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

Dear KY Public Service Commission,

I am concerned about another rate hike for LGE/KU. As a retiree, it is the one cost that I cannot control that rises rapidly. Our home is 30+ years old, but we have added insulation, replaced the HVAC, and installed an electronic thermostat. However, the electric bills continue to rise out of proportion to our usage. It is my understanding that KU's proposal will raise the average residential electric bill by \$12.85 / month, and LG&E's proposal will increase the average residential electric bill by \$11.74 / month. This is the third rate increase sought by LG&E/KU in the last four years. Their proposal is to raise the basic monthly service charge, a flat per-meter fee that we pay regardless of our energy usage. For KU customers, the service charge will become \$18.60 per month, around a 15% increase. These new flat fees are more than double what KU customers paid nine years ago. 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. I don't see KU/LGE controlling their costs. Please explain to me why a monopoly needs to pay for advertising. I feel certain those costs are passed on to all of the customers. If they come from the utility's profits, I will stand corrected. But I'm certain they don't. I have become more familiar with solar in the most recent years as we look for ways to decrease our carbon footprint and improve the quality of our life....by not having to set our thermostat at 62 all winter and still paying \$350+ electric bills. What I have learned appears very much as if the industry has controlled the regulatory agency in past years. The solar rules make it more difficult than it should be to switch to solar, even if only partially. Yet, KU/LGE put their solar farm on our road. I can't speak highly of the program because they took green space (costing several hundred thousands of dollars) instead of taking the free land offered to them by the Shelby County Commission. They wanted to be near the interstate. As an example of the negative effects on the future of locally-owned rooftop solar, they slashed 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. They should be required to provide real notice to affected customers when they plan rate increases and any building that would affect citizens. As an example, EVERYONE on Conner Station Rd had KU as their energy provider, yet almost no one received notice that they planned to turn our country road into a solar farm. When a couple of residents learned of these plans, they were able to get to the PSC at the last minute. Their pleas were heard and the PSC considered the arguments for a nano-second and then approved KU/LGE's plan. Please look closely at LGE/KU proposals. Evaluate the cost and the benefit, including who pays and who is benefitted. Also, evaluate the burdens and the benefits of all the affected. As we use less energy, purchase energy-efficient appliances, turn our thermostats lower, replace doors and windows, we still pay increases in the cost of electricity. As someone with a fixed income, these increases mean that we will have to give up something else. Does the utility give up salary increases?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Marsha Morris
891 Conner Station Rd
Simpsonville, KY 40067-7613
[REDACTED]

3/10/21

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Dear KY Public Service Commission,

I am Bailey Johnson and work for a company that owns solar panels. I've seen the economic growth that the solar panels have done for our community first-hand but it would not be financially possible if the value of solar panels diminishes for anyone to obtain them. Yet again, creating more of a monopoly on energy in our state. This is a step in the wrong direction for Kentucky. To propose such increases during a global pandemic shows the nature and values of these electric companies. Kentuckians are hurting and are constantly ripped off by energy companies and this increases that. Please help us to avoid these issues below.

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Sincerely,
Bailey Johnson
2401 Woodfield Cir
Lexington, KY 40515-1213



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Sincerely,
Ken Matheis
10502 Stonebreaker Rd
Louisville, KY 40291-4024



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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Dianna Crescitelli
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Georgetown, KY 40324-8852
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Dear KY Public Service Commission,

I am Kathryn Burke and I opposed the rate increase. The PSC should be promoting renewable forms of energy such as solar and wind. You should encourage the use of solar and allow all the energy produced to be used by the consumer.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
kathryn burke

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Pikeville, KY 41501-6518

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Dear KY 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
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Louisville, KY 40204-1117
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Dear KY Public Service Commission,

I am writing to ask that you make solar energy easier and more economic for homeowners to install. Please do not make rooftop solar more difficult or expensive for residents. I strongly support the positions below:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Joseph Mitchell
1924 Newburg Rd
Louisville, KY 40205-1424

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Dear KY Public Service Commission,

I am concerned about this increase. We are in the middle of a pandemic. People are struggling to eat and keep a roof over their heads. Increasing already exorbitant utility costs in bad optics right now and inhumane.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
April Clayton
430 Sara Leigh Dr
Richmond, KY 40475-2648



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Dear KY Public Service Commission,

I am a Lexington resident, renter, and aspiring future rooftop solar customer. I write to you in strong opposition to LG&E / KU's rate proposal, particularly KU's (case #2020-00349). In a time when when so many people are hurting, raising the disconnect fees by \$9 is incredibly insensitive and cruel. Kentucky Utilities is a monopoly utility, and it is their job to tighten their belt like the rest of us during moments of crisis-not ask everyday Kentucky ratepayers, who have NO CHOICE in where to get their electricity, to foot the bill. LGE/KU also propose to increase people's bills mostly by raising the basic monthly service charge, which sends the wrong message to Kentuckians like me who are concerned with energy efficiency. These proposed per-meter fees are more than double what KU customers like me paid nine years ago. I have personally invested in small energy efficiency upgrades to my home, with the consent of my landlord, in order to reduce my monthly bills in the winter. But raising the fixed monthly service charged like this renders my hard work less effective at taking control of my bills, and sends the message to me that KU and LG&E are only concerned with making more money off of poor and working class people, people of colors, and people who live in smaller apartments and homes. Lastly, the companies' net metering proposal is incredibly unfair and not based in evidence. 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, supported by the consultant they have asked to weigh in on net metering. I also request, as a Lexington resident, that the Commission schedule hold multiple, accessible public hearings ASAP, so customers can make their voices heard about LG&E / KU's proposals. The dates and times for these events should be publicized widely, should include virtual options due to COVID, should include times outside of working hours, and should be offered with at least 3 weeks of advance notice to the public.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Nikita Perumal
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Lexington, KY 40502-2121
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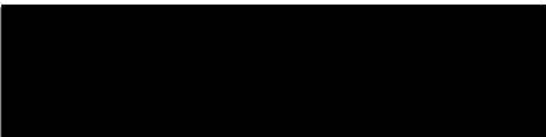
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Sincerely,
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I am resident of Louisville and request that there not be a rate increase, especially during the pandemic and unprecedented time in America. Please see my reasoning below..

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Pamela Moore
1840 Gresham Rd
Louisville, KY 40205-2424
[REDACTED]

3/4/21

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

3/4/21

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Dear KY Public Service Commission,

I live in Lexington but also have a farm in Lincoln County. I urge the Kentucky Public Service Commission not to increase the electric rates on the citizens of Kentucky. This is a precarious time for all of us, and at the very least, you should wait until we have full recovery from the devastation of COVID. Jacking up fee and disconnect fees when so many people are at risk is wrong and immoral. Your proposal will hurt the poor in our great state and disproportionately hurt People of Color. Why, why, why would you do this? Moreover, please go back to the drawing board and rethink how you can encourage the people of Kentucky to turn to solar energy to help fight climate change. YOU MUST LOOK TO THE FUTURE AND THE FUTURE IS NOT COAL. You have the opportunity to be leaders, not a sad Johnny come lately to the way energy will look not too long from now. Maybe you are not aware of how people actually live, and how they struggle. I would suggest The KY Public Service Commission hold accessible 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.

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Sincerely,
Sarah Lowe
525 W Main St
Lexington, KY 40507-1685
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Sincerely,
Debra Graner
110 Tulip Dr
Frankfort, KY 40601-3936
[REDACTED]

3/7/21

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

Dear KY Public Service Commission,

I am passionate about protecting humanity's right to harnessing the sun to power our lives. I am a farm worker of Kentucky, and every day I get to see how the power of the sun literally

provides every single living organism, including YOU, food & nourishment to LIVE. Imagine harnessing that same energy to power our homes and businesses, and not bastardizing the hell out of it so that it suffocates in the grip of greedy industry. We all deserve the ability to not drown in our bills just to keep the lights on, and even more, deserve the ability to just simply know about these hearings/decisions ahead of time. Doesn't democracy mean even lowly folks like myself get to be aware of the opportunity for a say in our future? Now that I'm done with the emotional argument...see below for the facts:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Mackenzie Houston
123 Water Marq Path
Georgetown, KY 40324-8331

[REDACTED]

3/13/21

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

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Sincerely,
Cassandra Kinney
115 Lois Ln
Morehead, KY 40351-2033
[REDACTED]

3/4/21

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

Dear KY Public Service Commission,

I oppose this increase in rate and my community is greatly concerned about how KU is running the Energy for this State. You will be replaced eventually with better energy and affordable rates! you can work with us now or you will be lost in the future. We are Kentucky and we are United! plus all this down below!!

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Sincerely,
Jacob Castle
1740 Gleneagles Dr
Lexington, KY 40505-2607



3/11/21

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Sincerely,
Andrew Van't Land
814 Oak Hill Dr
Lexington, KY 40505-3608



3/8/21

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

Dear KY Public Service Commission,

I am . . Margaret Ricketts, undue burden during pandemic. (add a few sentences here about who you are and why you oppose the rate increase)

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Sincerely,
Margaret Ricketts
412 Center St
Berea, KY 40403-1737



3/4/21

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

Dear KY Public Service Commission,

I am Jason Worms, a 12 year Kentucky resident and a recent adopter of residential rooftop solar. I am a big proponent of energy conservation and decentralized electricity grids.

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Sincerely,
Jason Worms
433 Pickett Dr
Covington, KY 41011-1842
[REDACTED]

3/4/21

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Dear KY Public Service Commission,

I am . . . disappointed in these companies wanting more money all the time. Why don't they help customers like they promise to and promote renewable energy instead?

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Sincerely,
Bonnie MACK
1818 Fallen Timber Rd
New Castle, KY 40050-6721

[REDACTED]

3/4/21

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

Dear KY Public Service Commission,

As a Kentuckian, especially during a global pandemic and severe economic slump:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Rachel Newton

7208 Sherbrook Ct
Florence, KY 41042-8068



3/4/21

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

Dear KY Public Service Commission,

I am a concerned homeowner tired of unopposed rate increases year after year and the unfair practice of removing credits from solar consumers who have helped built the network and now trying to be cut out and funneling the profits to the company without credit on their bills.

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Sincerely,
DM Honeycutt
1207 Isleworth Dr
Louisville, KY 40245-5221
[REDACTED]

3/15/21

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

Dear KY Public Service Commission,

I am a Kentucky citizen and a Kentucky Utilities customer. I am concerned about Climate Change and believe that both energy efficiency measures and the incorporation of renewable energy are essential measures for our citizens to take in order to avoid harm to our environment and our health. The rate changes proposed by KU and LG&E in their current case will decrease financial incentives for energy efficiency, and also decrease the return on investment for rooftop solar. For these and the reasons listed below, I strongly object to the proposed request.

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Sincerely,
Judith Humble
144 Lincoln Ave
Lexington, KY 40502-1514
[REDACTED]

3/4/21

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 writing to oppose this rate increase at this significant time in history. It is punitive to include disconnection fees, when the action is often due to income loss. Fees should be tied to usage, rather than a blanket service fee. With the advent of solar energy, the costs should be going down instead of up. This drive to feed investors simply lines the pockets of the top echelon at the utility companies and their politicians. Just say no to these rate increases.

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Sincerely,
Susan Bell
2895 Paris Pike
Lexington, KY 40511-9559



3/8/21

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

Dear KY Public Service Commission,

I am specifically concerned about how the proposed rate increases will affect the people in your service areas who are on the edge of poverty. People of all races, people who work hard to pay their bills on time-these are the ones you need most to consider. As a retired teacher and school nurse, more than 50% of the kids at my school in Bracken County were at poverty level. They are whom I ask you to consider.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Barbara Morgan
23 Licking Est
Brooksville, KY 41004-7959



3/4/21

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

Dear KY Public Service Commission,

I am a homeowner in Louisville, which suffers from an extreme urban heat island effect as well as smog, and an affordable housing crisis. And that was all before the pandemic. For these and the following reasons I urge you to reject LG&E/KU's rate increase.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Avery Kolers
1921 Deerwood Ave
Louisville, KY 40205-1203

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

Dear KY Public Service Commission,

I appreciate the work that you do, and I also understand that occasional utilities rate increases are a part of life. But I would encourage you not to move forward with increasing utility rates at a time when so many individuals have lost their jobs and incomes due to the COVID crisis. While the rates may seem modest for individuals with relatively high incomes, when people are out of work, this kind of increase could mean the difference between buying groceries and keeping the lights on. It will disproportionately affect the most vulnerable members of our community. This is also the third increase proposed in the past four years. This approach to rate design is problematic in itself. Shifting a larger share of each person's monthly bill to the flat charge does not give a benefit to those who conserve energy and try to keep bills low in that way. Putting most of the rate increase on a flat per-meter charge also means that neighborhoods with a higher density of apartments and houses (which are often lower income areas) are essentially subsidizing the costs for providing service in wealthier suburban neighborhoods, which have fewer meters over a larger area. The utilities' plan also 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. Finally, the PSC should schedule and hold multiple hearings so customers can make their voices heard about these 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. Our community is experiencing a very difficult and unprecedented health crisis at this time, and it is not over yet. The adverse impact of this crisis will be felt for many months, if not years, to come. Now is not the time for the utilities to exploit customers who are trying to be good custodians of their financial resources and the environment by imposing flat increases and slashing the value of solar.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Nicole Gaines
1137 Julia Ave
Louisville, KY 40204-1619



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Dear KY Public Service Commission,

I am writing to ask you not to raise rates on Kentuckians at this time. It has been such a challenging year, with so many losing jobs, losing home, and losing family member. Please do not place an unnecessary burden on people at this time.

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Sincerely,
Anne Blakeney
1221 Dee Dee Dr
Richmond, KY 40475-3015



3/4/21

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

Dear KY 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.

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



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

Dear KY Public Service Commission,

I am Kentucky Utilities customer in Lexington, and I am interested in putting solar panels on my house. I oppose this rate increase for the following reasons.

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Erik Hungerbuhler
981 Maywick Dr
Lexington, KY 40504-3138

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

Dear KY Public Service Commission,

I am a long time resident of eastern Kentucky. Unfair to jack up flat rates during a pandemic. Don't penalize solar!!!

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.

2) LG&E / KU's proposal is unfair to low-income folks 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 per-meter 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 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 rig the 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. 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.

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