profit most businesses would love to be able to presume: it's supposed to provide public benefits which a regular, for profit business wouldn't consider.

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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: your comments in case number 2018-00005 - Kentucky Utilities-Louisville Gas & Electric advanced meter case
Date: Wednesday, August 01, 2018 11:51:00 AM

Dear Mr. Schneider:

Thank you for your comments on the application of Kentucky Utilities Co. and Louisville Gas & Electric Co. seeking authorization for deployment of an advanced metering system.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2018 2:28 PM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2018-00005

To whom it may concern:

I strongly oppose the replacement of current meters by LG&E and KU with "smart meters." The current meters work fine and are not in need of replacement.

It would seem that the sole reason to spend hundreds of millions of dollars on "smart meters" is to leave workers who are involved in the reading of meters unemployed. An unanticipated rate increase would almost certainly occur when the cost of installation of the "smart meters," as well as unaccounted for expenses involved, would turn out to be nearly twice as much as company figures, as estimated by the Kentucky Attorney General's office.

There is no justification for such an outrageous fee as is being proposed for not accepting a new smart meter, either.

LG&E/KU has not properly demonstrated cost savings to customers, nor use of this technology to properly be employed for potential reduction of energy consumption during peak usage times. The request should be denied.

Thank you,
Ron Schneider
3619 Johnston Way
Louisville, KY 40220

From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)
To: ["Mary Lineberry"](#)
Subject: your comments in case number 2018-00005 - Kentucky Utilities-Louisville Gas & Electric advanced meter case
Date: Wednesday, August 01, 2018 11:47:00 AM

Dear Ms. Lineberry:

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From: Mary Lineberry [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2018 6:45 PM
To: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov>
Subject: Re: "smart meters"

Mary Lineberry
3009 Sherbrooke Road
Louisville KY 40205

On Mon, Jul 23, 2018 at 11:03 AM, Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov> wrote:

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From: Mary Lineberry [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2018 8:26 AM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: "smart meters"

To Whom It May Concern:

I would prefer you spend your extra MONEY on conservation programs or solar panels or grid strengthening instead of these smart meters which will ultimately cost the consumer.

Sincerely,

Mary Lineberry

From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)
To: ["Chris Woolery"](#)
Subject: your comments in case number 2018-00005 - Kentucky Utilities-Louisville Gas & Electric advanced meter case
Date: Wednesday, August 01, 2018 11:47:00 AM

Dear Mr. Woolery:

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From: Chris Woolery [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2018 4:22 PM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2018-00005

Dear PSC commissioners,

I am writing in reference to KU's advanced metering proposal, **Case 2018-00005**.

As an energy efficiency professional, I am in favor of having advanced metering in homes and businesses, mainly because:

- 1. They can provide the data that's needed to both properly design energy efficiency programs to best benefit all ratepayers, not just program participants.**
- 2. They can provide the data that's needed to measure and evaluate all EE and DSM programs.**

However, considering that both the PSC and utilities across the state are moving away from EE and DSM, I have significant concerns about advanced meters in KY in general, and in this case in particular. Please see below for a list of said concerns that I helped create as a member of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth's (KFTC) New Energy and Transition committee:

- **Advanced meters *can* offer valuable information to utilities and customers.** For example, they are necessary to shape well-designed “time-of-use” rates, which send price signals to customers and encourage us to use less power during times of peak energy demand. As part of a broader strategy to reduce peak demand, smart-meters and time-of-use rates can help utilities reduce their use of inefficient gas “peaker” plants, which are called into service during really hot afternoons or really cold mornings.
- **However, LG&E / KU are *not* proposing to use advanced meters for those valuable purposes.** Instead, the main reason the utilities claim they want to make this investment is to lower labor costs by eliminating jobs now held by people who read meters.
- **Before the KY Public Service Commission approves any investment in advanced meters, it should make sure critical public interests are protected.** Specifically, the PSC should:
 - Hold another public hearing on this case in Lexington, in addition to the one in Louisville.
 - Require LG&E/KU to submit a plan showing how they will use advanced meters to reduce pollution and incorporate more clean energy generation in their overall energy mix.
 - Require LG&E / KU to offer customers the option of time of use rates that are carefully designed to lower peak demand while minimizing the burden on customers. Any new rate proposal should seek to address and protect the interests of low-income residents, seniors, and other groups with special needs.
 - Require LG&E / KU to demonstrate how the data and information provided by advanced meters will be accessible and beneficial to all, including customers without internet service, customers with disabilities, seniors, customers for whom English is not a their primary language, and others.
 - Require LG&E / KU to submit a plan for educating all customers about how to access and make use of the information provided by these meters.
 - Require LG&E / KU to develop a plan for a Just Transition for workers whose jobs will be lost due to a shift to advanced meters.
 - Significantly reduce the monthly “opt-out fees” LG&E / KU propose charging customers who choose not to use advanced meters. KU is proposing a monthly opt-out fee of \$32.45. LG&E wants to charge electric customers \$22.70 and natural gas customers \$21.80 each month if they choose not to use an advanced meter.
- **Without these steps, the KY PSC should not approve this expense.**

Thanks very much for your time and consideration,

CW

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Chris Woolery

How\$martKY™ Program Coordinator

Mountain Association for Community Economic Development

433 Chestnut Street | Berea, KY 40403

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[REDACTED]

From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: your comments in case number 2018-00005 - Kentucky Utilities-Louisville Gas & Electric advanced meter case
Date: Wednesday, August 01, 2018 11:46:00 AM

Dear Ms. Poston:

Thank you for your comments on the application of Kentucky Utilities Co. and Louisville Gas & Electric Co. seeking authorization for deployment of an advanced metering system.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2018 10:27 PM
To: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov>
Subject: Re: Case 2018-00005

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Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 23, 2018, at 10:55 AM, Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov> wrote:

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> **From:** [REDACTED]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2018 9:48 PM
> **To:** PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
> **Subject:** Case 2018-00005

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> I oppose smart meters. They are an invasion of privacy and often do not work correctly according to HVAC technicians. This should have been publicized more. Janice Poston

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> Sent from my iPhone

From: Melnykovich, Andrew (PSC)
To: ["Ray Brundige"](#)
Subject: your comments in case number 2018-00005 - Kentucky Utilities-Louisville Gas & Electric advanced meter case
Date: Wednesday, August 01, 2018 11:46:00 AM

Dear Mr. Brundige:

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From: Ray Brundige [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2018 10:10 PM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Case Related Comment Case 2018-00005

Please reject the LG&E-KU request for conversion to the Advanced Metering System (AMS).

The matter should be handled as a rate case. The investors who now own what was once our local power company are, in my view, trying to push an unneeded equipment change onto local rate payers, the people the PSC is supposed to protect.

The local community will also suffer job loss, as the corporation removes meter readers from its payrolls. I note in passing that bill processing has been moved recently to an out-of-state facility and that the "L" in LG&E has increasingly little connection to the name of the city the company is supposed to serve.

Finally, AMS will broadcast fine-grained data on use of metered power, and thus on occupants' activities. Collecting that data is objectionable in the first place. Broadcasting it is a reckless act endangering occupant privacy and security. When hackers take advantage of the broadcast information, the victims will have little chance of recovery from LG&E, the root cause of the loss.

Ray Brundige
1718 Edgeland Ave
Louisville, KY 40204 [REDACTED]

From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: your comments in case number 2018-00005 - Kentucky Utilities-Louisville Gas & Electric advanced meter case
Date: Wednesday, August 01, 2018 11:45:00 AM

Dear Mr. Morris:

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From: Jack Morris [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2018 10:39 PM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2018-00005

Although the utilities' proposal needs work, I support the thrust of the proposal to upgrade the meters. Without this upgrade, Kentucky cannot modernize its grid to move into the 21st century.

LGE/KU justify the capital expenditure necessary to upgrade the meters mainly on the basis of cost savings. While the devastating workforce reductions and increased revenue resulting from less stolen product are significant (and apparently sufficient to justify this project on their own), the information these meters allow might result in operational options that could justify the project. I suspect the utilities will use this information for decreased operating costs and increased profitability beyond that authorized by the PSC. I'm willing to be had by this sleight-of-hand with some caveats. Are you?

I do think the increased profitability afforded by these meters should not remain with the utilities (e.g., go to stockholders or executive bonuses), but rather provide real aid to displaced workers. Job retraining and transition packages, while useful, are not the total answer to this very real problem. I don't know what a good answer is. But I do think a benefit that could result in increased profitability should be included in the allowed profit margin of the companies.

The rate cases 2016-00370 and 2016-00371 should be reopened, and additional profit from this

'stealth' profit pool should be included. Some of the increased profits should go to help workers, some to decrease opt-out choice fees and some for general rate reduction.

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Sincerely,
Jack W. Morris
827 White Oak Road
Stamping Ground, KY 40379



From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)
To: "Ken Slattery"
Subject: your comments in case number 2018-00005 - Kentucky Utilities-Louisville Gas & Electric advanced meter case
Date: Wednesday, August 01, 2018 11:43:00 AM

Dear Mr. Slattery:

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From: Ken Slattery [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 9:34 AM
To: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <Andrew.Melnykovych@ky.gov>
Subject: Re: comment re: Case 2018-00005

Thank you, Mr. Melnykovych. Here's my home address:

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> On Jul 23, 2018, at 11:15 AM, 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 place of residence.

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> From: Ken Slattery [REDACTED]
> Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 10:41 AM

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

> Subject: comment re: Case 2018-00005

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> Dear members of the Public Service Commission,

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> I would like to urge you to not allow LGE/KU to adopt this measure, since the technology being considered would not serve ratepayers as effectively as other state-of-the-art devices, and further that these funds would be better spent supporting energy efficiency, solar power, pollution control technology or grid strengthening.

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> Thank you very much for your consideration, Ken Slattery.

From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)
To: ["John Coffman"](#)
Subject: your comments in case number 2018-00005 - Kentucky Utilities-Louisville Gas & Electric advanced meter case
Date: Wednesday, August 01, 2018 11:54:00 AM

Dear AARP:

Thank you for your comments on the application of Kentucky Utilities Co. and Louisville Gas & Electric Co. seeking authorization for deployment of an advanced metering system.

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 2018-00005. It would be helpful if you would please refer to it in any further correspondence.

The application and other documents in this case are available at http://psc.ky.gov/PSC_WebNet/ViewCaseFilings.aspx?case=2018-00005.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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From: John Coffman [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 12:48 PM
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Subject: Case No. 2018-00005 -- Public Comments filed on behalf of AARP

Please find public comments attached below for filing in the smart meter case at the KY PSC, submitted on behalf of AARP.

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC JOINT APPLICATION OF LOUISVILLE)
GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY AND KENTUCKY)
UTILITIES COMPANY FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC) Case No. 2018-00005
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR FULL)
DEPLOYMENT OF ADVANCED METERING SYSTEMS)

PUBLIC COMMENTS OF AARP

AARP appreciates this opportunity to comment on the latest proposal of Louisville Gas and Electric and Kentucky Utilities for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for deployment of advanced metering systems.

LG&E-KU have asked to install smart meters throughout their systems. AARP believes that a smart meter roll-out is not needed. It costs too much.

As the Attorney General's expert witness testifies, the costs of the proposed roll out exceed the benefits.

The utilities want customers to pay to retire the meters now in service. There is no need to add costs to retire these meters prematurely.

Further, there is no need to rush this investment. Today, 25 percent of customers already have them. The utilities can continue the slow roll out, retiring existing meters without charging customers extra and moderating the pace of rate increases.

The PSC just rejected the proposal in the recent rate case. Nothing has changed since then to make a universal roll-out any more sensible.

And if the utilities are sure they are offering a program with benefits exceeding costs, they can refile the proposal in their upcoming rate case this fall. At least then it can be reviewed in the context of other burdens on customers and other possible uses of the investment.

Many Kentucky customers are already having trouble paying for electricity and natural gas service. AARP asks the Commission to reject the smart meter proposal. We cannot afford it and it is not needed.

--AARP Kentucky

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