

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: 2020-00349 (KU)
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 1:11:00 PM

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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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211 Sower Blvd.
Frankfort, KY 40601

From: Sophia Dovenbarger [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 1:14 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: 2020-00349 (KU)

To Whom it May Concern,

The rate increase for Kentucky Utilities is not what the people of Lexington need. I am a social worker that assists people in the community with their utility bills. I have spent countless hours doing intakes, getting to know clients, and calling partner organizations just to supply a few hundred dollars so residents can remain in their homes comfortably & safely. Most of the clients I service are single mothers who are trying to turn their situation around and become stable- even just break even. When electricity goes out, we cannot refer people to shelters if they are a unit other than women + children. The risk of COVID increases if residents have to stay with a neighbor or friend until they can get heat again. People already have a difficult time coming up with, let's say on the low end, \$50, after we already make our pledge to their account. Language barriers prevent those who have lost work in the pandemic from finding new work or reaching out to organizations that could provide relief. Others have to resort to asking for remaining funds that I cannot cover from family members they no longer talk to, domestic violence partners they have to depend on, or even go so far as stealing the money in fear they will be confronted with a more dire situation. Although the increase is 10.67%, this percentage could possibly apply to electric bills that are already \$800+ which would further put clients in debt. The increase may seem small to the companies, but not to the actual residents that are taking the fall for this decision. The companies are so detached from residents or so inclined with profits that solar energy is not even a consideration or in future plans.

Please, think of the people in Lexington suffering from poverty. Think about how this amount of people will only be pulled further away without having the proper resources and funding to resort to if this happens. I already work at an organization that helps supplement funding for them, but one drop creates a ripple. Not only will families be caught in a deeper crisis, but departments such as my own are being denied funding for further assistance. Every decision has an impact. Thanks so much for reading.

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Best,

Sophia Dovenbarger | she/her |

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
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-----Original Message-----

From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 11:41 AM
To: PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>
Subject: FW: 2020-00349KU

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

From: marilou johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 16, 2021 6:12 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: 2020-00349KU

Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission:

This email is to register our protest at the latest proposed rate hike by Kentucky Utilities.

Please do not approve this rate hike.

Many people in Kentucky are hurting financially. An increase of \$12.85 per month may not seem like much of a difference, but many Kentucky families are struggling to pay for food, medicines, and basic needs. The fact that locally our price of a gallon of gasoline has risen by at least \$1.00 has already impacted workers, retirees, students, small businesses - really everyone. Yes, many have received "stimulus checks" but without that money many Kentucky families would have been really

hurting. And once that money was/is spent, the prices of fuel and groceries keep increasing, so their is not really a net gain.

Personally I work for a non-profit as my primary job. My husband is retired, and my disabled sister lives with us. I must work a second job where I earn about \$3,000 per year, except because of COVID-19 shutdowns, I earned about \$250 in that second job last year. I am one of the many Kentuckians who DID NOT RECEIVE the Unemployment Insurance for that second job. So I worked Census for a few months to help ends meet. My husband tried to work a seasonal job but it was cancelled due to COVID-19. We still had less income than the year before. We have to budget carefully.

We pay KU for electricity on 3 properties. We are currently renting, while we are making repairs to move back into our family home, and have another property. So this proposed KU increase would be more than \$460. per year for us.

KU has actually DECREASED SERVICES to customers during the past year requiring that bills be paid by computer, bill pay agencies, or mailed in - no in person payment. This has been an inconvenience to me and an added expense to many.

Additionally, I had signed up for text notification when my bills were due. For some reason KU discontinued that service and on February 14, 2020 my Service was disconnected while I was working out of town. I came home to find my electricity was shut off on a Friday in February which required a reconnect charge and additional deposit. As I said - I did NOT receive a text warning of this disconnection, which I told the clerk about. She did not seem surprised.

So yes, Kentucky families are hurting. KU is not hurting. Some decision makers at KU seem to be GREEDY with the third rate hike in only 4 years. I wish I had 3 pay raises in the past 4 years!

Please deny this unnecessary and excessive request by KU/ LGE to increase rates on all of their customers.

Sincerely,
Marilou Johnson

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: AARP Comments on Dockets 2020-0350/2020-0349
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:52:00 PM
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From: Evans, Eric D. [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:22 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: AARP Comments on Dockets 2020-0350/2020-0349

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
DOCKETS 2020-0350/2020-0349
KG&E/KU GENERAL RATE CASE
COMMENTS OF AARP

April 20, 2021

AARP on behalf of its members in the Commonwealth hereby file the following comments on the proposed rate increase of LG&E and KU.

Many of our members are on low or fixed incomes. Others have been adversely affected by the pandemic. The amount of the proposed rate increase is simply unacceptable at this trying time.

Further, the proposal to raise the already-too-high customer charge for both electric and natural gas is also problematical. All such charges are already too high. They make controlling your energy bill more difficult. Lower use customers will see an even higher bill impact due to this rate design change.

AARP does not agree that the current customer charges are too low. Nor do we agree with creative cost study mechanisms that recover new costs in this manner. AARP believes the customer charge should recover metering and billing costs only and not be inflated with other costs.

We also urge the PSC to look closely at proposed capital spending and trim where possible spending to that absolutely necessary.

Regarding new electronic meters, we applaud the company for its tenacity. This is the third attempt to roll out automated meter reading. We applaud the creative proposal to defer billing for the new meters to 2026.

We also support the economic relief sur credit proposal which will keep rates lower.

Finally, we thank LG&E/KU for staying out of an RTO. Their decision to exit MISO years ago spared Bluegrass ratepayers the costs of having to pay to upgrade the grid in far away states like Minnesota. The new Southeast Energy Imbalance Market proposal contains all of the benefits of wholesale market without such costs. We thank Commissioner Talina Matthews for her leadership over the years which has led to this great outcome for consumers.

Sincerely,

Eric Evans

Associate State Director Advocacy and Outreach
AARP Kentucky
10401 Linn Station Road, Suite 121 | Louisville, KY 40223

Office: [REDACTED] • Mobile: [REDACTED]

"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy."

Rabindranath Tagore



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From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 11:33 AM
To: PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>
Subject: FW: Case # 2020-00349

From: Emily [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 10:06 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2020-00349

Good Morning,

I am a resident of Lexington and I oppose the rate increase in case 2020-00349.

Thank you,

Emily Jones

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Case 2020-00349
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From: Havana Bakery Cafe [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:52 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2020-00349

My name is Ernesto Barrios and I represent Havana Bakery Cafe in Louisville. I'm also an active board member of the Kentucky restaurant association.

I am a capitalist and believe deeply in capitalistic values. So don't take this as the opinion of someone with socialist tendencies.

You guys will ruin our city and small businesses with this stupid change. Specially the year after Covid when all prices are increasing for everyone, we have a labor crisis and inflation.

You already charge enough as it is between security deposits and all the bs fees. I know you have a monopoly to represent but please consider the unintended consequences of your greed.

Best regards
Ernesto Barrios
Concerned business owner

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Case 2020-00349
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From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 11:42 AM
To: PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>
Subject: FW: Case 2020-00349

From: Patrick Tallon [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 4:12 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2020-00349

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to ensure you understand that the effects on my business if the PSC gives KU the permission to raise rates at this time while we are still in the wrath of a pandemic. I am part owner in the Blaze Pizza franchise here in Kentucky and our 5 Kentucky locations have been hit hard like most other restaurants. The restaurant industry is based on razor thin margins and we have been forced to take significant actions to stay open in some capacity. The cost of these actions forced us to cut in other areas so we would not just pass the buck to the consumer during the middle of this crisis. We have had to sacrifice perks to employees, so we can have sanitizer and disinfectants in our locations. We have made many other changes just so we can do the things the people of Kentucky deserve so they feel safe AND secure when they dine out. (not only have we had

to battle through a pandemic but riots)

Now is just not the time to raise rates. We definitely are not making money right now and our forecast to do so will depend on getting back to 100% dine in capacity. Please put these rate hikes off until we all see what is at the end of this pandemic. Usage for KU will go up at the end of the pandemic so at that time are they planning to drop rates? I don't think so. I ask what they have done to get by such as we have? I know it is the easier thing to do, just jack up prices and pass the buck. How about do the RIGHT THING and not take the EASY WAY OUT!

Pat Tallon
Operating Partner Blaze Pizza
10350 Ormsby Park Place
Suite 202
Louisville, KY 40223

[REDACTED]

Cell: [REDACTED]

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Case Number 2020-00350 & 2020-00349/ United Keetoowah Band
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:53:00 PM
Attachments: [Objection Letter LGE Jim Beam Nat. Gas Pipeline_Redacted.pdf](#)

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From: Erica Gorsuch [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 5:17 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case Number 2020-00350 & 2020-00349/ United Keetoowah Band

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Good afternoon,

I apologize for sending our objection this way, unfortunately we did not have another email to communicate with. Please accept our comments on this project. If you have any questions please contact us.

Wado!

Erica Gorsuch

Erica Gorsuch
Assistant THPO/TCNS Coordinator
P.O. Box 746 4547 S Whitmore Lane

Tahlequah, OK 74465

Main Line: [REDACTED]

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Tahlequah, OK 74464

Cell: [REDACTED]





**United Keetoowah Band
Of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma
Office of Historic Preservation**



P.O. Box 746 • Tahlequah, OK 74465

4547 S. Whitmore Lane • Tahlequah, OK 74464 Phone: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] • Fax: [REDACTED]

April 14, 2021

RE: LG&E/Jim Beam Natural Gas Pipeline, Bullitt County Kentucky

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for consulting with the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma (UKB). This response is regarding the request from your office for a review of the project listed above pertaining to the LG&E/Jim Beam Natural Gas Pipeline, Bullitt County Kentucky. We have reviewed the information you have provided. We find after review of the information we find that we object to this project as is, for the following reasons.

- 1) The project locations are in the center of a historically and culturally significant area.
- 2) The UKB and other tribes have ancestral ties to this land.
- 3) This project will include ground disturbance.
- 4) There are multiple species of sacred wildlife, including both animals and plants in this area.
- 5) This project would negatively impact the eco system of the area.
- 6) This project includes areas close to or directly on the Trail of Tears (TOT) or another historic landmark.
- 7) The possibility of inadvertent discovery is greater in this area due to it is historic use and purpose.

Please note that due to COVID-19, response times are longer than expected for correspondences, because of the quarantine and office closures that have recently occurred. Thank you for your patience during this time. We are diligently working to complete all Section 106 consultations in as timely a manner as possible.

These comments are based on information available to us at the time of the project review. We reserve the right to revise our comments as information becomes available. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Certified Tribal Historic Officer/NAGPRA Coordinator, Whitney Warrior at [REDACTED] or by email [REDACTED]. Or Erica Gorsuch Assistant THPO/Section 106 Coordinator [REDACTED] and by email at [REDACTED]



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Thank you for your consultation,

Whitney Warrior

Whitney Warrior

Director

Office of Historic Preservation United
Keetoowah Band of Cherokee



From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: KU / LGE Rate increase
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From: Darrell <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 10:34 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: KU / LGE Rate increase

I think the main arguments against the requested rates increases is that these companies operate basically with no competition enjoy the ability to operate inefficiently and simply pass on the costs of those inefficient operations to their captive customer bases.

From their web site you can find a level of employee benefits that haven't been seen in most public and private companies in over 20 years. I have experienced first hand like so many others, the elimination of defined benefit pension at my company many years ago. This will eventually happen with civil servants as well because it is too expensive to maintain. Employees of LGE and KU not only enjoy a DB pension plan but also a generous matching of 401k....a very costly luxury today and they are asking the customer base.....many of whom have lost that very same benefit or never had it to pay for it with rate increases far in excess of the rate of inflation.

I don't begrudge the employees those benefits but find it extremely unfair that a captive customer base has to pay for it

Darrell Blair



Health



- Dental plan
- Express Scripts (prescription drug benefit)
- Family Assistance Plan
 - Child care referral
 - Elder care referrals
- FMLA
- Health Care Reimbursement Account
- Long-term disability
- Medical plan
- Short-term-disability
- Sick days
- Special Needs Rooms for personal/health issues
- Vision coverage
- Worker's Compensation

Wellness



- Disease management
- Fitness ~~center reimbursement~~

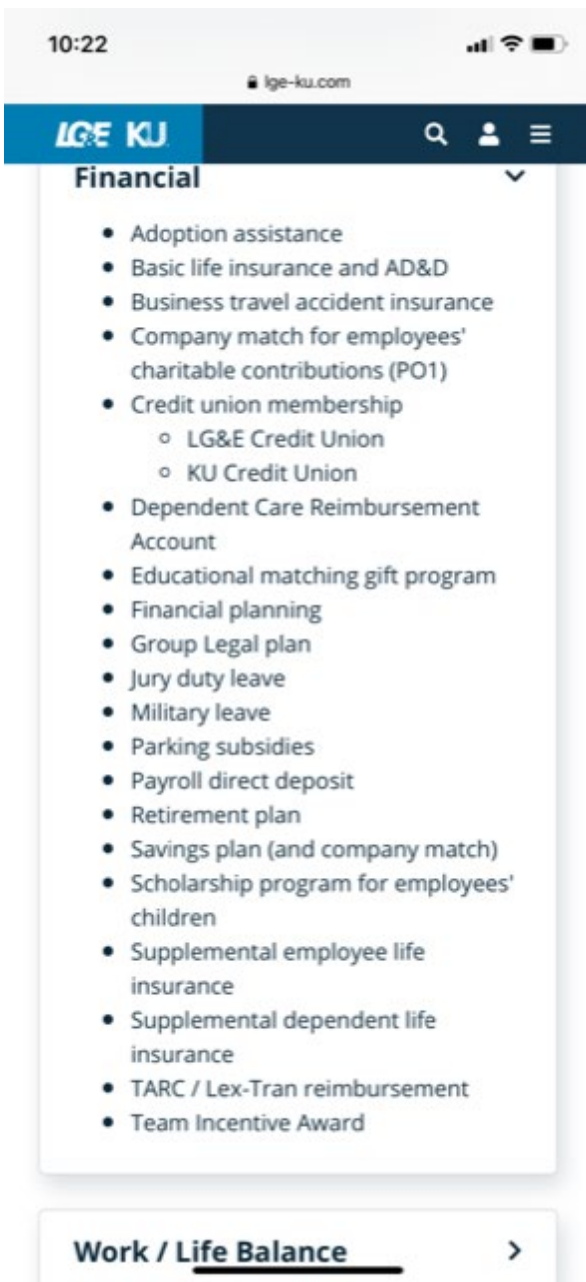
Work / Life Balance ▼

- Company-paid holidays
- Employee discounts
 - Cell phone carrier
 - Cell accessories discount
 - Company donation to nonprofits for employees' volunteerism
 - PO1 — Dollars for Doers
 - Concur (corp. travel agency)
 - Enterprise Rental
 - GM/Ford discount
- Floating holidays
- Home computer purchase program
 - Microsoft discount
 - Purchase retired workstations
 - Workstation donations
- Personal days
- Vacation days

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No



Darrell

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: LG & E Case Number 2020-00350; KU Case Number 2020-00349; KPC Case Number 2020-0074
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From: H. Michael Crawford <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 3:08 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: LG & E Case Number 2020-00350; KU Case Number 2020-00349; KPC Case Number 2020-0074

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April 15, 2021


To: psc.info@ky.gov

Re: Rooftop Solar Power Pricing (Case Numbers: LG & E 2020-00350; KU 2020-00349; KPC 2020-0074)

My wife & I not only purchase electricity/natural gas (from Louisville Gas & Electric) we also produce electricity by way of solar panels.

LG & E's & KU's proposed 80% reductions in the credit paid for rooftop solar panels; & the 75% drop in the KY Power Co. service area are actions that my wife and I oppose. These actions would make ours and any future solar panel power "net metering" uneconomical for is and the vast majority of Kentucky residents living in this combined largest service area in our state. Maintaining the existing pricing of "net metering" is fair to both the customer and the provider while taking reasonable steps toward a cleaner energy future.

Therefore, I strongly urge the PSC to retain the current net metering rate of compensation. This will help the growth of the solar industry and prevent it from becoming uneconomical.

H. Michael Crawford
7 Eastover Court
Louisville, KY 40206


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From: Nick Vavra [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 11:57 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: LGE/KU

Case Number:
2020-00350
2020-00349

Nicholas Vavra
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I have been a resident of Louisville for seven years and therefore have been a consumer of gas and electricity provided by LG&E during this time. Honestly I am not one who studies my bill. I could not tell you if the rates that we pay are in line with the rates around Kentucky or the United States. Having said that over the last couple weeks this issue of a rate increase has come to my attention. Also the fact that the company that provides my power is a for profit company. This same company makes millions in profits. I understand that the cost of doing business has and always will increase. What I do not understand is why the cost of upgrading infrastructure needs to be paid for by the consumer instead of a company just using some of its profits to do the work. Once rates are raised they will never come back down. Yet once the needed projects are completed that will just mean more profits for the company and higher rates for the consumer. If money is needed to provide power, I think the question is where does the money come from. The company has already received tax breaks. How is that being used? The company has profits? How are they being used? The cost of living for every family is on the rise and paying more for utilities will just place a further burden on them. Thank you

for your time.

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From: James Kay [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 1:23 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Cc: Brian Traugott [REDACTED]; Grayson Vandegrift [REDACTED]
Subject: Reference Number: 2020-00350 & 2020-00349

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RE: Woodford County Opposes the Proposed KU-LGE Rate Increase

Reference Number: 2020-00350 & 2020-00349

Dear Members of the Public Service Commission,

Woodford County opposes KU-LGE increasing rates. Raising rates right now will hurt our economy, our citizens and our County. The Mayor of Versailles Brian Traugott and the Mayor of Midway Grayson Vandegrift join me in expressing our strong opposition to KU-LGE's proposed rate increase.

We are in a global pandemic, an economic recession and uncertain times. KU-LGE's proposed rates increase will likely hinder our economic recovery and development, slowing growth and hurting our local economy. Small businesses will suffer the most, and they are already suffering greatly after more than a year of sacrifice and struggle. Woodford County is planning for a strong rebound, but the proposed increases will weaken our ability to bounce

back.

Like small businesses, many Woodford County citizens are struggling. There is widespread economic anxiety. The working poor are struggling to keep their lights on and provide for essential needs. Many middle class families are strained and a growing number are sliding into poverty. Increasing electric bills will compound the financial strain and uncertainty facing too many Woodford County families. Many of our constituents - in Versailles, Midway and Woodford County - believe that their current bills are too high, especially in peak usage times. Our seniors on fixed incomes see the diminishing value of their dollar and the rising cost of everything. Too many seniors are forced to choose between food and medications or paying their utility bills. Increasing electric bills will lead to devastating outcomes for many of our most vulnerable citizens.

We can provide more than anecdotal evidence. The City of Versailles and Woodford County have adopted individual utility assistance programs to help people struggling to pay bills. These programs are in high demand, above and beyond the LiHEAP program. Increasing the cost of electricity will add strain to many families and deplete our local assistance program funds. It is not fair for KU-LGE to accept local, state and federal tax dollars to help the least of its customers pay their bills and then turn around and raise the rates to drain more money and assistance from those who need it most.

This proposal will hurt our citizens, our businesses, the Cities of Midway and Versailles, and the County as a whole. The proposed increase will add costs to our governments, health department, fire and police departments, schools and churches. We are forced to make critical decisions on spending and budgeting, as our citizens, and we would respectfully request that KU-LGE withdraw its request for a rate increase and live as many of its customers are – within our means in these tough times.

I hereby submit this letter on behalf of the people of Woodford County and with the full support of the Mayors of the Cities of Versailles and Midway. Thank you.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

James

Judge James Kay
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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: LG&E/KU rate increase
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:51:00 PM

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 [View Case Filings for: 2020-00349 \(ky.gov\)](#) and [View Case Filings for: 2020-00350 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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I awoke at 2 am 4/20 and my power was off. I called LG&E to report it. I was on my cell for 55 - Fifty-Five minutes!! Listening to a recording to thank me for my "patience" every second!!! I assume either No ONE or ONE person was answering the phone calls! It was outrageous. I finally hung up because I was half through the power on my cell phone and I didn't want to lose all of it because I did not know how long the power outage would last. Fortunately, power was finally restored. And I see you are STILL insisting on a raise in electric and gas charges. You should be ashamed!!!! P. Oliver

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