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From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: your comments in case 2018-00294 - KU rate
Date: Sunday, March 03, 2019 2:58:00 PM

Dear Mr. Sturgill:

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

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As you noted, the case number in this matter is 2018-00294. It would be helpful if you would please refer to it in any further correspondence.

The documents in this case are available at http://psc.ky.gov/PSC_WebNet/ViewCaseFilings.aspx?case=2018-00294.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]] On Behalf Of [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 12:22 AM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: 2018-00294 (KU) and 2018-00295 (LG&E)

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. And like most people, I want more affordable and cleaner energy options. This case moves us in the wrong direction. 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 must allow public interest groups to intervene in this case Stop acting like a bodyguard for the monopoly utilities, and start acting like a fair referee. It is shameful that the KY Public Service Commission has gone to court to block intervention in by groups 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. Open your doors and allow the public interest groups to intervene.

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. For 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.

The LG&E and KU plan is rigged against low-income folks, energy efficiency, & 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. And LG&E's natural gas customers will see their fixed monthly fee jump from \$16.35 to \$20.15 in most months, a 23% 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.

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.

The LG&E and KU plan is rigged to conceal information from customers. At the same time that LG&E and KU 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. Do the utilities think customers will be happier to see a fixed charge of \$0.53/day than \$16.43/month? And does the KY Public Service Commission think that change is in the public's interest?

The LG&E and KU plan is rigged to harm KY's homegrown solar industry. This proposal from LG&E and KU also contains a poison pill. The utilities are proposing a deceptively simple change that seems designed as a back-door effort to kill solar net-metering, a state policy that makes space for Kentucky's tiny but growing homegrown solar industry.

The utilities propose to divide their energy charge - the rate customers are charged for every kilowatt-hour consumed - into two parts: a variable charge and an infrastructure charge. This won't affect the overall energy rate or the amount customers owe. It simply takes a single rate and divides it into two parts, one smaller (the variable rate) and one larger (the infrastructure rate), for "informational purposes."

It's not clear what informational purposes the utilities have in mind, since they don't plan to reveal this change to customers on their bills. The sub-divided rates, if approved, will be found only in the fine print of KY PSC documents.

Sadly, this appears to be a two-step process to end solar net-metering as we know it. In the first step, LG&E and KU are asking the KY PSC to put a stamp of approval on their questionable claim (made without evidence or an open process) that the energy charge is best thought of in two pieces, one smaller and one larger. In the second step, they are likely to bring this KY PSC approved "information" to lawmakers, as they continue to argue (based on widely disputed assumptions about the value of rooftop solar) that solar customers should get credited for only the smaller portion.

If the Kentucky Public Service Commission wants to open an administrative case to determine a fair "Value of Solar," you should do so. 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 claims without consideration of evidence or an open process.

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,

James Sturgill
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From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)
To: "[Deborah Gerth](#)"
Subject: your comments in case 2018-00294 - KU rates
Date: Sunday, March 03, 2019 3:11:00 PM

Dear Ms. Gerth:

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

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From: Deborah Gerth [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 9:52 AM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Rate case 2018-00294

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My name is Deborah Press Gerth, and I reside at 3200 Todds Rd, #1107, Lexington, KY 40509. Thank you for the information shared by your public information department at the public hearing in Lexington, from which I learned a lot. And thank you for this opportunity to share my concerns with this rate case. I am writing to strongly oppose the rates proposed by KU in rate case 2018-00294. KU's proposal does not meet the test of fair and reasonable for Lexington consumers like me. Frankly, I am offended by its stunning request for 10.42% return on equity, its intention to mislead consumers by changing the way billed charges are displayed, and the restructuring of

fixed charges. These changes disrespect residential consumers and de-incentivize critically important energy conservation. The Commission must protect consumers from this unreasonable and unfair proposal.

KU's proposal has requested a 10.42% return on equity. As a middle income retiree, I am deeply offended by this number, which is double the rate of return I can expect on my retirement investments. In this investment environment, this rate is out of bounds. Since it comes entirely at the expense of customers trapped in a monopoly contract, the Commission must insist that the return on equity be brought back within the realm of investment reality.

Changing the display of fixed charges to a daily charge is duplicitous. Consumers are used to seeing monthly charges and should continue to see them. Consumers must be able to "compare apples to apples" when they read their bills. This change makes obvious that KU knows this restructure will be unpalatable to its customers and thinks hiding it will help. The Commission is obligated to stand with consumers and insist that charges are presented with transparency. More serious is the proposed restructure that will significantly increase the fixed monthly charge for electricity. There is no imperative that the utility charge its customers a fixed rate for its fixed costs. Normal businesses don't get to do this, and since KU is a monopoly, this change is blatant rent-seeking. The fixed basic service charge becomes more and more unfair as the size and financial means of a household decrease. And I know how destructive a fixed charge is in the consumer's mind and behavior: in my apartment complex, my water and sewer charges are unmetered, so I pay a fixed rate each month. I resent the lack of control I have over my bill, and I have no incentive to use water carefully except my own ethics. KU's proposal to increase its "rents" with larger and larger fixed service charges serves the interests of shareholders at the expense of the most vulnerable customers. The Commission is obligated to protect consumers from this monopoly rent-seeking.

Energy conservation has been an important public value for TWO GENERATIONS now. The KY-PSC must ensure that this very reasonable public value is furthered in utility rate structures. This rate case fails to meet that test in several ways, including maneuvers that will harm solar rooftop development in the future. Please recognize these public values as you examine this case; please require the utilities to treat their trapped customers and the public good with as much respect as they do their shareholders. Kentuckians are trusting you to do the same.

I have attached a PDF file of this document.

Sincerely,

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From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: your comments in case 2018-00294 - KU rates
Date: Sunday, March 03, 2019 3:06:00 PM

Dear Ms. Fernandez:

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

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From: PSC - Consumer Web Inquiry
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 10:56 AM
To: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <[REDACTED]>
Subject: FW: KU and LG&E rate increases

From: Lisa Fernandez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 10:23 AM
To: PSC - Consumer Web Inquiry <[REDACTED]>
Subject: KU and LG&E rate increases

To the public service committee:

I am writing this e-mail to you for my 80y.o. working mother who is scheduled to work during the only public offering of a meeting tonight in Lexington.

My mother has worked all of her life. She only has a 9th grade education and to this day, she

still works. She has to work in order to pay for her living expenses. Her social security barely covers her expenses of being a home owner and a tax payer. She is always so worried every month on how she is going to make it.

This rate hike of fixed cost expenses is going to be a huge increase for her electric bill. She is worried about the future in case something happens to her and she is unable to work anymore. The increase of any bill has her worried, but when a huge company is passing off costs so they can give their shareholders more money, that hurts the people that they supply. They have a monopoly here in Lexington, and with the corporate tax cuts that they received last year, it is not fair that they do not put those to work more for their shareholders instead of putting an increased burden on their customers, the people here in Kentucky.

She wants you to know that this seems addressed to people/companies to pay more for people that are going off the grid with solar energy. Again, KU/LG&E are trying to become a monopoly. It is not fair that this increase of fixed costs be increased, as they still have the opportunity to come back and ask for more increases in the usage rates.

We want you to know that she already keeps her thermostat at 66 degrees in the winter so she does not have a high bill and this increase, if given, will be out of her control to be able to control her bill even more. I don't know if any of you have an older parent that is trying to stay independent and pay their bills, but 66 degrees is already cold enough that I do not want her to have to live in an even colder/warmer home and in discomfort all the time.

We realize that everyone needs to make a profit, but the corporate tax cut should have made up for this need of an added fixed cost expense to every customer. I sure do not want my mother to have to keep working all the time to pay for some corporate greed. Nor do I think that any customers should be penalized like this. KU/LG&E should be able to manage their costs like their customers, but the customers should also have the ability to manage these costs and if they are allowed to increase a fixed cost increase, the customer will lose this chance to manage their own monthly expenses. Imagine this coming from every utility to people that live on fixed incomes.....they will be on the losing end every time you allow this to happen. Remember, you as overseers of the public need to think about the undue burden on the people that have worked all their lives and do not always have the opportunity to go and make up these increased costs.

We realize that you have to give them something, but it should not be increased fixed costs. It needs to be something that we the people can control on our end or in some type of burden that will decrease in time. Not something that will last without ever leaving once it is granted.

Please, think of the public that you serve, not the out of state corporations greed.

Thank you for listening.

Best regards,

Flo Fitzhugh, by Lisa Fernandez
Lex, KY

From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)
To: "[Clement, Catherine](#)"
Subject: your comments in case 2018-00294 - KU rates
Date: Sunday, March 03, 2019 3:02:00 PM

Dear Ms. Clement:

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From: Clement, Catherine [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, March 01, 2019 11:57 AM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case number 2018-00294

Public Service Commission: Please consider the comments below (and attached) about KU's application to raise and restructure rates (Case 2018-00294).

I urge the PSC to reject Kentucky Utility's proposals to raise the basic service charge, and to breakdown the energy charge into two components. These proposals have no justification and are harmful to Kentuckians. Some of the companies' arguments are simply bizarre and clearly manipulative: (a) KU claims that customers will better understand the service charge when it is expressed as a cost per day. This is absurd. This is a transparent attempt to hide the increase from customers. (b) KU claims that increasing the basic service charge substantially more than the energy charge will help customers by flattening their bills. This is absurd. Customers already can use the budget option to even out their bills. It may help the utilities, but it certainly will not help the customers! With these continuing increases in the basic service charge, customers lose the ability to control their bills by adjusting their usage. (c) KU claims that they want to breakdown the energy charge in order to educate customers. But in fact this breakdown would not be included with bills (and would make no sense even if it was).

But more disturbing that these silly arguments are KU's disputed claims about so-called fixed costs, about appropriate cost recovery, and about the cost to KU of efficiency and rooftop solar. Their proposals are

often simply false, are often unsupported, and are based on arguments that conflict with the way competitive markets work. The PSC is supposed to stand in for competitive markets and protect consumers from inappropriate pricing. I hope they will do so in this case. It is clear that the KU's goals are simply to guarantee profits, and to change net metering so as to eliminate competition from the roof top solar industry. It is not up to the PSC to help the utilities with either of these goals.

KU's proposals are reckless, and do not further their ability to provide safe and reliable service. Rather, in their efforts to guarantee profits and eliminate rooftop solar, KU is endangering low-income customers, and endangering efforts to conserve energy.

The continuing increases in basic service charge mean that customers are less and less able to control their bills by their energy use. For low-income customers the bills then become unaffordable and people must choose among paying for electricity, medicine, medical care, food, or housing. This is unsafe. If customers become disconnected, then they are not safe, nor is their service reliable.

For all of us, the increase in the basic service charge discourages energy conservation, and investment in efficiency upgrades and renewables. Therefore KU's proposals (along with their recent elimination of energy efficiency programs) would harm us rather than help us. A service that fails to use resources efficiently does not make us safe. A service that discourages reduction in energy-related pollutants does not make us safe. A service that discourages investments that could mitigate climate change does not make us safe.

KU's application to raise the basic service charge and restructure rates contains tortured reasoning and unsupported claims. Rather than promoting safe and reliable service, KU's proposals put us all at risk.

Thank you,
Cathy Clement

Catherine Clement
212 Preston Ave.,
Lexington, KY 40502



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Thank you for considering these comments,
Catherine Clement

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Lexington, KY

From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)
To: ["Terry Lee"](#)
Subject: your comments in case 2018-00294 - KU rates
Date: Monday, March 04, 2019 11:11:00 AM

Dear Mr./Ms. Lee:

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From: Terry Lee [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Sunday, March 03, 2019 8:35 PM
To: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <[REDACTED]> Terry Lee <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: your comments to the Public Service Commission

Terry C. Lee
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On Sun, Mar 3, 2019 at 3:02 PM Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) <[REDACTED]> 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.

Andrew Melnykovych

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From: Terry Lee [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: Saturday, March 02, 2019 12:04 PM

To: PSC - Public Information Officer <[REDACTED]> Terry Lee <[REDACTED]>

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

I will soon turn 65 and there is no retirement in sight; i have worked since i was 16; only to see big government continue to move the bar: for instance: i initially was eligible for social security at age 65; now i must wait til 66 1/2. The fayette county school system pulled a fast one on the citizens by taking the allowed increase of 5% on all our property taxes, and turned right around and gave us another 5% additional tax by bypassing the citizens ballot to vote on it, instead we were given ninety days to raise enough votes to over-ride their misdirected intentions and our representative on the school board retired, taking away our voice until to late.

The rate increases being asked for are way out of bounds:
34% for electric
23% for Gas

I just got a 2% increase at my job.
i am already working two jobs; who will make up my short fall for these utility and school increases.

The working class can no longer support the non-working class with free housing, medical, food along with outrageous increases of for utilities, school and even medicare.

I want a response to your determinations

Thank You,
Terry C Lee

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

From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)
To: [REDACTED]
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.

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

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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,

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

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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:

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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,
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