To:

Subject: KU case 2020-00349 and LG&E case 2020-00350

Date: Friday, March 12, 2021 10:11:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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

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

Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 9:11 AM

To: PSC Executive Director < PSCED@ky.gov>

Subject: FW: KU case 2020-00349 and LG&E case 2020-00350

From: Ann Adkins

Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 3:56 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer < PSC.Info@ky.gov > **Subject:** KU case 2020-00349 and LG&E case 2020-00350

Am writing to request your assistance and cooperation in establishing a fair credit for excess solar energy generated by solar systems. It is unreasonable for those who pay for a solar system to end up subsidizing a utility company, and a utility company who also requests a rate increase at the same time! Am requesting defeat of new net metering rules and that you support a climate friendly energy source. Our environment and our people need more progressive plans & actions. Thank you

To:

Subject: RE: I oppose LG&E and KU"s rate increase (Case #2020-00350 for LG&E / #2020-00349 for KU)

Date: Friday, March 12, 2021 9:36:00 AM

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From:

Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 3:38 PM

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

Subject: I oppose LG&E and KU's rate increase (Case #2020-00350 for LG&E / #2020-00349 for KU)

Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission,

I am a lifelong Kentuckian and a current LGE-KU customer. I pay extra to use space on the company's solar panels because I care about the environment. I live in an apartment, so this is the only way I can get solar energy right now, but someday I would like to own a home and have solar panels of my own.

Here are some of the reasons I oppose the rate increase plan:

1) It's wrong to jack up rates and disconnect fees when so many people are hurting.

KU's proposal will raise the average residential electric bill by \$12.85 / month, and increase its fees for disconnection by \$9.00. LG&E's proposal will increase the average residential electric bill by \$11.74 / month, and the average residential gas bill by \$6.17 / month. LG&E's disconnect fees will increase by \$4.00 for gas customers and another \$4.00 for electric service. This is the third rate increase sought by LG&E/KU in the last four years.

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The PSC should schedule and hold multiple hearings so customers can make their voices heard about LG&E / KU's proposals. The dates and times for these events should be publicized widely and the public should be given at least three weeks of advance notice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Cassandra Lyons
213 Sycamore Rd Lexington, KY 40502-1862

To:

Subject: RE: I oppose LG&E and KU"s rate increase (Case #2020-00350 for LG&E / #2020-00349 for KU)

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

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From:

Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 5:47 PM

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

Subject: I oppose LG&E and KU's rate increase (Case #2020-00350 for LG&E / #2020-00349 for KU)

Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission,

I am opposed to LG&E's third proposal to increase billing rates and disconnection fees in the past four years. I work with many people that are struggling to pay at the current billing rate much less an increased rate. I am especially against the flat per-meter fee that people are required to pay regardless of how responsible they may be as energy consumers. LG&E is a privately held company with billions in annual profits. I believe it's time to create cooperative solutions that are owned by the citizen consumers. A rate hike at this particular time when many consumers are dealing with the economic repercussions of Covid seems both cruel and unwise related to the larger economy.

The proposed rate hike is disproportionately carried by the working poor and communities of color. The increase will force some individuals to make difficult family choices that will spill into additional detriments to the local economy. Many of those detriments will be shifted to other sectors of the local economy compounding the costs.

For example - by going to a flat rate increase plan (per meter)LG&E gains the most within dense urban communities (where distribution is MOST efficient) and gains least in spread out rural areas (where distribution is LEAST efficient.) Put differently - urban communities subsidize rural communities. It's yet another form of systemic racism at worst and just plain unfair at best.

And top all this off by allowing LG&E and KU to rig solar strategies in their favor.

The word "public" is in Public Service Commission for a reason. You are not the Corporate Service Commission by definition.

At the absolute minimum the PSC should schedule and hold multiple hearings so customers can make their voices heard about LG&E / KU's proposals. The dates and times for these events should be publicized widely and the public should be given at least three weeks of advance notice. Because of Covid virtual options should be included. This is 2021. Not 1810.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Claude Stephens 1339 Hull St Louisville, KY 40204-1117

To:

Subject: Now is not the time for a rate increase!

Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021 7:57:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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

Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 2:23 PM **To:** PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>

Subject: FW: Now is not the time for a rate increase!

From: David Berry

Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 6:36 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer < PSC.Info@ky.gov **Subject:** Re: Now is not the time for a rate increase!

Thank you for your email. I believe the case number is:

Case Number: <u>2020-00349</u> (KU)

David

On Thu, Feb 25, 2021 at 5:10 PM PSC Public Information Officer < PSC.Info@ky.gov wrote:

Dr. Berry,

If you do not mind providing the case number, we would be able to submit your comment to the public record.

Thank you,

Karen

Karen L. Wilson, MPA Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601

Office: 502.782.7136 Cell: 502.330.2454

From: David Berry

Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 12:50 PM

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

Subject: Now is not the time for a rate increase!

Although I personally could afford to pay a rate increase, I am concerned for the well-being of my struggling fellow citizens.

Is it realistic to expect them to swallow higher rates during these difficult times?

I think not!

David

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David T. R. Berry, Ph.D.

Professor Emeritus

University of Kentucky

PH:

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David T. R. Berry, Ph.D. Professor Emeritus University of Kentucky

PH:

From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC)

To:

Subject: Kentucky Utilities Proposed Rate Increase.

Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 8:29:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Kentucky Utilities Company. Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. Please cite the case number in this matter, 2020-00349, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <u>View Case Filings for: 2020-00349 (ky.gov)</u>.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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From: Don M

Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 5:13 PM **To:** PSC Regulations < PSC.Regulations@ky.gov **Subject:** Kentucky Utilities Proposed Rate Increase.

Dear Messrs/Mses,

I have examined today Kentucky Utility's letter in which they detail proposed increases in their rate structure for the various classes of their customers. I am surprised and exasperated by both the frequency and extent of what they seek approval to begin charging more for electricity. It seems as if their last rate increase request hardly has had time for the ink to dry, and here again, is another proposal for more money to support their business operations. Rate increases are inevitable occurrences in the EPA targeted utility arena, but this is simply too much, too soon. If a business is well managed, increases typically follow the overall rate of inflation for the period of time that has passed since the last rate increase. In addition to the frequency of KU's requests, comes the ridiculous amount of additional money they wish to squeeze from their captured customers. This is a perfect example of what happens in a non-competition environment if oversight is lax. There is no value in wasting time discussing the probable cause of such an increase, i.e. weak management and neglectful long-range budgeting. Simply let me state that it is the Public Service Commission's responsibility to deny exorbitant requests on behalf of all consumers of KU's electricity. Your Commission's reason to exist is to do the right thing on behalf of the public and reign in these greedy and inflated rate increases. Do not forget that many customers are out of work and trying to support their family under the present dismal economic conditions. To add to that already sad situation,

increasing costs of over 10% for a vital service is blatantly ludicrous.

Sincerely, Donald and Linda Meisling 112 Greenwing Ct. Georgetown, KY 40324

cc: Governor Andy Beshear

To: Subject:

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Date:

Thursday, March 4, 2021 8:04:00 AM

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

Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 2:36 PM To: PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>

Subject: LGE/KU

----Original Message-----

From: gary Hamilton

Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 12:35 PM

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

Subject: Rate increase

Public Service Commission,

The callous rate increases requested by the utility company KU/LGE are exorbitant money grab from the overextended budgets of Kentucky families. The folks at Pennsylvania Power & Light have raised rates at every opportunity and the PSC has done little to hold the line on this "well regulated monopoly".

SSI raised the cost of living by less than 4% over the last 4 years.

Thank You GS Hamilton

To:

Subject: Case # 2020-00349 KU and Case # 2020-00350 LG&E

Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021 8:10:00 AM

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

Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 2:38 PM **To:** PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>

Subject: FW: Case # 2020-00349 KU and Case # 2020-00350 LG&E

From: Janet1

Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 12:30 PM

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

Subject: Case # 2020-00349 KU and Case # 2020-00350 LG&E

In reference to the Opinion article by Carrie Ray, Energy Programs Coordinator at the Mountain Association in the Sunday 2/28/21 edition of the Lexington Herald-Leader: It seems to me that utilities regularly request rate hikes very frequently (see the article's reference to Kentucky Power's rate hike request – the third in five years). At least it seems that way with regard to Kentucky Utilities in Lexington.

I'm grateful that representatives of various organizations intervened in the case of the Kentucky Power request. Thank goodness someone is advocating for reasonable rates and fair solar net metering policies. In light of the pandemic and the recent horrid weather, I can't imagine that Eastern Kentuckians have much energy and finances left to pay for a price increase.

Might I suggest that when considering the legitimacy of rate hike requests for utilities, the PSC in turn request from the utility the average salary paid to the employees and the salaries & benefits of the chief executives of the utilities. I would bet that when one sees the discrepancy between what is being paid to each group, one might think that perhaps the chief executives should give up some of their cushy pay and benefits to cover whatever rate increase

has been requested.

JANET PIECHOWSKI (Pe-ah'-ski)
3451 Saybrook Rd.
Lexington, KY 40503



To:

Subject: LG&E's case number 2020-00350 & 2020-00349

Date: Friday, March 12, 2021 9:25:00 AM

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

Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 8:55 AM

To: PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov> **Subject:** FW: LG&E's case number 2020-00350

From: Joetta Venneman

Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 11:19 AM

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

Subject: LG&E's case number 2020-00350

To Whom it May Concern at the Public Service Commission:

As elected leaders in the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Catholic Women Religious Congregation whose membership has devoted their entire lives to those people who are poor and in greatest need, we urge you to reject the proposed rate increases as outlined in 2020-00350 (LG&E) and 2020-00349 (KU).

As a group of women religious who have served those living in poverty and with low-income, we find this proposal unfair and untimely. First, it is our understanding that Louisville Gas and Electric wants to raise average residential electricity bills by \$11.74 per month, an increase of 11.8%. LG&E also proposes to increase residential gas bills by \$6.17 / month, an increase of 9.4%.

This increase will harm low-income customers and anyone else seeking to lower their energy bills by using less energy. A proposed raise in the basic monthly service charge, regardless of energy use, raises the ratio on the amount of earned income that low-income individuals will pay on energy. There is no incentive to conserve or use less energy.

It is also our understanding that LG&E and KU have each reported issuing more than 160,000 disconnect notices due to lack of payment. This harms those with the lowest incomes as the proposal includes raising the charges for disconnections and reconnections (KU proposes a \$9.00 increase; LGE proposes a \$4.00 increase each for gas and electric). Now is not the time for a rate increase that will make economic hardship worse for these individuals.

Lastly, the increase in this proposal follows multiple rate increases in the past four years. This is unfair and unreasonable. At a time when many Kentuckians are unemployed or have lost income and are facing disconnections and evictions because of the pandemic, the utilities and their investors seem heartless in their desire to deepen the pain of low-income individuals.

Any rate increase - if there has to be one - should be reflected in the energy charge that customers pay for each unit of electricity or gas they consume. Good rate design should not unfairly impact low-income customers and should encourage - not discourage - energy efficiency and energy conservation. The state average energy burden is 3%, but for low-income families it is much higher. For example, in Jefferson and Fayette counties, the average energy burden for people living at 80% or below of median state income is 8% and 7%, and it is substantially higher for people with the lowest incomes.

It is with this compassionate concern for those living in financial hardship and with low-incomes, that we respectfully request that members of the Kentucky Public Service Commission oppose this proposal because it disproportionately harms those living on low-incomes and is untimely for those who find themselves in stressful financial circumstances due to the pandemic.

Sincerely, Sisters of Charity of Nazareth 135 West Drive Nazareth, KY 40048 Joetta Venneman

To:

Subject: Ky rate cases:2020-00174 & 2020-00349, & l,g&e case 2020-00350

Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 3:54:00 PM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter. Best Regards,

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

Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 3:22 PM
To: PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>

Subject: FW: Ky rate cases:2020-00174 & 2020-00349, & l,g&e case 2020-00350

----Original Message-----

From: John Scott
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 1:32 PM

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

Subject: Ky rate cases:2020-00174 & 2020-00349, & l,g&e case 2020-00350

As a solar owner of 17 rooftop solar panels on my house,@811 Cramer ave.,lex.40502,I feel compelled to comment on the attempted power grab,both literal and figurative,by Kentucky's electric utilities. The bottom line is they want to control the solar energy market,and view homeowners as unnecessary competition. By proposing a reduction in The compensation currently offered homeowners thru a different net metering formula, They seek to disincentivize home solar ownership. I can tell you that I would not have invested a substantial sum in solar based on this new proposal. Nowhere in their calculations is there a nod to the capacity buildout investment they've saved on due to Private solar investment. Homeowners want the relative freedom from constant rate increases that utilities currently enjoy,mostly to satisfy shareholders. We as a country need to minimize fossil fuel consumption,home solar ownership affords that opportunity-much more so on the current playing field.

Please consider more than the utility side of these proposals.

Thank you. John g.scott

P.s.if they're allowed this rate change, what's to stop them from trying to make it retroactive in the future, thus cheapening my investment?

Sent from my iPad

To:
Subject: KU Rate Increase - Case 2020-00349
Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021 8:09:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Kentucky Utilities Company. Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. Please cite the case number in this matter, 2020-00349, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <u>View Case Filings for: 2020-00349</u> (kv.gov).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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

----Original Message-----

From: Jordan Lloyd

Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 2:57 PM

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

Subject: KU Rate Increase - Case 2020-00349

To whom it may concern,

As a KU user, a home owner and young person attempting find a home in Kentucky, I am deeply disturbed by proposed rate increases on customers in the midst of a economic recession and pandemic. I understand the need for funding to run a business as other costs are increasing around us, but there are many other ways to find necessary funding, specifically the salaries and payments of those in leadership positions. Are they making the same sacrifices as the average KU customer is going to be making with these rent increases?

I would encourage you to read the article by Kentuckians for the Commonwealth the articulate the inappropriateness of these increases and how they will disproportionately hurt poor people that are already hurting. You can read the article hear <a href="https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A_kftc.org_actions_fight-2Dagainst-2Dlge-2Dku&d=DwlFaQ&c=jvUANN7rYqzaQJvTql-69lgi41yDEZ3CXTglEaHlx7c&r=Nc_MN-7AEVA5Zaxf5x5WLw&m=jCq2-992HSW9BxeGvNWT930X-G5Kt1GKcLoaRpU6QYE&s=36msRG5ufEkSSQz0Z_bSeOiED8jx3DzAjDnAgezLGyU&e='s-plan-raise-

rates-and-hurt-rooftop-solar. Read it once, then read it again. Then do something about it. Don't settle and say "there's nothing we can do" or that "it's just business." There is always something we can do. Be bold. Be brave. Be willing to make a change.

Please do not support the proposed KU rent increase.

Thank You, Jordan Lloyd

To: Subject: Date:

FW: 2020-00349/2020-00350 Friday, March 12, 2021 10:30:00 AM

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

Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 9:17 AM

To: PSC Executive Director < PSCED@ky.gov>

Subject: 2020-00349/2020-00350

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

From: Karrie Bickett

Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 8:50 AM

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

Subject: Meter raises

Stop raising rates! And stop diminishing solar.

Please do not allow KU and LGE raise their meter rates! This is outrageous. As if they don't make enough money as is.

To:

Subject: RE: I oppose LG&E and KU"s rate increase (Case #2020-00350 for LG&E / #2020-00349 for KU)

Date: Friday, March 12, 2021 9:36:00 AM

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From

Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 5:09 PM

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

Subject: I oppose LG&E and KU's rate increase (Case #2020-00350 for LG&E / #2020-00349 for KU)

Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission,

I am . . . (add a few sentences here about who you are and why you oppose the rate increase)

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3) LG&E and KU also seek to rig the rules so only they can benefit from low-cost solar.

We are solar panel owners, with an in-ground system. People of all political ideologies are constantly asking us about our panels and want to get involved with solar. Being able to pay their electric bills with solar is their top priority! This could be a boon to our economy, provide jobs, and clean energy, but these proposed regulations would take us backwards and discourage people from moving to the future.

The utilities' plan threatens the future of locally-owned rooftop solar by slashing by nearly 80% the value of the credit a customer gets for each kWh of solar energy provided to the grid. The justification for this change is not supported by evidence, and would ruin the economic value of rooftop solar for new solar customers. It's part of a larger trend by utilities to re-write the rules so their customers can't benefit from increasingly low-cost solar panels. The Public Service Commission should reject the utility's net-metering proposal and replace it by using a fair methodology and a full accounting of the costs and benefits of distributed energy.

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The PSC should schedule and hold multiple hearings so customers can make their voices heard about LG&E / KU's proposals. The dates and times for these events should be publicized widely and the public should be given at least three weeks of advance notice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Leslie McColgin 6337 Shaw Rd Melber, KY 42069-8834

To:

Subject: Letter addressing KU Case Number 2020-00349 and LG&E Case Number 2020-00350

Date: Friday, March 12, 2021 10:04:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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

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

Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 9:11 AM

To: PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>

Subject: FW: Letter addressing KU Case Number 2020-00349 and LG&E Case Number 2020-00350

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From: Liz Sheehan

Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 1:23 PM

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

Subject: Letter addressing KU Case Number 2020-00349 and LG&E Case Number 2020-00350

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Hello,

Please find attached a letter addressing Kentucky Utilities Case Number 2020-00349 and Louisville Gas & Electric Case Number 2020-00350

Thank you, Liz Sheehan

Liz Sheehan

5th District Councilmember
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council office:
lexingtonky.gov



The Office of Liz Sheehan

Councilmember, 5th District Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council 200 East Main Street Lexington, KY 40507



March 10, 2021

Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd PO Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602 psc.info@ky.gov

Kentucky Public Service Commission:

My name is Liz Sheehan and I am a Councilmember in the City of Lexington, Kentucky. I am writing in response to constituent concerns I have received related to the proposed rate cases: Kentucky Utilities Case Number 2020-00349 and Louisville Gas & Electric Case Number 2020-00350.

Due to the historic economic strain facing many Fayette County residents, I am opposed to service charge rate increases at this time. Even a small increase can have an outsized financial impact on residents. Due to the pandemic, many households are facing financial strain in our Lexington community and across Kentucky. A significant number of folks are facing eviction and cutoffs in utilities because they are having trouble keeping up with bills when dealing with unemployment and slow downs in the economy. While some residents might be able to afford a rate increase, this unfairly burdens residents in our lower income sector. This is a time, more than ever, that we need to think about equity and avoiding disproportionately harming our neighbors.

Changes are also being proposed to solar net metering. Our council passed a Resolution (#0183-2021) on February 25, 2021 to encourage the Public Service Commission to duly consider this issue and "to ultimately decide in an equitable manner." This resolution builds on a prior resolution (#729-2018) passed on 12/4/2018 that expressed support for solar initiatives and making solar energy more affordable in Lexington-Fayette County. Solar energy reduces carbon pollution, improves air quality, and increases jobs as this fast growing industry continues to expand.

In sum, I encourage the Public Service Committee to not approve the Kentucky Utilities and Louisville Gas & Electric rate cases at this time

Sincerely,

Liz Sheehan

To:

Public Hearing request

Subject: Date:

Friday, March 12, 2021 10:40:00 AM

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

Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 9:15 AM

To: PSC Executive Director < PSCED@ky.gov>

Subject: FW: Public Hearing request

From: Margaret Stewart

Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 10:11 AM

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

Subject: Public Hearing request

Dear PSC members,

I urge you to schedule a public hearing on the matter of LGE and KU's proposed rate increases.

The matter is of GREAT significance and merits careful consideration of the public's multiple concernsrelating to this issue.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

Margaret Stewart Louisville, KY

To:

Subject: RE: Talina R. Matthews

Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 4:01:00 PM

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

From: Mary Swain

Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 8:40 AM

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

Subject: Talina R. Matthews

Case Number: 2020-00349 (KU) letter attached

Loretto Motherhouse 515 Nerinx Road Nerinx, KY 40049-9999

March 2, 2021

Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

Case Number: 2020-00349 (KU)

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To:

Subject: RE: Michael J. Schmidt

Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 4:01:00 PM

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From: Mary Swain

Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 8:39 AM

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

Subject: Michael J. Schmidt

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То:

RE: Kent A. Chandler

Subject: Date:

Friday, March 5, 2021 4:02:00 PM

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

From: Mary Swain

Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 8:37 AM

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From: PSC Public Information Officer
To: PSC Executive Director

Subject: 2020-00349

Date: Friday, March 12, 2021 8:56:10 AM

From: PSC Consumer Web Inquiry < PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 9:31 AM

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

Subject: FW: KY PSC Utility Inquiry

From: KY Public Service Commission cfilings@ky.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 10:43 PM

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

Subject: KY PSC Utility Inquiry

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 10:42

PM

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Name: Melinda Address: 2nd St City: Williamsburg

State: ky

Zip Code: 40769

Phone number where you can be reached:

Home phone: Utility Name: KU

State the nature of your concern: The rate increase for our electric with KU electric

Have you contacted the utility about the problem: Yes

To:

 Subject:
 RE: case number 2020-00349

 Date:
 Thursday, March 4, 2021 8:09:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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

From: Melissa Fortner

Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2021 6:16 AM

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

Subject: case number 2020-00349

Please hold accessible public hearings about this proposal!

From what I can tell, this proposal increases rates and disconnection fees, and reduces the amount of credit customers will receive for using renewable energy sources. This is exactly the wrong direction.

Electricity in our place and time is a basic need, and no one should struggle to pay for it. But the people who do struggle to pay for it already will be most hurt by the rate increase; those people from lower-income houses are disproportionately people of color and disproportionately people with disabilities, two categories of people who are hurt by our system in countless other ways.

Encouraging a switch to renewable energy is vital - we're approaching a tipping point, and moving too slowly on this already. KU should be doing everything it can to get as many people as possible switched to renewable energy. Anything less is short-sighted. More and more people are going to suffer and die because of climate change and (our lack of) response to it. And, of course, once again those people are going to be disproportionately from low-income households, people of color, and people with disabilities.

Both of these issues carry moral imperatives - the utility companies and the government

have a responsibility to make electricity available to everyone cheaply, and to lead us in the switch to renewables. Anything less is negligent and abusive.

Please hold accessible public hearings about this proposal!

Melissa Fortner 855 Cheryl Ln Lexington, KY 40504

То:

 Subject:
 2020-00174, 2020-00349, 2020-00350

 Date:
 Friday, March 12, 2021 10:41:00 AM

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

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

Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 9:12 AM **To:** PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov> **Subject:** 2020-00174, 2020-00349, 2020-00350

From: Nicolette Catlett

Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 4:39 PM

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

Subject: Increasing basic meter fees and diminishing economic value to solar panels

Dear Madam or Sir to whom this concerns,

As we are gaining ground in 2021, learning more and more about the climate crisis that is happening all around us, we are disappointed in your actions to make your utility offerings affordable for your community and the people of KY. As well as, making solar panels less "valuable" for Kentuckians because ???? there really is no reason to be doing this.

There are plenty of research in studies exemplifying that these panels are beneficial to our environment vs the electricity and products we have been using for centuries. If you could give the people of Kentucky a good explanation as to why you are increasing meter fees and reducing the value of solar panels that would be great. Otherwise please inform yourself of what solar panels can actually do for our planet instead of spreading false information or encouraging false information and instead be more open minded and informed.

I love my home state for the very reasons that we are open to clean energy and other ways to live in hopes to spread that to neighboring states and or others. Please be a leader in this

movement to encourage green energy and a better place for our current and future communities to live in.

Thank you

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Nicolette Catlett

To:
Subject: RE: KU case #2020-00349
Date: Friday, March 12, 2021 9:43:00 AM

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

From: Rosanne Klarer

Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 12:23 PM

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

Subject: KU case #2020-00349

Public Information Officer,

Please Take a few minutes to consider my concerns about the possible changes to solar net metering and the use of a new tariff in Kentucky.

This regressive proposal to decrease the rates of credit by 80% to customers who footed the bill to install solar panels on their home or business is punishing.

Solar energy provides good paying jobs in Ky (my son included)! It is responsible for the largest job growth in the energy sector.

Green energy also improves air quality and decreases asthma attacks which can be fatal.

Future generations will benefit from a more stable climate that green energy provides.

The problem of all that coal ash(tons of it are stored beside rivers) from burning coal will decrease. This will in turn improve our water quality!

Solar is a big plus when it comes to enhancing the resilience of our electric grid.

We were able to install solar panel in 2019.

Thanks for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely, Rosanne and Tim Klarer 374 Muir Lane Georgetown,Ky

To:

Subject: RE: Oppose case 2020-00349 **Date:** Friday, March 12, 2021 9:42:00 AM

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From: Roxanne Sturtevant

Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 3:19 PM

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

Subject: Oppose case 2020-00349

I am a concerned customer of LGE.

- It is **unfair to** increase utility revenue by charging higher **flat fees** for monthly service. This negatively impacts those of us who are retired and who conserve energy to reduce our bills. I hate seeing service charges for months in which I use no energy. Charges should be proportional to the amount of energy used.
- It is unfair to give lower credit to customers who produce solar energy on their rooftops than LGE charges for the same amount of energy!! A kilowatt hour is a kilowatt hour and there should be a one for one credit.
- LGE must be encouraged to move toward clean energy production. Any rate increase must be used toward building clean energy infrastructure. Our health in Kentucky is at stake!

M. Roxanne Sturtevant 3712 Trail Ridge Road Louisville, KY 40241

To:

Subject: Kentucky Utilities Case Number: 2020-00349

Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021 8:02:00 AM

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

Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 2:29 PM **To:** PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>

Subject: FW: Kentucky Utilities Case Number: 2020-00349

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From: Steve Kay

Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 2:57 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer < PSC.Info@ky.gov **Subject:** Kentucky Utilities Case Number: 2020-00349

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Kentucky Public Service Commission,

Please find my comments regarding the Kentucky Utilities Case Number: 2020-00349 and Louisville Gas & Electric Case Number: 2020-00350 attached to this email.

Regards,

Steve Kay

Vice Mayor Urban County Council





THE OFFICE OF STEVE KAY

VICE MAYOR LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL 200 EAST MAIN STREET LEXINGTON, KY 40507



February 27th, 2021

Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd PO Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602

Kentucky Public Service Commission:

My name is Steve Kay and I am the Vice Mayor of the City of Lexington, Kentucky. I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed rate cases by Kentucky Utilities (2020-00349) and Louisville Gas & Electric (2020-00350). In particular, I am strongly opposed to the increase in the basic service charge as well as the proposed changes to net metering.

Firstly, the increase in the basic service charge during the current economic crisis that has resulted from COVID-19 pandemic will continue to place undue stress on Lexington citizens. This service charge increase will unfairly impact our low-income community as they will be unable to manage their bills through utilizing less energy. In the past nine years, the service charge will have roughly doubled for all customers and our community is already under significant financial strain.

Secondly, the proposed changes to solar net metering will dramatically reduce the accessibility and promotion of solar energy for Lexington households, businesses, and nonprofits. It will prevent this industry from continued expansion and will negatively impact one of the fastest growing job sectors in the country. Additionally, the energy crisis currently unfolding in Texas has demonstrated the need for power grid modernization and decentralized power generation.

In sum, I encourage the Public Service Committee to not approve the Kentucky Utilities and Louisville Gas & Electric rate cases. These cases are inappropriate given current events and will continue to burden our community.

Regards,

Steve Kay Vice Mayor



To:
Subject: RE: Case Number 2020-00349
Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021 8:09:00 AM

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From: Steven Taylor

Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 2:49 AM

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

Subject: Re: Case Number 2020-00349

Hello!

I am a resident of Lexington, KY (specifically 820 Malabu Dr., Apt 201) using KU service, and I must oppose efforts to raise rates at this time, as well as proposals to slash solar credits.

Most households are facing high bills from cold weather while also being desperate for income due to the pandemic depression. To raise rates now would reduce many to pre-electric states, if not cause homelessness. That cannot be reconciled with any balance sheet.

As for the solar credits, the creation of energy via athome renewables is both the future of our power grid and a valuable means of reducing bills for homeowners. Since most homes cannot power themselves entirely on solar, any feedback into the system is going to be a relative trickle. Reducing the rate paid for that energy is, therefore, a motion of vindictiveness rather than economic sense. Y'all oughta be happy that sunny days are taking the strain off y'all for on-demand production, not punishing solar owners by reducing incentive to create their own energy. Y'all might just be promoting off-grid living for folks; why stay on the electrical grid if the grid punishes you for trying to take the strain off? And I know y'all don't wanna lose customers.

Thank you for your time.

-Mr. Steven Taylor

To:

Subject: RE: I oppose LG&E and KU"s rate increase (Case #2020-00350 for LG&E / #2020-00349 for KU)

Date: Friday, March 12, 2021 9:36:00 AM

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

----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 5:25 PM

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

Subject: I oppose LG&E and KU's rate increase (Case #2020-00350 for LG&E / #2020-00349 for KU)

Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission,

I am Teena Halbig, 6505 Echo Trail, Louisville, KY 40299. Both my husband and I oppose more LGE increases. Our current heating bill was received today and was EXTREMELY HIGH. More transparency and information is needed to be given to the public.

1) It's wrong to raise rates and disconnect fees when so many people are hurting during COVID.

KU's proposal will raise the average residential electric bill by \$12.85 / month, and increase its fees for disconnection by \$9.00. LG&E's proposal will increase the average residential electric bill by \$11.74 / month, and the average residential gas bill by \$6.17 / month. LG&E's disconnect fees will increase by \$4.00 for gas customers and another \$4.00 for electric service. This is the third rate increase sought by LG&E/KU in the last four years.

2) LG&E / KU's proposal is unfair to low-income folks, retirees and communities of color.

The companies propose to increase people's bills mostly by raising the basic monthly service charge,

a flat per-meter fee that customers pay regardless of how much energy they use. For KU customers, the service charge will become \$18.60 per month, around a 15% increase. For LG&E electricity the new flat fee will be \$15.80 per month, and for gas it will be \$23.72 per month. These proposed permeter fees are more than double what KU customers paid nine years ago, and nearly double what LG&E customers paid in 2012.

This approach to rate design – shifting a larger share of each person's monthly bill to the flat charge – means folks' bills rise significantly no matter how little energy they use. It unfairly harms low-income customers, people of color, folks and retirees who live in smaller apartments and homes, and others who seek to manage their bills by using less energy. Putting most of the rate increase on a flat per-meter charge also means that neighborhoods with a higher density of apartments and houses are essentially subsidizing the utility's costs for providing service in suburban or wealthier – and often whiter – neighborhoods, which have fewer meters over a larger area.

3) LG&E and KU also seek to make rules so only they can benefit from low-cost solar.

The utilities' plan threatens the future of locally-owned rooftop solar by slashing by nearly 80% the value of the credit a customer gets for each kWh of solar energy provided to the grid. The justification for this change is not supported by evidence, and would ruin the economic value of rooftop solar for new solar customers. It's part of a larger trend by utilities to re-write the rules so their customers can't benefit from increasingly low-cost solar panels. The Public Service Commission should reject the utility's net-metering proposal and replace it by using a fair methodology and a full accounting of the costs and benefits of distributed energy.

4) The KY Public Service Commission should hold accessible public hearings. Please do hold public hearings.

The PSC should schedule and hold multiple hearings so customers can make their voices heard about LG&E / KU's proposals. The dates and times for these events should be publicized widely and the public should be given at least three weeks of advance notice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Teena Halbig
6505 Echo Trl Louisville, KY 40299-5103

To: Subject: 2020-00349 & 2020-00350 Pate: Friday, March 12, 2021 9:12:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of Kentucky Utilities Company and Louisville Gas and Electric Company. Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. Please cite the case numbers in this matter, 2020-00349 and/or 2020-00350, in any further correspondence. The documents in these cases are available at <u>View Case Filings for: 2020-00349 (ky.gov)</u> and <u>View Case Filings for: 2020-00350 (ky.gov)</u>.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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

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

Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 8:49 AM

To: PSC Executive Director < PSCED@ky.gov>

Subject: 2020-00349 2020-00350

From: PSC Consumer Web Inquiry < PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 12:42 PM

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

Subject: FW: KY PSC Utility Inquiry

From: KY Public Service Commission cfilings@ky.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 10:57 AM

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

Subject: KY PSC Utility Inquiry

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Friday, March 5, 2021 at 10:56 AM

Name: Tim Ryan

Address: 1041 Shawnee Dr.

City: Williamsburg

State: KY

Zip Code: 40769

Phone number where you can be reached:

Home phone:

on

Utility Name: KU

State the nature of your concern: Louisville Gas & Electric and Kentucky Utilities are asking state regulators to raise rates on Kentuckians for the third time in four years, resulting in approximately \$334 million in additional revenues for the utility per year. The average residential electric bill would increase about 12% or about \$11.74 per month while the typical residential gas bill would increase more than 9%, or about \$6.17 per month. That's over \$200/year for the consumer electric bill. Here we are in a pandemic that's lasted well over a year and they want to jack up our rates. This is ludicrous! Are these people insane!!??? Please deny the utility companies from increasing our rates.... I'm also filing a complaint with the Kentucky Attorney General's office also.

Have you contacted the utility about the problem: No

To:

Subject: Comments: Case Numbers 2020-00349, 2020-00350

Date: Friday, March 12, 2021 9:16:00 AM
Attachments: HHCK PSC Rate Increase 2021.pdf

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Subject: FW: Comments: Case Numbers 2020-00349, 2020-00350

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From: Whitney Reynolds

Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 3:08 PM

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

Subject: Comments: Case Numbers 2020-00349, 2020-00350

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Hello,

Please see attached. Thank you!

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Whitney Reynolds

Director of Development & Grants Management

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Pronouns: she/her/hers



February 16, 2021

Public Service Commission P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

Via email: psc.info@ky.gov

Re: Case Number: 2020-00349 Case Number: 2020-00350

Dear Commissioners:

The Homeless and Housing Coalition, established in 1987, represents affordable housing developers, homeless service providers, and interested advocates with the mission of eliminating the threat of homelessness and fulfilling the promise of affordable housing. On behalf of HHCK and our housing developer members, thank you for the opportunity to submit the following comments in the rate increase cases.

Louisville Gas & Electric (LG&E) has asked to raise residential electricity bills by 11.8% and residential gas bills by 9.4%, and Kentucky Utilities (KU) is asking to increase residential electricity bills by 10.67%. These asks of the Kentucky Public Service Commission for rate increases are the 3rd asks for LG&E and KU in the last 4 years.

Of the roughly 125 households the Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky is currently serving, approximately 60% are in the LG&E or KU service footprint. Our clients would be directly and negatively impacted by a rate increase because they simply cannot afford an additional \$6.17-\$12.85/month added to their utility bills. The statewide moratorium on utility shutoffs ended on October 20, 2020. Less than three months later LG&E and KU have each reported issuing more than 160,000 disconnect notices due to lack of payment.

Now, in the middle of a global pandemic, is not the time to raise rates. It has become clear by the governor's allocation of \$15 million to the Healthy at Home Utility Relief Fund² in October, 2020 and the additional \$264 million Eviction Relief Fund³ announced in February, 2021 that customers have experienced severe economic hardship as a result of the onset of the novel coronavirus. Further, this rate increase application is regressive, as low-income Kentuckians in persistently impoverished communities will pay more as a percentage of their income than higher-income folks.

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¹ https://governor.ky.gov/attachments/20201019 Executive-Order 2020-881 Utilities.pdf

² https://kentucky.gov/Pages/Activity-

stream.aspx?n=GovernorBeshear&prId=422#:~:text=The%20executive%20order%20designates%20%2415,wastew ater%20or%20electric%20service%20disconnection

³https://kentucky.gov/Pages/Activity-stream.aspx?n=GovernorBeshear&prld=604



HHCK is also asking for Kentuckians to be provided tools to better manage energy bills. LG&E and KU must be required to continue the moratorium on disconnections AND late fees for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic and to offer options like reasonable and attainable payment plans or debt forgiveness for customers who cannot afford their accumulating bills. HHCK has directly interacted with and observed Kentuckians who have been placed on payment plans that require monthly payments of hundreds of dollars. This is neither reasonable nor attainable for those who have not been employed at all or who have been underemployed for nearly a year due to COVID-19.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment in this important public decision. Please feel free to contact me should you need additional information.

Sincerely,

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