To:

Subject: Public Comments - case number 2020-00350

Date: Monday, February 15, 2021 4:17:00 PM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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

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

Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 3:57 PM **To:** PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>

Subject: FW: Public Comments - case number 2020-00349"

From: Carissa Lenfert

Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 3:46 PM

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

Subject: Public Comments - case number 2020-00349"

February 15, 2021

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To Whom It May Concern,

Me and my family are LG&E customers. Increases to our base monthly bill will be harder for us to observe. We have income loss. We need assistance with energy saving tools for our home, for making solar more affordable, and other ways to lower our energy consumption in sustainable ways. Increasing the flat monthly rate does nothing to help us reduce our energy consumption. You are disproportionately hurting lower income customers if you allow LF&E to do this and it's harmful.

LG&E has a monopoly. We have no other energy options where we live. I urge you to do your job to protect the well being of the public against dangerous monopolies by saying no to this rate increase and asking LG&E to find new ways to raise funds and begin supporting local, individual rooftop solar.

Carissa Lenfert 3704 Old Brownsboro Hills Road Louisville, KY, 40241

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RE: 2020-00350

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From: spencer Drake

Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 6:52 AM

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

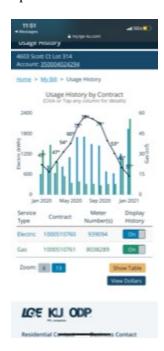
Subject: 2020-00350

I am filing a formal complaint against LGE as a company for a few different reasons. Attached is a picture of my most recent billing statement in which they are claiming that I used double the amount of both electric and gas in the two years that I have lived there. They asked me to provide them with the current numbers of my gas meter so they could confirm the accuracy of my latest billing statement. I provided them with the approximate numbers (as they had me round to closest number) and they confirmed that the statement was precise and accurate. The issue I have with this is I was out of town for one week of the month with everything turned off and I had the furnace off for two weeks out of the month while I was there. Additionally, this time last year there were four people living here and now there are two. Upon calling in and finally getting ahold of someone they explained that the gas meter reading was accurate and proceeded to explain to me that my electric is actually the part of the usage that appears skewed. At which point in time (Miles) tells me they do not have an electric reading for me on file. I then realized that my electric meter is in my backyard. My backyard is fenced in with security cameras and I also have two 120 lb German shepherds. My point is no one from LGE has ever been in my backyard for the two years that I have lived here so how could my billing statement possibly be accurate and correct?

Also I am writing in opposition to the 11% fixed rate increase proposed by Lge due to go into effect in April. An 11% increase amidst a global pandemic when families are already struggling to pay their bills is appalling. When LGE raised their rates due to the ice storm to help repair some of the damage, did they ever return the rates back to normal? No they did not. This goes to show that rates

only go up and are unreasonable at this point in time. I could understand if rates were increasing based on the average salary, but An 11% fixed increase is ridiculous. It does not matter if I conserve my energy and keep everything off because it is a fixed rate increase. I do not agree with this and will be looking for alternative means of energy or moving from Jefferson county all together. Please stand for what is right and oppose the LGE rate increase and please hold them accountable for guessing on my electric bill for the past two years!

Thank you Spencer Drake



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From:

Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 12:13 PM

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

Subject: Case 2020-00350

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

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to you regarding case number 2020-00350.

As a LG&E Customer, I am concerned about the impact of their proposed rate increase. I am particularly concerned because the increase will be applied primarily to the basic service charge for both electricity and gas. Not only does this impede incentives to reduce energy consumption, it also puts a disproportionate burden on lower income customers. The basic service charge for my three bedroom home is the same as the charge paid by my friend who lives in a subsidized two bedroom apartment. We both take steps to conserve energy (turn off lights, turn down the heat) but her average bill is already over 10% of her monthly Social Security Disability payment. She can't afford to pay more for utilities.

If rate increases are indeed necessary to cover costs, then they should be applied to the

usage charges, so that customers have the opportunity to reduce expenses by conserving energy.

My second concern about the LG&E rate adjustments regards the new net metering rate schedule, which will substantially reduce the credit for rooftop solar customers. While I do not have my own solar panels, I support Kentucky Interfaith Power & Light, and the Renewable Energy Alliance of Louisville, two organizations that promote the installation of rooftop solar panels on residences, schools, and houses of worship. LG&E's proposed net metering change will disincentivize households, small businesses, and non-profits from installing solar panels. This will negatively impact jobs and businesses in the solar installation sector. I understand that the PSC has hired a consultant to help on new, fair and equitable net metering rates for utilities. I am asking you to defer consideration of LG&E/KU's proposed changes to net metering until your work with the consultant in the Kentucky Power Company case is complete. Any process for designing and approving new rates for net-metered solar should include a full and rigorous evaluation of the costs and the benefits of rooftop solar in Kentucky.

Respectfully submitted, Pamela Raidt 1888 Douglass Blvd. Louisville, KY 40205

To:

RE: LG&E-KU Rate Case

Subject: Date:

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----Original Message-----

From: Carolyn King

Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 10:04 AM

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

Subject: LG&E-KU Rate Case

Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission,

I SAY NO LG& E RAISING THEIR RATES

AND REDUCING THE VALUE OF SOLAR ENERGY.

LG& E SHOULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR OFFENCES

AND DESTRUCTIVE WAYS.

Respectfully,

Carolyn King Louisville, KY

To:

RE: LGE & KU rate hike

Subject: Date:

Monday, February 15, 2021 4:15:00 PM

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From: Greg Moore

Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 3:35 PM

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

Subject: LGE & KU rate hike

To the Public Information Officer

I write to you about the proposal to raise the residential charges for electricity and gas services. This is a drastic amount of money to add to the electric/gas bill. Of course, we understand that ten million Americans have been laid off/fired/terminated from their employment. For them, the bill is a hardship without income. And to raise the bill will be insufferable.

If these people are evicted from their homes, no one will use gas or electricity. And raising the cost before they again find housing, will be an additional hardship.

Although there is the investment made by the utilities companies, I believe that those companies should consider the wherewithal of the customers. Yes, without raising the costs passed to the customers, there will be less profit to extend to the corporations and their shareholders. This might be one of the risks involved in making an investment.

I also speak for senior citizens including myself. For me, an extra \$20.00 per month added to my utility bill changes my lifestyle. Yes, that could include a shirt this year, or a charitable donation. I think that our social security benefit is to rise less than 2%. That would be a fair and equitable raise to our utility bills.

Thank you,

Gregory H. Moore 3226 Pomeroy Drive Louisville, KY 40220

To: Subject:

RE: LGE RATE INCREASE

Subject
Date:

Monday, February 15, 2021 4:16:00 PM

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From: GUMBYS GOODIES

Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 4:08 PM

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

Subject: LGE RATE INCREASE

To Whom it May Concern:

Re: Case # 2020-00350 - LGE RATE INCREASE

Please take proper concern and understanding in my resistance to the proposed rate increase for Gas and Electric Services in Louisville and Jefferson County in Kentucky.

As a single woman of 68 years, I am on a very limited income, receiving only Social Security benefits which do not cover all my bills. Although I have owned a successful Catering Company for the last 26 years, I am no longer able to service my primarily corporate clients, as most offices have sent their workers home. Additionally, weddings and other events of large gatherings are not allowed for us to cater at this time of the pandemic. My last work was in February of 2020, one year ago.

A rate increase of such you have requested would be devastating to both my very restricted home budget, and my catering business, my only source of viable income. However, I am required to continue to pay for the brick and mortar, even though I have no income from the business.

I, like so many other Seniors, Singles, and Independent Business Owners are struggling desperately now with the concerns of the Covid virus and the severe economic downturn, with no immediate relief in sight.

We have all endured previous rate increases with the understanding of your needs for new equipment, line repair/replacements, etc. While I don't underestimate any of these needs, this is simply not a time to ask your customers, especially those of us who are long-standing ones, to fulfill your requests when we cannot take care of our own dire needs.

I feel everyone must tighten one's own belts, and you must be included in this effort. Ask your well-paid employees to join in the fight on a temporary basis, as the future will be brighter. But for now, it is mandatory for us to <u>ALL</u> work together, and so many of us are doing our very best to do just that, and must require your company to do the same.

I wish to absolutely register my protest against any rate increase.

Thank you.

Phyllis Cornwell

Gumby's Custom Catering

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