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Kentucky Public Service Commission P.O. Box 615 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

RE: Case Number 2020-00350

To Whom It May Concern:

I recently received notification from Louisville Gas and Electric Company that said company is seeking an 11.81% rate increase on residential electricity and 9.37% rate increase on residential gas charges.

I am asking that the Kentucky Public Service Commission deny this request on the grounds that a rate increase of this magnitude is unreasonable and onerous on residential LG&E customers. This is especially true in light of the current losses faced by many of us during the global pandemic.

The notice explains that certain Environmental Cost Recovery Projects and certain programs from its Gas Line Tracker rates will be eliminated. If all (not certain) of these charges were eliminated, it accounts for 4.83% and 2.4% respectively of the electric charges and gas charges. Even if *all* of these charges were eliminated, the new increase would be a net 6.98% and 6.97% increase. A net 7% increase is still unbearable in the current condition of our economy and health crisis.

Please decline LG&E the rate increase they are requesting.

Best regards,

Steven M. Aldridge

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## NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in a November 25, 2020 Application, Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E") is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission of an adjustment of its electric and gas rates and charges to become effective on and after January 1, 2021.

The proposed rates reflect a proposed annual increase in electric revenues of approximately 11.6% and gas revenues of approximately 8.3% to LG&E.

The estimated amount of the annual change and the average monthly bill to which the proposed electric rates will apply for each electric customer class are as follows:

Electric Rate Class	Average Usage (kWh)	Annual \$ Increase	Annual % Increase	Monthly Bill \$ Increase	Monthly Bill % Increase		
Residential	894	53,134,815	11.80	11.74	11.81		
Residential Time-of-Day	894	21,176	11.81	10.78	11.80		
General Service	2,199	19,105,822	11.81	35.10	11.81		
General Time-of-Day	New Rate Schedule						
Power Service	47,109	19,142,978	11.81	559.26	11.81		
Time-of-Day Secondary	212,560	12,216,545	11.82	2,015.90	11.82		
Time-of-Day Primary	1,261,971	16,361,581	11.81	10,361.08	11.81		
Retail Transmission	6,736,478	7,690,372	11.80	49,297.26	11.80		
Fluctuating Load	No Customers currently are served under this Rate Schedule						
Outdoor Lights	91	2,876,570	11.90	2.65	11.93		
Lighting Energy	1,785	3	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Traffic Energy	268	(14)	0.00	0.00	0.00		
PSA	N/A	0	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Rider - CSR	N/A	0	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Outdoor Sports Lighting – Pilot Program	962	(1,638)	(10.01)	(136.45)	(10.01)		

The monthly residential electric bill increase due to the proposed electric base rates will be 11.81 percent, or approximately \$11.74, for a customer using 894 kWh of electricity (the average monthly consumption of an LG&E residential electric customer).

The estimated amount of the annual change and the average monthly bill to which the proposed gas rates will apply for each gas customer class is as follows:

Gas Rate Class	Average Usage (Mcf)	Annual \$ Increase	Annual % Increase	Mthly Bill \$ Increase	Mthly Bill % Increase		
Residential	5.4	22,318,158	9.37	6.17	9.37		
Commercial	33.7	4,911,902	4.86	15.90	4.86		
Industrial	558.8	(6)	0.00	(0.00)	0.00		
As-Available	4,157.2	109,486	26.09	3,041.28	26.09		
Firm Transportation	12,326.5	2,630,877	39.75	2,723.48	39.75		
Distributed Generation	0.4	(1,894)	(9.50)	(79.00)	(9.52)		
Substitute Gas Sales	125.0	9,170	4.82	764.15	4.82		
Local Gas Delivery	No Customers currently are served under this Rate Schedule.						

The monthly residential gas bill increase due to the proposed gas base rates will be 9.37 percent, or approximately \$6.17, for a customer using 54 ccf of gas (the average monthly consumption of an LG&E residential gas customer).

LG&E is also proposing an Economic Relief Surcredit Adjustment Clause, which will credit to LG&E customers a total of \$41.6 million over twelve months when new rates go into effect from this proceeding. Of that \$41.6 million, \$38.9 million will go to LG&E electric customers, and \$2.7 million will go to LG&E gas customers. For the first twelve months of new rates following this proceeding, a \$0.00343 per kWh credit will be applied to all standard electric rate schedules, and a \$0.00619 per ccf credit will be applied to all standard gas rate schedules.

LG&E is proposing to add an optional rider called Warranty Service for Customer-Owned Exterior Facilities. This rider permits firms that provide warranty service for the repair or replacement of customer-owned exterior electric facilities serving a LG&E customer's residence and connected to LG&E's distribution facilities and that meet certain standards to use LG&E's billing services to obtain payment for subscribed warranty service.

LG&E is proposing a new net metering rate schedule, RiderNMS-2, and renaming its existing Rider NMS to be Rider NMS-1. Rider NMS-1 will serve eligible electric generating facilities as defined in KRS 278.465(2) for which customers have submitted an application for net metering service before the effective date of rates established in this proceeding. Rider NMS-2 will apply to all other net metering customers. LG&E also is proposing new terms and conditions for Net Metering Service Interconnection Guidelines.

LG&E is requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and other associated relief to exchange all existing non-communicating electric meters in its service area with Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) meters and to add AMI modules to nearly all of its existing gas meters.

LG&E proposes to eliminate certain Environmental Cost Recovery ("ECR") Projects from its ECR mechanism and monthly filings on a going-forward basis. Also, LG&E proposes to remove certain programs from its Gas Line Tracker ("GLT") rate base and recover those costs through the proposed changes in base rates. The ECR and GLT project and program eliminations and removals will result in rate base costs previously included for recovery in the ECR and GLT mechanisms being recovered through electric and gas base rates.

4.83%

2.4%

respectively. The reductions in ECR and GLT mechanism revenues create corresponding increases in base rate revenues with no change in total revenues.

LG&E also is proposing changes in the text of some of its rate schedules and other tariff provisions, including its terms and conditions for electric or gas service. Complete copies of the proposed tariffs containing the proposed text changes and rates may be obtained by contacting Louisville Gas and Electric Company by mail at 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky, 40202; by phone at 502-589-1444 or 800-331-7370; or by visiting LG&E's website at lge-ku.com.

Notice is further given that a person may examine this application at the offices of LG&E located at 820 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky; the application also may be examined at LG&E's website at lge-ku.com. A person also may examine this application at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 SowerBoulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's website at http://psc.ky.gov.

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602 or by email to psc.info@ky.gov. All comments should reference Case No. 2020-00350.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by LG&E, but the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602 establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.

A copy of the Notice of Filing and the proposed tariff, once filed, also shall be available for public inspection on LG&E's website at lge-ku.com or through the Public Service Commission's website at http://psc.ky.gov.

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