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To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Monday, February 18, 2019 10:39:25 PM

Dear members of the Kentucky Public Service Commission:

I am writing with great concern about the proposed rate increase sought by Louisville Gas and Electric and Kentucky Utilities: Case numbers 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E).

I took advantage of the KU home energy audit and weatherization incentives that they offered before they scrapped the program. It was a fantastic program that allowed me and my roommates the chance to lower our energy bills, live in a more comfortable home, and take ownership over our home energy fixes.

KU has moved away from these programs, and--it seems--increasingly towards rigged rates and fixed fees. Kentuckians deserve so much better. I call on the KY Public Service Commission to allow full and fair public participation in this case, and reject this rigged deal.

The KY Public Service Commission should reject this rigged deal. LG&E and KU's proposed rate increase is bad for consumers, harmful to people on low and fixed incomes, and damaging to energy efficiency and rooftop solar.

The utilities want to jack up the monthly service fee all customers pay for service, rather than further increasing the rate we pay for energy. For example: KU and LG&E want to raise fixed monthly rates for electricity from \$12.25 per month to \$16.43 in most months, a 34% increase.

This approach makes it very difficult for low-income customers to manage their bills by conserving energy. No matter how little energy we use, we'll still owe the monopoly utility an increasingly large amount just for basic service. This bill impacts low-income folks the most, and that is unacceptable.

Shifting more of the monthly bill to the fixed monthly service fee is also a deliberate strategy by utilities to discourage customers from conserving energy or investing in rooftop solar. If Kentuckians are forced to pay large, fixed monthly fees no matter how much energy we use, we are less likely to make investments or behavioral changes to reduce our energy use.

I also believe that the KU plan is rigged to harm KY's homegrown solar industry. By proposing to divide their energy charge into 2 parts, KU seems to be planting the seeds for a back-door effort to kill a one-for-one solar net-metering policy--and thus crush rooftop solar in the future.

It does not make sense that the energy charge is best thought of in two pieces. But what's more, I'm concerned that the utilities will use the split energy charge as a way to justify crediting rooftop solar customers at a lower rate for the excess energy they push onto the grid, by claiming that they only deserve the smaller piece of the energy charge.

This is unfair, and sneaky. If the Kentucky Public Service Commission wants to decide on the value of solar, they should open an administrative case to determine a fair "Value of Solar." That would allow for a broad range of stakeholders to intervene, a full and fair hearing of evidence, and a careful consideration of the costs and benefits of distributed renewable generation to the grid and non-participating customers. But you should not allow yourselves or this rate case to be used by monopoly utilities to justify their future claims without consideration of evidence or an open process.

Lastly, the PSC must allow public interest groups to intervene in this case. It is shameful that the KY Public Service Commission has gone to court to block intervention in by groups representing low-income Kentuckians, while still allowing groups like Kroger and Walmart to intervene! The utilities didn't ask for them to be excluded, and the KY Attorney General says their input is necessary and relevant to the case. Open your doors and allow the public interest groups to intervene.

In closing, I urge the Kentucky Public Service Commission to open up your public process and reject this rigged deal. It is bad for consumers, harmful to people on low and fixed incomes, and damaging to energy efficiency and rooftop solar. We deserve far better.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 11:11:34 PM

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In closing, I urge the Kentucky Public Service Commission to open up your public process and reject this rigged deal. It is bad for consumers, harmful to people on low and fixed incomes, and damaging to energy efficiency and rooftop solar. We deserve far better.

Sincerely,

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Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 3:29:00 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Monday, February 11, 2019 9:30:48 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Monday, February 11, 2019 5:36:45 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Friday, February 08, 2019 8:35:47 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Thursday, February 07, 2019 1:25:54 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Thursday, February 07, 2019 11:42:03 AM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Thursday, February 07, 2019 10:03:11 AM

Dear members of the Kentucky Public Service Commission:

Though no longer an LG&E customer, I write with great concern about the proposed rate increase and restructuring sought by Louisville Gas and Electric and Kentucky Utilities: Case numbers 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E).

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Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Thursday, February 07, 2019 9:45:10 AM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Thursday, February 07, 2019 9:32:05 AM

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"William H. Spence Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of PPL: \$12,122,752 annual compensation..."

THAT'S \$332,130.00 PER DAY. Again: Per. Day.

<https://www1.salary.com/PPL-CORP-Executive-Salaries.html> And that's just him. There is no job on the planet worth that much money.

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To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Thursday, February 07, 2019 7:25:51 AM

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In closing, I urge the Kentucky Public Service Commission to open up your public process and reject this rigged deal. It is bad for consumers, harmful to people on low and fixed incomes, and damaging to energy efficiency and rooftop solar. We deserve far better.

Sincerely,

Kathleen White
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Thursday, February 07, 2019 2:01:48 AM

Dear members of the Kentucky Public Service Commission:

I am absolutely against the proposed rate increase sought by Louisville Gas and Electric and Kentucky Utilities: Case numbers 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E).

As a utility customer and citizen of Kentucky, I want real options for my energy such as affordable and cleaner energy sources. The KY Public Service Commission must grant full and fair public participation in this case, and reject this rigged deal.

The KY Public Service Commission should decide if it serves the taxpayers and consumers of our state or is the fig leaf and lapdog for out-of-state monopoly interests. Public interest groups must be allowed to intervene in this case on behalf of the public need. The Kentucky Public Service Commission has even gone to court to block intervention in by organizations representing low-income Kentuckians. The utilities didn't ask for them to be excluded, and the KY Attorney General says their input is necessary and relevant to the case.

The KY Public Service Commission should allow public interest groups to intervene and reject this rigged deal. LG&E and KU's proposed rate increase is bad for consumers, harmful to people on low and fixed incomes, and damaging to energy efficiency and rooftop solar.

Example: The LG&E and KU rate hurts all customers.

Under this plan, the average LG&E residential electric customer will pay \$7.53 more per month, a 7.5% increase. The average LG&E natural gas customer will see their bill rise by \$7.14 dollars a month, a 12.2% increase. And the average KU customer's monthly increase under this proposal will be \$13.47, a whopping 11.7% increase.

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This approach makes it very difficult for low-income customers to manage their bills by conserving energy. No matter how little energy we use, we'll still owe the monopoly utility an increasingly large amount just for basic service.

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The LG&E and KU conceals information from customers and want to raise our monthly base rate. They also propose to make that charge invisible to us. Instead, our bills will show the fixed monthly rate as a daily, rather than a monthly, charge. Utility customers will be happier will see a fixed charge of \$0.53/day than \$16.43/month.

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Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Wednesday, February 06, 2019 10:24:07 PM

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Sincerely,

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Mount Sterling, KY 40353-9179

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Wednesday, February 06, 2019 9:04:39 PM

Dear members of the Kentucky Public Service Commission:

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Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Wednesday, February 06, 2019 7:16:39 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Wednesday, February 06, 2019 5:50:29 PM

Dear members of the Kentucky Public Service Commission:

I am writing with great concern about 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'm a Kentuckian. The proposal to raise fixed rates is a ploy to make profit at the cost of severe harm to people who are poor and/or on fixed incomes. energy options. I call on the KY Public Service Commission to allow full and fair public participation in this case, and reject this rigged deal.

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Wednesday, February 06, 2019 4:31:00 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [PSC - Public Information Officer](#)
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)
Date: Wednesday, February 06, 2019 4:18:02 PM

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