To:

**Subject:** FW: AARP Comments on Dockets 2020-0350/2020-0349

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:52:00 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:** Evans, Eric D.

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:22 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer < <a href="mailto:PSC.Info@ky.gov">PSC.Info@ky.gov</a>>

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

"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



**To:** PSC Executive Director **Subject:** FW: Case 2020-00349

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:41:00 PM

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

From: Havana Bakery Cafe

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

To:

**Subject:** FW: Case 2020-00350

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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:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 10:12 AM **To:** PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>

**Subject:** FW: Case 2020-00350

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From: Eatherly, Kip

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 5:12 PM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer < <a href="mailto:PSC.Info@ky.gov">PSC.Info@ky.gov</a>>

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

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Please see the attached letter signed by 24 of 26 Louisville Metro Council members regarding case number 2020-00350.

If you need any further information, please let us know.

Kip Eatherly
District 17 Legislative Aide
Office of Metro Councilman Markus Winkler
(502) 574-3462



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April 19, 2021

Linda Bridwell
Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
P.O. Box 615
Frankfort, KY 40601-0615

RE: Case No. 2020-00350; Electronic Application of Louisville Gas and Electric Company for an Adjustment of Its Electric and Gas Rates, a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Deploy Advanced Meter Infrastructure, Approval of Certain Regulatory and Accounting Treatments, and Establishment of a One-Year Surcredit

#### Director Bridwell:

We, the undersigned members of Louisville Metro Council, write to you to express our objection to the increased rates proposed by LG&E. As the Commonwealth's largest municipality, we challenge LG&E's proposed increases to its customer's rates, to its customer's fixed charges, and Metro's street lighting expenses. There is never a good time for a rate increase, but increases of this size especially should not be granted now as we attempt to recover from this year-long pandemic.

Each year, Louisville Metro pays an average of \$13 million to LG&E for its services. Of its \$13 million annual expense, Metro pays approximately \$5.5 million for streetlights. As Mr. Bunch, Louisville and Lexington's expert, stated in his direct testimony filed in this case, "Imposing more equitable rates of return is not only a matter of fairness to municipal budgets, but also a question of fairness so that those who use the streetlights pay for them. Many individuals, beyond the citizens of a municipality, obtain benefits from the streetlights provided by the municipality. Street lighting is a public service that creates value to all ratepayers. Even ratepayers who live outside of Lexington and Louisville benefit from street lighting when they visit those cities." Rapid conversion of streetlights to LED, as Metro stated in its expert testimony, would substantially benefit the entire community, both environmentally and economically.

In addition, the attempt to shift more payments to fixed charges harms lower income people and senior citizens and discourages energy conservation. We strongly oppose any increases to the fixed charges. These are payments our citizens pay no matter how much, if any, energy they use. It is a

needless expense in these difficult times and one that will be acutely felt by those already facing difficult times.

Net metering rates as proposed by LG&E will discourage more solar when we should be moving in the direction of more, not less, environmentally sound energy policies. Net metering will affect our resident's abilities to recover for environmentally favorable energy resources that is produced and paid for by the customer. As the Council indicated when it passed Resolution No. 009-2020 last year, we believe it is very important for LG&E to start the process to move toward greener energy options. In order to reach these goals, the Commonwealth, Louisville Metro, and LG&E need to begin the planning process now.

We encourage increased support for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and other efforts to support citizens in need, including reducing deposits and debt waivers for reconnection.

Finally, many of our small businesses are struggling to keep their doors open, much less thrive. Maintaining operations in the current climate is a precarious situation where even the smallest adjustment can have consequences. A significant increase in the cost of gas and/or electric further tips the scales against these business owners, hurting them and those they employ in the process.

We appreciate the time and attention the Commission will be giving this matter. Please know of its importance to each and every citizen within your jurisdiction. We are counting on you to reach a fair and equitable decision in this very consequential case.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jessica Green JESSICA GREEN Council District 1	/s/ Barbara Shanklin BARBARA SHANKLIN Council District 2	/s/ Keisha Dorsey KEISHA DORSEY Council District 3
/s/ Jecorey Arthur JECOREY ARTHUR Council District 4	/s/ Donna Purvis DONNA PURVIS Council District 5	/s/ Paula McCraney PAULA MCCRANEY Council District 7
/s/ Cassie Chambers Armstrong CASSIE CHAMBERS ARMSTRONG Council District 8	/s/ Bill Hollander BILL HOLLANDER Council District 9	/s/ Kevin Kramer KEVIN KRAMER Council District 11

/s/ Rick Blackwell RICK BLACKWELL	/s/ Mark Fox MARK FOX	<u>/s/ Cindi Fowler</u> CINDI FOWLER
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/s/ Marilyn Parker	/s/ Anthony Piagentini	/s/ Stuart Benson
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Council District 18	Council District 19	Council District 20
/s/ Nicole George NICOLE GEORGE	/s/ Robin Engel ROBIN ENGEL	/s/ James Peden JAMES PEDEN
Council District 21	Council District 22	Council District 23
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/s/ Madonna Flood	/s/ Amy Holton Stewart	/s/ Brent Ackerson
MADONNA FLOOD	AMY HOLTON STEWART	BRENT ACKERSON
Council District 24	Council District 25	Council District 26

To:

Subject: FW: Case Number 2020-00350 & 2020-00349/ United Keetoowah Band

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:53:00 PM

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Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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

From: Erica Gorsuch

Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 5:17 PM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer < <a href="mailto:PSC.Info@ky.gov">PSC.Info@ky.gov</a>>

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 comment s 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





# 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:

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.

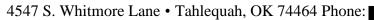
Please note that due to COVID-19, response times are longer than expected for correspondences, because of the quarantine and office closures that have recently occurred. Thank you for your patience during this time. We are diligently working to complete all Section 106 consultations in as timely a manner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

These comments are based on information availa	able to us at the tir	ne of the project re	view. We
reserve the right to revise our comments as infor	mation becomes a	vailable. If you hav	ve any
questions or concerns, please contact our Certific	ed Tribal Historic	Officer/NAGPRA	
Coordinator, Whitney Warrior at	or by email		. Or Erica
Gorsuch Assistant THPO/Section 106 Coordinate	tor	and by email at	



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







• Fax:

Thank you for your consultation,

Whitney Warrior

Whitney Warrior Director Office of Historic Preservation United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee

To: Subject:

FW: Case Number 2020-00350

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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:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 9:17 AM **To:** PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov> **Subject:** FW: Case Number 2020-00350

From: Jason Coslow

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 12:54 PM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer < <a href="mailto:PSC.Info@ky.gov">PSC.Info@ky.gov</a>>

Subject: FW: Case Number 2020-00350

I would like to ask the PCS not to allow a change in net metering rates. My wife and I have produced 26 MWh over the last 4 years the current 1:1 ratio has allowed us to recapture 10% of our investment – while our specific roof design was unique (more costly for production) we invested in Kentucky for the following reasons.

- 1) Coal ash leaches chemicals into our shared waters, and the legacy costs of these fossil fuel decisions as we see in Georgia today, are in the billions, we do not wish to run our lights today, and force the next generation to figure it out, and pay.
- 2) A warming planet continues to create unprecedented losses of biodiversity, "100" year events and and and.
- 3) If you had an option to live next to a solar array or a coal plant what would you pick we

continue to see the destruction to our lungs and lives (Cancer) because of this expensive coal.

In summary make Solar Fair for Kentucky, and allow us to grow the future of tomorrow vs. continue to do harm to our future, rooftop solar has zero chance in Kentucky without 1:1 credits, and LG&E knows this, look at how much they have spent to lobby this fact. Lastly – the Solar Share program shows, that we have huge demand in Kentucky for Green energy they can't even build the solar farm fast enough to keep up – but they want to keep the options to LG&E or LG&E.

To:
Subject: FW: KU / LGE Rate increase

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:54:00 PM

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From: Darrell

**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

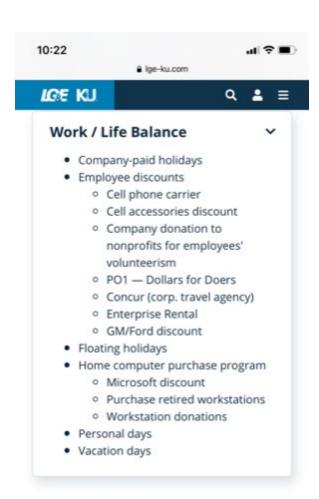


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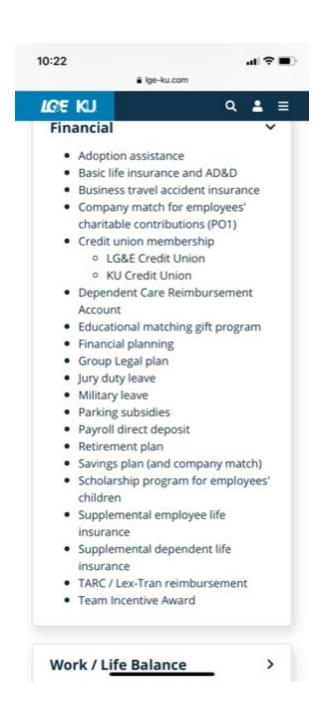
- Dental plan
- Express Scripts (prescription drug benefit)
- Family Assistance Plan
  - o Child care referral
  - o Elder care referrals
- FMLA
- Health Care Reimbursement Account
- · Long-term disability
- Medical plan
- · Short-term-disability
- Sick days
- Special Needs Rooms for personal/health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

### Wellness

- Disease management
- Fitness center reimbursement







Darrell

To:
Subject: FW: KY PSC Utility Inquiry

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:10:00 PM

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

**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 11:12 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: Thursday, April 15, 2021 10:29 AM

**To:** PSC Consumer Web Inquiry < <a href="mailto:PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov">PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov</a>>

**Subject:** KY PSC Utility Inquiry

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 10:28 AM

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Name: Vivian Helton

Address: 879 Eastern Pkwy

City: Louisville State: KY

Zip Code: 40217

Phone number where you can be reached:

Home phone:

Utility Name: LG&E

State the nature of your concern: Yes, I am writing to veto the raise that LG&E wants again! I am 75 and paying almost 400.00 a month. With that and Water I pay around 600.00 a month I cannot afford this, nor can a lot of my friends. Please do not let this happen. I would appreciate anything you can do to prevent this.

Have you contacted the utility about the problem: No

To:
Subject: FW: KY PSC Utility Inquiry

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:10:00 PM

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

**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 8:30 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: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 4:25 PM

**To:** PSC Consumer Web Inquiry < <a href="mailto:PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov">PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov</a>>

**Subject:** KY PSC Utility Inquiry

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 4:25 PM

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Name: JACKIE CALLAWAY Address: 7208 Whipple Rd.

City: Louisville State: KY

Zip Code: 40272

Phone number where you can be reached:

Home phone:

Utility Name: case # 2020-00350

State the nature of your concern: Jackie Callaway. Catfish Haven lake bar & grill. 7208 Whipple Rd. Lou. Ky 40272. Case #2020-00350. My utility bill is enormous now. As a business that has been hurt by the shut downs from covid and lg&e trying to hike the cost, it really hurts my business. prices are going up on everything, and bar & grills are doing good to

stay open with all the limitations they have put on everyone. we didn't have to go back to buying oil from other countries. the consumer should not have to pay the price for the big companies playing politics. should have left the shit alone .like it was. I may not be here next winter, and then you will be losing out on \$1500.00 - \$2000.00 a month you are getting now. count your blessings and leave well enough alone.

Have you contacted the utility about the problem: No

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To:
Subject: FW: KY PSC Utility Inquiry

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

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:53 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: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:38 AM

**To:** PSC Consumer Web Inquiry < <a href="mailto:PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov">PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov</a>>

**Subject:** KY PSC Utility Inquiry

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 9:38 AM

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Name: Barbara K Dutschke Address: 1259 Royal Ave

City: Louisville

State: KY

Zip Code: 40204

Phone number where you can be reached:

Home phone:

Utility Name: Louisville Gas & Electric

State the nature of your concern: Case# 2020-00350 I am totally opposed to the latest proposal

to raise rates. With the impact of Covid we are all just trying to survive financially.

Additionally this increase would have a disproportionate impact on low-income families and put more people at risk of losing their homes. Barbara Kay Dutschke 1259 Royal Ave.

on

Louisville KY 40204
Have you contacted the utility about the problem: No

To:

Subject: FW: LG & E Case Number 2020-00350; KU Case Number 2020-00349; KPC Case Number 2020-0074

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

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 11:44 AM **To:** PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>

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

**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 3:08 PM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer < <a href="mailto:PSC.Info@ky.gov">PSC.Info@ky.gov</a>>

**Subject:** LG & E Case Number 2020-00350; KU Case Number 2020-00349; KPC Case Number 2020-

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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

To:

Subject: FW: LGE/KU

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From: Nick Vavra

**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 11:57 AM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer < <a href="mailto:PSC.Info@ky.gov">PSC.Info@ky.gov</a>>

**Subject:** LGE/KU

Case Number: 2020-00350 2020-00349

Nicholas Vavra 4709 Railroad Ave Louisville, KY 40258

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.

To:

**Subject:** FW: Reference Number: 2020-00350 & 2020-00349

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:52:00 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 <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: James Kay

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 1:23 PM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer < <a href="mailto:PSC.Info@ky.gov">PSC.Info@ky.gov</a>>

**Cc:** Brian Traugott Grayson Vandegrift

**Subject:** Reference Number: 2020-00350 & 2020-00349

Kentucky Public Service Commission

Address: P.O. Box 615, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

Phone: (502) 564-3940 Fax: (502) 564-3460

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 Woodford County Judge/Executive

103 S. Main St. Versailles, KY 40383

County Website: <u>www.woodfordcounty.ky.gov</u>

County Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/WoodfordCountyKY">https://www.facebook.com/WoodfordCountyKY</a>

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To:

**Subject:** RE: case 2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:31:00 PM

Thank you for your comments on the application of 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 number in this matter, 2020-00350, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <u>View Case Filings for: 2020-00350 (kv.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

----Original Message-----

From: Susan

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 8:55 AM

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

Subject: RE: case 2020-00350

To whom it may concern,

My name is Susan Means. I am a resident of Jefferson county, KY.

I am writing today about LG&E's proposal to raise rates on has and electricity during the pandemic. People are already struggling to pay mortgages, rents, buy food and pay bills. How is it going to help me stay in my home and keep my family together if I will have to pay even more to keep the power in? We continue to do learning from home. We depend on having reliable electrical service to enable me to teach my granddaughter. The added stress of an increased electric bill is a most unwelcome challenge.

I'm asking that the real needs of the majority of your customers be considered before instituting another rate increase that would feed LG&E's bottom line but force customers to choose-again-between food, electricity, or rent.

Susan Means 1818 Ballard Mill Lane Louisville KY 40207

Sent from my iPad Susan

To: Subject:

RE: "Case2020-00350"

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:11:00 PM

Thank you for your comments on the application of 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 number in this matter, 2020-

00350, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <u>View Case</u> Filings for: 2020-00350 (ky.gov).

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: Helen Martin

**Sent:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 8:33 PM

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

**Subject:** "Case2020-00350'

My name is Helen Martin, 4100 Berkshire Ave., Louisville, Ky 40220. The proposed LG@E rate increase affects me somewhat being on a fixed income, however I have been in a position to JUGGLE my monthly outgo by changing my COURIER subscription as well as adjusting my SPECTRUM coverage and other flexible expenses. Unfortunately, there are those families who are not in a position to have any flexibility whatsoever and may find it necessary to go without bare necessities in order to cover UTILITIES. I strongly disagree with a rate increase at this time with the added COVID instability, job loss, and already those unable to make RENT, and HOUSE PAYMENTS, many of whom have been unable to get UNEMPLOYMENT. i KNOW OUR COMMUNITY WOULD BE FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR A HOLD ON AN INCREASE AT THIS TIME

To:

Subject: RE: 2020-00350 (LG&E), Jeremy Kirkham, 1809 Herr Lane Louisville KY 40222

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:43:00 PM
Attachments: JK to PSC 4-20-21 Redacted.pdf

Thank you for your comments on the application of 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 number in this matter, 2020-00350, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <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: Jeremy Kirkham

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 2:49 PM

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

Subject: 2020-00350 (LG&E), Jeremy Kirkham, 1809 Herr Lane Louisville KY 40222

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To the Commission:

The attached PDF file (JK to PSC 4-20-21.pdf) is hereby submitted as written comments to Rate Case 2020-00350 (LG&E).

I respectfully request these comments be accepted and placed in the official case record.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by return email at

Sincerely,

Jeremy Kirkham, Esq.

Jeremy Kirkham, Attorney at Law, PLLC 13121 Eastpoint Park Boulevard, Suite G Louisville, KY 40223

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# JEREMY KIRKHAM, ATTORNEY AT LAW, PLLC 1809 HERR LANE · LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40222 ·

**APRIL 20, 2021** 

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

Re: Comments on Rate Case 2020-00350, LG&E

To the Commission:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the LG&E Rate Case 2020-00350. I am a current residential generator of solar power. Although my current production would be grandfathered under the law, any change to the proposed net metering regime would eliminate my ability to increase the size of my existing array without surrendering my grandfathered status and consequently losing a significant portion of the value of my property. Such a change would also directly and significantly increase the cost of installation of future arrays in any other residential or small business application I might choose. As such, I will have standing to assert any claim under the Takings Clause of the Fifth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution which might result from the ruling now being undertaken by the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("the PSC").

I respectfully ask the PSC to leave net metering as it is. Net metering in its current form is the only guaranteed method of arriving at an equitable, market rate driven determination of the value of customer-produced solar power. Any other formulation would needlessly drag the PSC, its members, and hence the taxpayers of the Commonwealth into bitter disputes about monopoly power, anticompetitive behavior, regulatory taking, and 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

An out of state shareholder owned monopoly should not be permitted to stifle residential solar production in this Commonwealth. LG&E has already been granted a regulated monopoly status. Now it seeks to further capitalize on its privileged position by radically and unjustifiably undervaluing residential power production.

Whether LG&E is losing money from small time residential competition, however specious the claim, should not be the issue. The PSC should base its net metering valuation on the actual market. To do otherwise could constitute an impermissible action by the government on behalf of a private entity under color of law. It could subject the PSC to not only public claims of favoritism and monopolistic behavior, but also accusations of a regulatory taking and violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

Kentucky Public Service Commission Rate Case 2020-00350, LG&E April 20, 2021 Page 2

LG&E now humbly steps forward with an army of ragtag, just-in-it-for-the-folks, public service focused, highly compensated executives and lobbyists pleading a poverty it can but poorly illustrate by the look of its submitted financial statements. While pleading poverty due to residential solar production, LG&E builds its own solar production facilities as fast as it can and charges customers for the privilege of helping them "go green".

I respectfully request and urge the PSC to take any opportunity to respect the free market it can. In this case, that means leaving the free market alone and leaving net metering in place as it is.

Respectfully Submitted,

eremy Kirkham, Esq.

From: (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director

To: Subject:

RE: 2020-00350

Subject: RE. 2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:40:00 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: Janet Spence

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:23 AM

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

**Subject:** 2020-00350

I beg you not to allow LG and E to raise its rates. I am on a fixed income like so many others and cannot afford this. Please, please say no.

Thank you.

Janet Spence 40 Chamberry Circle Louisville, KY. 40207

To: Subject:

RE: 2020-00350

Subject Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:42:00 PM

Thank you for your comments on the application of 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 number in this matter, 2020-00350, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <u>View Case Filings for: 2020-00350 (kv.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: J Stieren

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 1:19 PM

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

**Subject:** 2020-00350

Louisville, KY 40214

To whom it may concern:

In response to the notification in our mail I would like to advise we are a non-profit organization (church) that doesn't have the ability to continue with the higher cost of gas/electricity on our campuses. It is our hope that this will be taken in consideration on the planning of an increase. Our services are essential in our community and the ever increasing rate hikes will become cumbersome to our parish community and the ability to continue to serve the people in our already needy area of the city.

Thanks in advance for your consideration,
Our Lady of Mt Carmel
5505 New Cut Road
Louisville, KY 40214
&
St. Thomas More
6105 S. Third Street

Have a blessed day, Julie Stieren Director of Religious Education STM/OLMC 6105 S. Third Street Louisville, KY 40214

**To: Subject:**RE: Case # 2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:23:00 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

-----Original Message From: nicki a markle

Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2021 7:55 AM

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

Subject: Case # 2020-00350

Ronald Beckner 1436 Central Ave Louisville, KY 40208

Please do NOT allow this increase! Renters are getting \$\$\$\$ via Covid assistance, BUT homeowners get nothing, despite enduring the same problems with Covid consequences. Now when we can least afford this increase is proposed! I object vehemently!!!!!!

To: Subject:

RE: Case # 2020-00350

Subject Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:22:00 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: ALAN BELL

**Sent:** Sunday, April 18, 2021 12:06 PM

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

**Subject:** Case # 2020-00350

Alan F Bell 411 Freeman Ave. Louisville Ky. 40214

I don't need to pay more tax on my house . My tax is to high already . My house dose not have central heat or central air . I still have a floor furnace and a window air conditioner . I don't have a garage and I have a gravel driveway .

LG&E does not need a raise, it makes enough already. They just wants to give their shareholders a an increase and a raise for their executives a bonus. Not improve anything. There are alot of people out of work right now, money is tight for most people. So why put more pressure on everyone who are just trying to get by. So no LG&E does not need more money in the middle of all that is going on right now!!!!!

From: PSC on behalf of PSC Executive Director

To: Subject:

RE: Case # 2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:14:00 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

----Original Message-----

From: Cecy Grisham

Sent: Saturday, April 17, 2021 11:34 AM

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

Subject: Case # 2020-00350

LG&E

Diana Grisham King 716 Victoria Place Louisville, KY 40207

I oppose your latest proposal to raise rates as it would have a disproportionate impact on low-income families as well as Elder folks on a fixed income.

Diana Grisham King

To: Subject:

RE: Case # 2020-00350

Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:08:00 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

----Original Message-----

From: Wilma Owens Sent: Wednesday, Ap

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

Subject: Case # 2020-00350

The rate increase is a bad idea when everyone is trying to recover from the pandemic of 2020. Also it will cause a burden on people like myself that are retired & on a fixed income.

Thank you for reading!

Wilma Owens

Sent from my iPhone

From: C) on behalf of PSC Executive Director

To: Subject:

RE: CASE # 2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:33:00 PM

Thank you for your comments on the application of 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 number in this matter, 2020-00350, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <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: Claude Sprowls

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:15 PM

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

**Subject:** CASE # 2020-00350

NAME: CLAUDE SCOTT SPROWLS, JR ADDRESS: 3202 BROECK POINTE CIRCLE LOUISVILLE, KY 40241-2549

My wife and I are customers of LG&E.

We are both retired and hope you will not approve the changes that are being considered. Increases in the fixed monthly fees, as well as the usage rates, would take an even greater portion of our income.

We are also opposed to the reduction in the net-metering solar electricity rate. It seems to me that there should be little or no cost to LG&E for solar panel electricity that is sent to it by its existing customers.

I hope you will take these comments seriously and turn down the requests from LG&E.

Respectfully submitted,

Claude Scott Sprowls, Jr.

To: Subject:

RE: case # 2020-00350

Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:39:00 PM

Thank you for your comments on the application of 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 number in this matter, 2020-00350, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <u>View Case Filings for: 2020-00350 (ky.gov)</u>.

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Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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

From: Mitzi Powell

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 7:44 AM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>; John Home

**Subject:** case # 2020-00350

Mary Powell 300 Pencross Place Louisville Ky 40223

I strongly oppose LG&E rate hike

То:

**Subject:** RE: Case # 2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:24:00 PM

Thank you for your comments on the application of 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 number in this matter, 2020-00350, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <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: Chuck D

Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2021 9:43 AM

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

**Subject:** Case # 2020-00350

To whom it may concern,

Please reconsider this proposal to raise our rates. This proposal will be detrimental to the poorest in our community. The proposal will also hamper our ability to transition to cleaner energy. As a homeowner who would like to utilize solar energy, this proposal will make it more expensive for me.

Again, I ask that this proposal be shelved until changes can be made.

Respectfully, Wayne C Daugherty

To:

**Subject:** RE: Case # 2020-00350--please reject LG& E rate increase

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:29:00 PM

Thank you for your comments on the application of 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 number in this matter, 2020-00350, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <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: Yahoo Mail

**Sent:** Sunday, April 18, 2021 8:12 PM

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

**Subject:** Case # 2020-00350--please reject LG& E rate increase

## Hello, Kentucky Public Service Commission Members,

PLEASE reject the LG&E rate increase proposals pending with you.

Electric rate increases granted LG&E about a year ago raised our basic monthly bill over \$ 10, from about \$ 41 to over \$ 51—just to be hooked onto the grid, before any electric use. Those increases were disguised in the printed public proposals by changing the 'monthly' rate to a 'daily' rate—LG&E must have thought no one would do the math to catch that increase.

We invested in solar panels ten years ago as a personal financial decision and as a small contribution to create less global pollution by using a renewal energy source. PLEASE do NOT let LG&E get away with claiming that the electricity produced by our solar panels had less 'value' than that from other sources!

We are not asking to be 'paid' if our solar panels generate more electric than is used in the house during a month when we are away

(which has not happened this past year during covid!). We do want to at least continue to get one-for-one credit for each kilowatt produced toward our electric bill. And others should get the same credit.

LG&E should not be allowed to discourage and prevent individuals from installing solar panels by refusing to give full credit for solar production against the same amount of electric used on the bill. Solar panels have improved greatly since we installed, so that two or three times as much electricity can be generated from a panel that costs half of what we paid ten years ago. Please require LG&E to continue to give full and equal credit for solar production against electric use.

At a time when many people have lost jobs during the pandemic, rate increases on gas and electricity are even more cruel than usual.

As 'Public Service' regulators, you are being asked to consider the Kentucky public ahead of these extreme rate increases.

Thank you!

Nancy Hines LG&E customer

Nancy Hines email:

Cilian.

mail: POB 1196, Shepherdsville KY 40165

To: Subject:

RE: Case #2020-00350 LG&E

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:29:00 PM

Thank you for your comments on the application of 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 number in this matter, 2020-00350, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <u>View Case Filings for: 2020-00350 (ky.gov)</u>.

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Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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

From:

**Sent:** Sunday, April 18, 2021 5:14 PM

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

Subject: Case #2020-00350 LG&E

## To Whom It May Concern:

As a valued customer of LG&E, I am very disappointed that your company has the audacity to demand another increase in my utility bill. This is about the third times in the last year that our rates have increased. The average family's utility bill would increase by \$277.00 per year. This is especially bad for

the low income families with the Covid 19 and so many people being without work.

I am 79 years old, widowed and having a hard time right now because everyone wants to have more

money in their pockets. As rich as your company is, one would think that you could sacrifice something

too. I get a federal retirement from my husband, which is only half of what he was paid.

Every time I go to the grocery store, I spend more money and get less. I got a 0.2 % raise and it goes to pay more for

my health insurance supplement that was raised again. I have to do without certain things to make ends

meet. It's about time that you guys make some sacrifices. This is TOTALLY UNFAIR. Please reconsider

this utility increase.

Sincerely,

Doris E. Straub 6105 Hudson Creek Dr. Louisville, KY 40291

To: Subject:

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:39:00 PM

RE: Case #2020-00350

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Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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

----Original Message-----

From: Kevin Klaphaak

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 5:43 AM

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

Subject: Case #2020-00350

I oppose LG&E's rate increase and net metering restructuring proposals. I ask the Public Service Commission to deny them.

Kevin Klaphaak 2220 Highland Avenue Louisville, KY. 40204

To: Subject:

RE: Case #2020-00350

Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:38:00 PM

Thank you for your comments on the application of 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 number in this matter, 2020-00350, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <u>View Case Filings for: 2020-00350 (kv.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

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

From: Mary

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:29 PM

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

Subject: Case #2020-00350

I, Mary Bryan, 1463 So. 1st Street, Louisville, Ky 40208 am writing regarding the proposed utility rate increase, Case #2020-00350. At a time when more people than ever have been impacted economically by the pandemic, requesting a rate increase is unconscionable. There are programs that are trying to keep households from losing their housing and utilities, particularly during the pandemic which by the way has helped the utility companies as well. Getting households stabilized during this pandemic is a challenge and raising utility costs when people have not recovered from the loss of income during the pandemic puts our community at more risk for homelessness and this is something we cannot afford to happen to our communities.

Mary Bryan

1463 S. 1st Street

Louisville, KY 40208



To: Subject:

RE: Case #2020-00350

Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:32:00 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: Don Rupert

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 3:45 PM

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

**Subject:** Case #2020-00350

As a small business owner I am alarmed at the timing and percentage of rate increases requested by LG&E. Many small businesses have struggled financially over the past year due to COVID-19. Requesting fee increases in excess of five times the rate of inflation, on the heels of widespread, forced shutdowns is unreasonable at best and cruel at worst. Privately-owned public utilities such as LG&E and its parent, PPL, are entitled to earn a fair profit, but when that level of profit becomes excessive and threatens the solvency of small businesses throughout the Commonwealth, the Public Service Commission has a duty to say "no". Please deny LG&E's request for such high levels of increases in service fees and consider levels more in line with current rates of inflation.

Sincerely,

Don Rupert

To: Subject:

RE: Case #2020-00350

Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:29:00 PM

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

----Original Message-----

From: Steve Brown

Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2021 7:32 PM

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

Subject: Case #2020-00350

It has come to my attention that LG&E is proposing a rate increase that will raise both the mandatory service fee and the rate for usage of electricity and natural gas.

I am vehemently opposed to such a blatant attempt to increase their profits at the expense of ordinary citizens, especially during the pandemic.

LG&E is extremely profitable and a rate increase is not supported at this time.

Please deny this increase.

Thank you

Steve Brown 8706 Stony Falls Way Louisville, KY 40299

To: Subject:

RE: Case #2020-00350

Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:23:00 PM

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----Original Message-----

From: nicki a markle

Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2021 7:51 AM

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

Subject: Case #2020-00350

Nicki Markle 1436 Central Ave Louisville, KY 40208

Please do NOT allow this increase! Renters are getting \$\$\$\$ via Covid assistance, BUT homeowners get nothing, despite enduring the same problems with Covid consequences. Now when we can least afford this increase is proposed! I object vehemently!!!!!!

To: Subject:

RE: Case #2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:13:00 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: Marianne Hinojosa

Sent: Saturday, April 17, 2021 12:39 PM

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

**Subject:** Case #2020-00350

I oppose the proposed rate increase by LG&E, which would disproportionately affect low income families.

Marianne Hinojosa 1044 Dixon Ave, Louisville, KY 40217 From: on behalf of PSC Executive Director

To: Subject:

RE: Case #2020-00350

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:11:00 PM

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From:

Sent: Saturday, April 17, 2021 7:07 PM

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

**Subject:** Case #2020-00350

Hello,senior citizen here. First time ever complained about raising prices on gas and electric. Guess it's time, every year prices go up and every year gets harder and harder to pay. Property taxes wants a raise, LGE wants more, water and sewer wants more. It's hard living month to month. Us citizens in Louisville are tired of prices rising every year, can't afford it. My name is Rick Voll. 1014 Sylvia Street. Louisville, ky

**To: Subject:**RE: Case #2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:45:00 PM

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

From: Pat Goodman

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 4:51 PM

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

**Subject:** Case #2020-00350

I oppose a raise in rates at this crucial time while we're all just (hopefully) getting past Covid 19. This is a poor area, and many people are out of work. Many of us are retired and only have Social Security to live on. Please reconsider this proposel.

Ms Pat Goodman 1813 Shady Lane, Unit 1 Louisville, Ky. 40205

To: Subject:

RE: Case #2020-0350

Date:

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From: Martha Thomas

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 8:48 PM

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

**Subject:** Case #2020-0350

LG&E Rate Increase Proposal

As a retired person who must pay for the use of natural gas, I cannot afford a rate hike. I also do not want my money going to increase renewable energy sources or to slow the paybacks on solar panels. We had solar panels on our previous home and they worked great – as long as it was sunny and dry.

Martha Thomas 586 Heritage Way Mt. Washington, KY 40047

Sent from for Windows 10

To:

Subject: RE: Case 2020-00350 LG&E Net Metering Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:47:00 PM

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Best Regards,

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

From: Margaret Carreiro

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 6:11 PM

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

Subject: Case 2020-00350 LG&E Net Metering

## Dear PSC Committee Members:

I am Margaret Carreiro of 2011 Eastview Ave. Louisville, KY.

I am an LG&E customer writing about LG&E's petition (Case 2020-00350) NOT to pay roof-top solar customers **parity** for the electricity those owners contribute to the grid as for the electricity they use (AKA Net-metering). Where is the fairness in that, except to overtly favor LG&E? Why? So they can eventually monopolize solar-power in Kentucky by squeezing out private rooftop solar? If LG&E gets its way, this will have cascading negative effects on Kentucky's ability to slow down and adapt to climate change. It will dissuade potential solar panel buyers from doing so because it will prolong the payback on their investment. This will quickly squelch expanding solar business companies and much-needed new jobs in our state.

How is it fair for LG&E to charge full rate for the electricity used by solar panel owners at night or on cloudy days, while buying excess power from solar rooftop owners at 20-30% of that rate? Why should my neighbors pay the higher rate for power that my panels are providing LG&E at a fraction of that cost?

I have been a rooftop solar owner since March 2019, so I am supposedly grandfathered in for parity payment by LG&E. But I was also thinking longer term of the next generation of people in my state, country and, indeed, the world when I made my decision to incur the upfront costs for solar panels to reduce my household's carbon footprint going forward. Climate change is the greatest threat humanity will face in the coming years. It will multiply every other problem we face as a civilized society—food and water security, floods, drought, heat, human cardio-pulmonary health, and civil upheaval. I want other residents, businesses and institutions to be able to invest in rooftop solar without worrying about how much longer it will take for them to break even, if LG&E gets its way.

PSC should not allow LG&E to MAXIMIZE profit for often distant stockholders on the backs and pocket books of the people in our state who want to invest in rooftop solar, not only for their benefit but for that of our state, country and the future of humanity.

Sincerely,

Margaret Carreiro, Ph.D

Professor emerita, University of Louisville

To:

Subject: RE: Case 2020-00350 : STOP the Rate Increase!

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:32:00 PM

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Best Regards,

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From: Kyle Hall

On Behalf Of Kyle Hall

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 3:43 PM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> **Subject:** Case 2020-00350 : STOP the Rate Increase!

Dear PSC,

For our atmosphere, our collective Earth, our children and grandchildren's future, we MUST allow and encourage solar power and renewable energies to grow and prosper.

The PSC "should retain the current net metering rate of compensation," allowing the solar industry to not only survive, but grow and prosper.

It would be absolutely tragic and reprehensible to punish folks like my good friends who have invested much in solar panels. They should have the right to choose their power source, save energy and money and, indeed, they are also giving back more power than they even use on their land.

We must "grow a free market" by retaining the current net metering rate of compensation and helping the solar industry grow in Kentucky.

STOP the proposed rate increases!

Sincerely, Kyle Macy Hall

То:

 Subject:
 RE: Case 2020-00350 comments

 Date:
 Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:38:00 PM

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**From:** Theo Lineberry

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 10:22 PM

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

Subject: Case 2020-00350 comments

Hi there,

My name is Theo Lineberry, and I'm an LG&E customer living at 2534 Ridgewood Ave, Louisville, KY 40217.

This proposed rate hike for LG&E customers will be detrimental to the people of Louisville who already have financial hardship due to the pandemic and other reasons. Also, I'm not as bad off as some, but I'm about to graduate from a master's program, and I don't have a huge amount of money to spare for an increase in my energy bill. Please consider the amount of suffering the rate hike will cause for thousands and thousands of our neighbors here in Louisville.

I'm grateful to have the opportunity to make my voice heard.

Thanks, and warm regards, Theo Lineberry

To:

Subject: RE: Case 2020-00350 feedback

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:39:00 PM

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From: warren erath

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 9:22 PM

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

Subject: Case 2020-00350 feedback

To whom it may concern at the Public Service Commision,

It was shocking to me to find that upon moving to Louisville from Orange County, CA in 2011, that my net cost per kw-hr increased because of the high service fees. Despite the sterotype of high energy prices in California, I found the opposite to be true. LG&E was charging me more than my total bill in California before I used a single Kw-hr of energy, thanks to regressive price structuring that they now seek to make even more regressive.

We face a global crisis due to climate change wrought by decades of policy and market incentives that encouraged negligent use of fossil fuels. As we seek to address this before the worst of the effects become unavaoidable, it is necessary that a shift in energy policy and incentives is required. Those policies must bolster the use of clean energy, improve energy efficiency, and incentivise an overall reduction in per capita energy use. Moreover, this must be done while ensuring that the poorest among us have access to

affordable energy. We already know how to do this: net metering of private and commercial solar installations at market rates, very low or zero monthly service fees, and progressive pricing so that heavy energy users pay higher costs per kw-hr upon crossing threshold levels of energy use.

That LG&E is seeking approval for the opposite of these policies shows that they are blatantly seeking ensured long-term profits over progress; progress that is needed for us to address climate change while ensuring an energy future that is accessible to all.

The Public Service Commision should not only reject LG&E's proposal outright, but send them back to the drawing board to come up with a new plan that lowers monthly service fees, includes net metering of solar at market rates, and increases kw-hr prices for high energy users. We can, and should, implement energy policies that address the future of our planet while ensuring that ALL kentucky residents can keep their lights on.

Sincerely,

Warren Erath 431 Knightsbridge Rd

To:

Subject: RE: Case 2020-00350 LGE proposed rate increase Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:41:00 PM

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

**From:** Sally and Thorne

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:46 AM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> **Subject:** Case 2020-00350 LGE proposed rate increase

20 April, 2021

Dear Sir or Madam.

This note is to inform you that I am opposed to the proposed rate increase that LG&E and KU have requested of the Public Service Commission. This will be their third rate increase in four years.

It is unjustified for many reasons. These utility companies are a publicly supported monopoly that is owned by a foreign company. This rate increase will impose a hardship on those who require gas and electricity especially those with limited income. Yet, it will result in a greater profit for this company and its stockholders.

The rate increases and restrictions on those citizens trying to be sustainable by using solar energy is totally unjustified. These concerned people and those involved with the solar industry must not be stymied in their commendable and worthwhile efforts.

The proposed monthly service charge rate increase as well as an increase in the usage charge is an insult to those trying to reduce energy usage. This must not be allowed.

I urge you to reject this money grab by these companies and support the citizens dependent upon the use of energy.

Sincerely, Robert Vail

**To: Subject:** RE: Case 2020-00350

Date:Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:46:00 PMAttachments:LCAN Formal Comments 2020-00350.pdf

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From: Sarah Lynn Cunningham

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 7:37 PM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>; Wilson, Karen L (PSC)

<KarenL.Wilson@ky.gov> **Subject:** Case 2020-00350

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Dear PSC staff.

Please confirm your receipt of the attached testimony for the case record, from the Louisville Climate Action Network, on behalf of ourselves and our organizational and individual members, nearly all of whom are LG&E customers and many of whom are net-metered customers.

Cooperatively, Sarah Lynn Cunningham, PE, Executive Director Louisville Climate Action Network



20 April 2021

Commissioners Schmitt, Chandler and Mathews
Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard submitted via email (<u>psc.info@ky.gov</u>)
Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

RE: Case 2020-00350

Dear Commissioners,

The Louisville Climate Action Network (LCAN) consists of 42 community and faith-based organizations, for-profit businesses and educational institutions in the GS/CGS class, plus over 1,000+ individual subscribers and 1,300+ social media followers.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to the subject case that affects everyone in LG&E's service area. By selling natural gas and burning coal and gas to produce most of the power it sells, LG&E emits large quantities of carbon pollution, affecting everyone on the planet.

Given yesterday's announcement of a settlement of all issues except net-metering, the following comments have been more narrowly focused:

## General Service (GS/CGS) Commercial Customers

Energy efficiency and solar power are our best tools for cooling our planet. They create good jobs that cannot be exported. LCAN has begun providing energy-efficiency services to clients in the GS/CGS billing classes, including other nonprofits, churches and for-profit businesses. We help them to determine how best to cut their carbon emissions *and* costs. It's become painfully obvious that LG&E's commercial customers are so focused on keeping their doors open and serving their clients that they're unaware of rate cases—until their bills go up. We see no evidence in the settlement's stipulations that anyone was looking out for these GS/CGS customers. Worse, they apparently got the short end of the stick again.

Restructuring rates by shifting costs to mandatory, flat service fees is inherently regressive, because it undermines customers' ability to control their costs, and lengthens paybacks and lowers returns on investments in energy efficiency and solar power. Raising service fees on commercial customers by 11%-12% for gas and 17%-20% for power, as proposed in the settlement, cannot be justified on the basis of anything other than protecting LG&E against its customers' investments in energy efficiency and solar power.



For comparison, please see the combined billing practices of the Louisville Water Co. and Metro Sewer District, neither of whom does the PSC regulate. Fixed charges make up most of the total bill, meaning conserving water has relatively little effect on the total bill. Giving LG&E a bite of the apple every time it asks logically can lead only to the same outcome.

Revenue increases always should go onto usage rates, to bolster the business case for energy efficiency and a healthier, more sustainable economy. The settlement's proposed hikes to commercial usage rates—6% for gas and 14% for power—is indefensible during a pandemic. We fear some already struggling businesses will be pushed into failure. For example, restaurants are struggling to survive seating restrictions; with nearly everything they touch requiring heating, chilling and/or freezing, many of them won't be able to absorb these hikes. We urge you not to allow PPL to maximize its stockholders' returns on the backs of its commercial customers, especially when so many are barely hanging on.

LG&E's argument for rigging net-metering in its favor is incoherent. LG&E parrots the apples-to-oranges industry demand that it should be allowed to pay wholesale rates for its net-metered customers' excess daytime solar power, yet also to sell it to the net-metered customers' neighbors at retail rates. LG&E omits the costly transmission infrastructure across long distances to get real wholesale power to its customers, and that it only needs a bi-directional meter to sell net-metered power to the generator's neighbors.

LG&E sells nighttime power to its time-of-day customers for much less than daytime power. Yet LG&E pretends customer-generated daytime power is worth even less than nighttime power *and* wants to charge its net-metered customers full price for power drawn at night.

U.S. courts broke up "Ma Bell." No one company was allowed to control landline, much less mobile, phones. We see no justification for allowing LG&E to monopolize the sun.

# **Public Notice Accuracy**

The public notice published in *The Courier-Journal* for this case misrepresented the financial impact of the case on residential customers. Multiplying the proposed daily service-fee increases (on page one) by 365 days/year plus the proposed usage rate increases (on page one) by the stated residential monthly average usage (on page two) by 12 months/year, that average residential customer would pay \$277/year more—not the \$215/year published on page two (\$11.74/month + \$6.17/month) x (12 months). We request that the PSC review future legal notices to ensure they are accurate and not misleading.

# **Billing Information**

Climate change is the biggest existential threat facing humanity. Energy efficiency is the best tool every customer can use to slow and eventually stop it. Seeing their gas and electric use in numerical greenhouse-gases terms on their monthly bills inspires customers to think about

how they use fuel and power. LG&E used to include on its bills a simple statement of how many pounds of greenhouse gases were created to meet the customer's power use during that billing period. However, that little piece of data inexplicably disappeared. Customers pay for the process of computing and mailing bills. LCAN asks the PSC to order LG&E to resume that practice, and expand it to include natural gas use.

## The Big Picture

Historically, creating utility monopolies made sense. Fuel and power are essential to social and economic welfare, including in locations the so-called free-market utilities wouldn't serve. In exchange for monopoly market power and near-guaranteed profits, utilities are to submit to additional regulation. That regulation is an expression of public policy. Encouraging energy efficiency had been a sound public policy in Kentucky for decades. In short, utility monopolies are an artificial construct, created to meet societal needs. The PSC must check private inclinations to maximize profit and stymie competition, even on behalf of the commercial sector lacking intervenor status.

We believe the regressive patterns in rate-case filings nowadays arise from declining demand for services from utilities accustomed to reliably steady growth in demand. That growth in demand obviously will resume soon due to the increasing growth in electric-vehicle sales. LCAN urges you not to allow long-term pain for temporary corporate gain.

As best as we can tell LG&E-KU's parent company PPL wants the benefits of both a monopoly and the free market, with neither business model's disbenefits. We urge you to revisit the settlement and protect commercial customers and net-metered solar power.

Cooperatively,

Sarah Lynn Cunningham, PE

**Executive Director** 

**To: Subject:** RE: Case 2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:45:00 PM

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

From: Cathy Ford

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:14 PM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

My name is Cathy Ford and I am an LG&E utility customer in Louisville (see street address below). I strongly oppose LG&E's current rate case before the PSC, seeking to raise and restructure its gas and electric rates in ways that are anti-consumer and hurt low-income rate-payers the most. Increasing the monthly service fee will also discourage energy conservation, while aspects of the filing will further discourage adoption of residential solar panels while permitting LG&E to profit unconscionably from the solar energy produced by existing residential panels.

Please register my strong opposition to this rate filing.

Catherine 'Cathy' Ford 2419 Meadow Road Louisville, KY 40205-2217

To: Subject:

RE: Case 2020-00350

Date:

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Best Regards,

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Administrative Branch Manager
Filings Branch
General Administration

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

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

From: Jamella Sullivan

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 4:11 PM

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

Cc: McGarvey, Morgan (State Sen.) (LRC) ; Bojanowski, Tina (State

Rick Sullivan

Rep.) (LRC)

Subject: Case 2020-00350

Importance: High

My name is Jamella Sullivan. I live at 4422 Saint Regis Lane in Louisville KY and I'm an LG&E customer.

I'm writing concerning the proposed rates hikes requested by LG&E. These rate hikes would be such a burden on customers in the midst of a global pandemic. So many people have lost their jobs and are at risk of being evicted. Why would you consider at rate hike at this time? Also, the increase in fixed charges would negate customers ability to reduce their bill by conserving energy.

Personally, I care much for the environment. So much so, that my husband and I installed solar panels on our home. We also, own a fully electric vehicle. We bought the solar panels at great expense to us, because we felt it was the right thing to do for the environment. We are older and most likely won't recoup the cost of the panels, but it was made better by the saving we'd get with

net-metering. Under the proposed changes LG&E would sell our excess daytime solar power to other customers for 4 to 5 times what LG&E would pay customers like us who produced it. I don't think this is fair to us. We installed solar panels under one set of rules and now those rules may change in the middle of the game.

As climate change worsens everyday we should be encouraging people to invest in solar not killing it. All this with Earth Day only two days from ;lnow.

Again, these proposed changes would be a hardship on me, my family and my community. Please balance LG&E's monopoly powers and guaranteed profits with the reasons it was created: to provide affordable, essential services.

Thank you,

Jamella and Rick Sullivan 4422 Saint Regis Lane Louisville KY 40220

To: Subject:

RE: Case 2020-00350

Subject: RE. Case 2020-00550

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:43:00 PM

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Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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

**From:** Kate Bulinski **Sent:** Tuesday, April

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

Hello,

MY name is Kate Bulinski, I live at 1916 Eastview Avenue, Louisville KY 40205 and I am an LG&E customer.

I am emailing regarding the proposed rate hikes and restructuring. During this time of financial stress for many, it does not make sense to increase rates and fees for customers who are still adjusting to the disruptions caused by the COVID pandemic. This would also impact struggling small business owners who should not need to also account for increasing energy costs while trying to get back on their feet.

Additionally, any changes to rates that disincentivize the use of net-metered solar or disincentivizes the installation of privately-owned solar is the wrong decision for the environmental health of our community, state and country. We need to be doing everything we can to *increase* the use of solar here which will improve our air quality, reduce demand in peak summer months and help us hit target goals for greenhouse gas reduction. The solar owner should be paid fair compensation for the excess power they generate instead of LG&E being able to profit from their excess solar by buying it at a low rate from the solar owner and selling it at a higher rate to others on the grid.

I am respectfully asking that the PSC NOT increase rates or fees on customers, including net-metered solar customers.

Sincerely,

Kate Bulinski

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Katherine Bulinski , Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Geoscience
Department of Environmental Studies
Bellarmine University
2001 Newburg Road
Louisville, KY 40205

**To: Subject:**RE: Case 2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:43:00 PM

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----Original Message----

From: Steve Irwin

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 2:20 PM

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

Subject: Case 2020-00350

Steve and Carrie Irwin 131 McCready Avenue Louisville, KY 40206

These proposed changes would be a hardship on us and our community, now more so than ever due to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic and economic fallout.

Please balance LG&E's monopoly powers and guaranteed profits with the reason it was created: to provide affordable, essential services. Thank you!

To: Subject:

RE: Case 2020-00350

Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:42:00 PM

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From:

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 12:44 PM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

I'm writing to strongly object to the proposed rate hikes by LG&E and KU.

- 1. In these times of unprecedented low interest rates a net profit rate of 10% is unfair and unrealistic for a public company that enjoys a monopoly.
- 2. To my knowledge LG&E has not demonstrated sufficient efforts to operate effectively while providing service, for example by appropriate staffing in order to avoid staggering numbers of overtime hours by employees often at double and even triple time wages.
- 3. As a citizen who lives on a fixed income I need to be able to reduce energy costs by being more judicious in my energy usage. An increase in the fixed daily service charge undoes efforts to conserve.
- 4. LG&E's proposal to reduce the buyback fee for solar energy is diametrically opposed to our country's need to turn to more renewable energy sources and rid ourselves of fossil fuels, especially dirty high sulfur coal such as is produced in KY.
- 5. PPL stockholders are understandably pleased with the performance of their investment. Their safe and secure investment is more than adequate to satisfy a cautious investor's goals for return.

This rate request is poorly timed and unjustified. As a rate payer I ask you to decline the request in total.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Kinser 210 Maple Valley Rd Louisville, KY 40245

Sent from for Windows 10

**To: Subject:** RE: Case 2020-00350

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From: Sharon Grant

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 12:25 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>; State Representative Lisa Willner

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

To whom it may concern:

My name is Ellen Sharon Grant at 1126 Mulberry St. Louisville, Ky. 40217

I am a customer of LG&E.

I believe the proposed rate increase in unconscionable and unfair.

I am a senior on a fixed income and the increase would be a hardship, not only to me but to many other people in my situation.

I am also a member of a Church in West Louisville, St. William Catholic Church, where we have an outreach to local residents that offers help to them with food, help on utility bills etc. Each winter the demand is so high that many have to be turned away because of our limited funds to help them. With the kind of increase that LG&E is asking, there will be a much greater burden on those who already are having a very hard time paying their utility bills. This is not a small number of households, but a size-able portion of Jefferson County population.

I ask you to balance LG&E's monopoly powers and guaranteed

profits with the reason it was created: to provide affordable, essential services.

Thank you so much for considering this request, Ellen Sharon Grant

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RE: Case 2020-00350

Subject Date:

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Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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

From: Margaret Owens

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:39 AM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

We don't need another rate hike from LG&E damn Every time you turn around they are raising our rates. We have hard enough time paying it now. They just raised it not too long ago. We can't get enough help from the President or our local government to help us now. What are we on Social Security supposed to do crawl up somewhere and die. This is redicolus and redundant.

Thank you Unhappy citizen and customer Miss Margaret Owens

To:

RE: Case 2020-00350

Subject: Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:40:00 PM

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From: derek tehrani

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 8:50 AM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

I think this could not be more of a heartless calculation. In the aftermath of a pandemic amidst a struggling economy that impacts individuals the most, you all proposing hitting your customers at the knees with a crowbar. If you think BLM protests are a problem. Continue coming for families livelihoods when you have no need to. We will mobilize, we will remove politicians that help support this, and we will look to tear down the monopoly that exists. So either enjoy the the fact that you have no competition and are already raking in record profits, or continue your greedy grab for more and more and more and watch you lose it all!

Respectfully,

Your customer.

To: Subject:

RE: Case 2020-00350

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From: Kay Grubola

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:01 AM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

I strongly urge the Public Service Commission to resind LG&E's proposed changes to the metering of solar energy credits. It is vital that the Commonwealth of Kentucky do everything it can to encourage the use of renewable energy especially from sources such as solar. Having LG&E in charge of solar energy credits is like "putting the fox in charge of the hen house".

James and Kay Grubola Louisville, Kentucky 40222

**To: Subject:** RE: Case 2020-00350

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From: Britt Mitchell

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:18 AM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

Dear Public Service Comission,

My name is Britt Gharachamani. I'm an LG&E Customer living at 1127 Willow Ave #2, Louisville, KY 40204. I am extremely dismayed at LG&E's decision to increase rates after 1 year of pandemic when so many families are living on the edge of survival and trying to cover their basic needs like housing and utilities. Proposed rate increases that are double or triple the amount of inflation, introduced during the middle of a global pandemic is not only unjust but also cruel.

In addition, families who have been working and studying from home for the last year have already seen increases in their power bills because they have had to pay for extra power consumption in their homes as a result of working and schooling from home for the past year. It's hardly fair to ask the same families who have had to absorb the cost of utilities used for work and school due to factors beyond their control to pay even larger bills with a significant rate increase.

Please protect LG&E customers like us until the pandemic is over and we have a chance to get back on our feet again and bring some kind of normalcy to our lives.

Sincerely, Britt Gharachamani

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----Original Message----

From: Laura Stuart Obenauf

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 6:03 AM

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

Subject: Case 2020-00350

Dear Madam or Sir,

Good morning, and I hope this email finds you well. I have no doubt you are receiving many emails like mine, so I greatly appreciate your time and consideration in reading - your time is so valuable.

My neighbor recently alerted me to the planned rate hikes and the adverse surcharges which will directly affect all of us, and particularly those of us who are committed to doing our very best by our children, our communities and our planet by investing in solar energy and conserving our energy usage to reduce our footprint, our harm to our home planet, our costs, and be good models for our children of frugality, stewardship, and choosing behaviors and actions that do as little harm as possible.

From my perspective, these rate hikes make it increasingly difficult to do not only what is right, but critically and urgently necessary if we are going to avert the forthcoming disaster in the coming decades of resource shortages on our home planet ravaged by erratic temperatures. I hope none of

us, particularly our children, ever have to see our lovely communities devolve into frightful places of suffering and strife.

I have no doubt the situation in Texas has sent stark fear through every energy company in our nation and beyond to ensure it has the fiscal resources to bolster infrastructure to hedge against a similar dire circumstance. That, coupled with yearly expectations of company raises, bonuses and the like to retain employees so they might stay afloat (particularly in potentially devastating circumstances mentioned just before) must always shift that bottom line increasingly upwards and has any company wondering what to do. It seems an impossible situation - for all.

I am no business person, and unfortunately have no answers or really any ideas that hold weight to maintain business profitability infinitely. All I know is that our endless, seemingly cultural, requirement of more - regardless of circumstance - seems to have placed each of us on a very dangerous road that is becoming increasingly dangerous each day. The continual quest for more money, and more resources to afford more comfort and more short-term security - whether by an individual or by a business - seems to afflict nearly every entity in our modern world; yet, it conversely is leading - with breakneck pace - to great discomfort, great instability, and few resources be it money or otherwise.

We live on a finite planet with finite resources. I think we can all acknowledge this. It seems that each step any citizen or business is taking reverse this dangerous quest for more should be lauded, not punished. If a community member keeps a home cool in the winter and warm in the summer in the spirit of being a good earth citizen and neighbor, the person ideally should not feel penalized for doing the right thing. Likewise, if a community member invests in renewable energy like solar to move away from our fossil fuel dependence, again this is right long-term action for all and should not be penalized.

When responsible action is met with hardship, how can others ever be inspired to take similar beneficial action? All they will see is hardship, likely fiscal, and revert directly back to comfortable, familiar, harmful habits. How can we lament the degradation and loss of our air, water, land, animals and dignity of life for so many of our fellow humans and still penalize actions that are meant to counter this awful suffering?

I sincerely appreciate your time, I know I am a stranger to you and this is deep heartfelt conversation when you and I don't know one another. It is my deepest wish that a solution might be found that meets LG&Es need for survival, while also encouraging each citizen to initiate or continue right action for the long term survival of all. Thank you, earnestly, for your consideration.

Warmly, Laura Obenauf 1610 Speed Ave. Louisville, KY 40205

Sent from my iPad

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Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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From: Diane Sue Yoakum

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 9:00 PM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

The latest fad seems to be raise taxes, raise prices.....on anything and everything. I'm overwhelmed by the increase in food, gas, mortgage, clothes, and now, utilities. Water/sewer bill went up a few months ago and now this insane LG&E increase. New property assessments are going out which means a mortgage increase, then mortgage payments going up again in a few months for the outlandish school tax hike!! Does anybody out there care? Do you have any compassion at all about what many people are going through. I am thoroughly disgusted.

Dianne Sue Yoakum 6827 Green Meadow Cir Louisville, Ky 40207 Sent from for Windows 10

To: Subject:

RE: Case 2020-00350

Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:38:00 PM

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----Original Message-----

From: Sara Stidham

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 9:28 PM

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

Subject: Case 2020-00350

Please do not raise LG&E rates. Families cannot afford any additional expenses at this time. Our rates continue to increase with no indication of where this money is going and that the money is being managed wisely.

Sara Stidham 8205 Pipilo Place Louisville, KY 40242

Sent from my iPhone

To: Subject:

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From:

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 9:36 PM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

#### **Dear Commissioners:**

For the past 25 years I, Jim Rigby, have owned and operated Za's Pizza Pub at 1573 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY 40205.

The year 2020 was the hardest ever for the business. I chose to keep the restaurant open (for carry out only) so that my employees could pay their rent and put food on their tables.

Consequently, the business lost more money in 2020 than it had earned in the previous several years. However, I kept my employees employed albeit with somewhat fewer hours of work.

Now it seems that LG&E wants to make it even more difficult for my business to climb out of the hole that it is in by raising rates on small businesses such as mine.

During a global pandemic, this is morally unjustifiable and just plain wrong!

The PSC needs to deny LG&E's request outright.

Jim Rigby

To: Subject:

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

From: Lisa S Sobel

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 9:44 PM

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

Subject: Case 2020-00350

We've already seen rates go up and in the current Economic climate we cannot afford more.

Lisa Sobel-Berlow

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse any typos.

To: Subject:

RE: Case 2020-00350

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----Original Message----

From: Ashley Bolger

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 10:52 PM

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

Subject: Case 2020-00350

## Dear LG&E,

I have been informed that there is a planed increase in rates for LG&E customers. I have been lucky to be able to keep my job during this pandemic but that is only because I have been working the frontlines as a nurse. I am currently the sole provider for my family of 5. My husband has had to take off work to take care of our three children while they stay home. Putting them in childcare is not an option due to our youngest, who is one, actively going through a bone marrow transplant. This severely weakens his immune system and would need to be isolated even without the pandemic. It also means we have accrued an overwhelming amount of medical debt. An increase in our monthly LG&E bill would be unsustainable for our family at this time. I ask you to reconsider the price increase for residential customers.

Ashley Bolger 3707 Echo Valley Cr LaGrange, KY 40031

To: Subject:

RE: Case 2020-00350

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From:

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 6:55 PM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

I am writing in opposition to LG&E's latest proposed rate hike. It is the worst type of increase for our society. Following the hardship of lost or reduced wages for so many working people during the pandemic, this is structured to hit all customers equally with the connection fee increase. Whereas a price increase for energy used could lead to more conservation among many users thus saving resources and helping allay environmental damage due to wasteful energy consumption. I am also opposed to LG&E's rigging of net metering in their favor again. It discourages citizen's investing in solar. Please do what's right for the Commonwealth of Kentucky and our nation and do not pass LG&E's latest backward proposal My name is Barbara Kelty and I live at 2217 Wrocklage Avenue, Louisville, KY. 40205.

**To: Subject:**RE: Case 2020-00350

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----Original Message----

From: Ann C Davis

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 8:16 PM

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

Subject: Case 2020-00350

My name is Ann Crosby Davis. I live at 16240 Eastwood Cut-Off Road, Eastwood, KY 40018. My letter comes to urge the Public Service Commission to reduce and revise the proposed rate increases, especially the part relating to net-metering of roof-top solar customers. I have solar panels and am already grandfathered in for 25 years, but I feel strongly that the decision to reduce the rate paid to future residential solar producers is not fair, and is stifling to prospective new users, as well the business potential for installers. The hardware requirement for LG&E residential customers is not comparable to what is required by large power plants. So the rates should not be the same. I have stock in PPL, but I think the larger perspective should be one to support initiative, and to encourage the proliferation of home solar power generation.

I also believe that if rate increases are needed, they should be triggered by consumption only, and not by monthly service fees. The point, for me, is to encourage limiting excessive usage, to help motivate people to conserve. And it is punitive to residential and commercial customers trying to recover after the economic contraction caused by COVID mismanagement to raise flat, monthly service fees.

A guaranteed profit of 10% has the flavor of corporate greed.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my views. Ann Crosby Davis April 19, 2021

Sent from my iPad

To:

Subject:

RE: Case 2020-00350

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From:

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 5:07 PM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

#### Hello,

I am against any more rate hikes, especially rates that have nothing to do with usage. We own another small home near our house that never has the heat or air turned on and the bill each month is still around \$55-80.

It's already way too much.

Christine Manning 4634 S 6th St 40214

522 Spanish Court 40214

1007 Ashland 40215



To: Subject:

RE: Case 2020-00350

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

From: Carolyn Makk

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:54 PM

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

Subject: Case 2020-00350

My husband and I want you to know that we are vehemently against your proposed significant rate hikes both residential and commercial, especially at this tough economic time due to the pandemic. What you propose is a huge increase in energy expense for your customers. And for what? Please reconsider and serve the public and the common good, not just your profit margin.

Thank you,

Carolyn Makk

Sent from my iPhone

To: Subject:

RE: Case 2020-00350

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From: Paul Werner

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 5:06 PM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

Dear Public Service Commission,

My name is Paul Werner and I manage the facilities at Actors Theatre of Louisville located at 316 W. Main St in Louisville, KY 40202. As a large performing arts group with a large set of facilities, you can imagine how challenging the pandemic and overall expense of having a large facility is to operate. The proposed rate increase both on fixed and usage based expenses would be highly detrimental to our ability to fulfill our mission as a non-profit entity serving the public good of Louisville and the surrounding areas. With the pandemic shutdown we have had to shudder our venue and reinvest in digital media to have any impact in the community. One of the few saving graces has been lowered usage and rates on our utilities while closed to large public gatherings. Please do not allow for these rate increases to go through. The Non-profit sector cannot survive with this type of increase.

Sincerely, Paul

### **Paul Werner**

# $Director\ of\ Production/Employee\ Advocate$



| 316 West Main Street, Louisville, Ky 40202

ActorsTheatre.org

My gender pronouns: he/him/his (what's this?)

**To: Subject:**RE: Case 2020-00350

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Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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

From: Sherry Cornell

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 4:10 PM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

My name is Sherry Cornell. I live at 2019 Woodford Pl, Louisville, KY 40205, and I'm an LG&E customer. Raising rates especially during a pandemic is unconscionable and unacceptable! As the representative body of the people, the Public Service Commission should oppose this rate hike vigorously.

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Sherry Cornell, President <u>Highlands Douglass Neighborhood Association</u> From: S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director

To:

**Subject:** RE: Case 2020-00350

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From: Rob Rahiya

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 4:24 PM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

I received a 1.3% increase in Social Security. It's unconscionable for LG+E to request a 16% increase. Anything over a 1.3% increase is injustice to the hundreds of thousands of seniors across KY. There is no justification for slamming the poor and middle class with this huge increase.

Please do not approve anything over 1.3. Robert Rahiya

1707 Eagle Creek Place Louisville, KY. 40222.

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From: Rosemary Smith

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 3:17 PM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

Dear LG&E:

Please do not impose the increase in rates you want to put upon all of your customers. A high percentage of people in Louisville are suffering from job loss and lower income because of the pandemic. I know many people at my church for whom this is true.

You claim to be a company who cares about Louisville. Then show it!!

Rosemary H. Smith 12911 Dewsbury Way Louisville, KY 40299

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From:

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 3:13 PM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

Hello, my name is Elaine Weaver. I live at 1950 Meadowcreek Dr, Louisville, Ky 40218 along with my husband, Wayne Weaver. We're both existing on Social Security which barely covers utilities, groceries and out of pocket medical. And LG&E wants to increase fees, etc.

It would really put a hardship on us if LG&E is allowed these fee and other increases. Social Security has not gone up at the level that utility increases are.

I think there must be padding of someone's pockets if they can't get by with the exorbitant rates we're already paying. Please deny them the additional increases.

Thank you Elaine and Wayne Weaver

To:

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----Original Message-----

From: Rita

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 1:53 PM

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

Subject: Case 2020-00350

As seniors living on a fixed income and already burdened by expensive medication costs and increased food prices, to name a few, raising our LG&E bill to guarantee a higher investor return is just robbing the poor and middle class to enrich the 1% who already have all the money they need!!!

The Public Service Commission needs to stand up for those of us who have no voice and say NO to LG&E's rate increase. Profits before people is bad policy.

Rita Osborn Joseph Young 13416 Kristen Leigh Court Louisville KY 40299

Sent from my iPhone

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From: cheryl blackwell

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 12:13 PM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

Please disallow LG and E's request to raise the flat monthly fee. This does not incentivize the public to conserve electricity or gas usage. It is also quite unfair to ask for raises in both monthly costs and usage costs. Consideration must be given to reign in their need for huge profits particularly during a pandemic with so many struggling to pay their rent or bills. LG and E is constantly asking for more money and it is becoming a standard for them.

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From: gwen pace

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 9:20 AM

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

Cc: Gwen Pace

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

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Gwen Pace 1220 Clark Ridge Rd. Fisherville, Ky. 40023

Sincerely,

Gwen Pace

To: Subject:

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Date:

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----Original Message-----

From: Mary Patt Sheridan

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 8:27 AM

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

Subject: Case 2020-00350

I strongly oppose the proposed LG&E rate increases. Not only is it criminal to impose rate hikes to customers who are struggling as we deal with the economic impact of Covid 19 but those of us who are elderly and on a fixed income continue to struggle to find the means to pay for rate increases that companies subject us to on a whim.

My husband and I are prudent utility consumers, keeping our thermostat at a warm 77 degrees in the summer and nippy 66 degrees through the winter. We use LED lights throughout our home, have insulated, and open/close blinds accordingly to take advantage of the sun in the winter to warm and/or close them to hold in the heated or cooled air. It is difficult to fight big companies like MSD and LG&E who provide necessities to life when your senior budget only stretches so far - always a monthly balancing act with utilities and medicines and food.

Perhaps LGE could consider a break for seniors like the Homestead tax exemption where consumers over 65 are offered a discounted rate. I understand that cost increases are a necessary evil but for those of us who don't enjoy a cost of living increase proportional to the rate hike, a discount would be greatly appreciated.

Mary P. Sheridan

Sent from my iPad

To: Subject:

RE: Case 2020-00350

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From: Nancy Givens

**Sent:** Sunday, April 18, 2021 5:59 PM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

I am Nancy Givens, from 3015 Brownsboro Rd., Louisville, KY 40206, and I am an LG&E customer. I am writing to inform you of my strong opposition to the LG&E proposed rate increase that is now before the Public Service Commission. This proposed increase is out of step with current realities and needs for the Commonwealth. It will harm consumers and set our state back for the future.

No convincing evidence has been presented to substantiate the request for very large requested increases. What is the rationale to increase flat monthly service fees 11-20% and usage rates 20% for gas, 15% for electricity for residential customers and 17-20% for gas and 11-12% for electricity for commercial customers? Utilities around the country are discovering that by converting to a much heavier reliance on solar and wind energy, now the cheapest forms of energy, they can not only keep customer rates down but also save them money. LG&E is out of step with current utility trends. In addition, with the pandemic effects, the magnitude of this requested increase is both shocking and cruel.

The LG&E proposed major decrease in the amount of compensation to net metered solar systems will seriously delay Kentucky's transition to renewable energy—mandated by the deleterious

impacts of fossil fuels on climate change--in Kentucky, at a great cost to consumers and the state's economic futures. The proposal unfairly shifts money from homeowners, i.e., those who have made the investment in solar energy, to the utility and out of state shareholders. Such a measure, if passed will discourage new solar projects and kill the rapidly expanding solar industry and jobs in Kentucky. This is an un-American stifling of investment in energy innovation.

Finally, the request to increase the guaranteed profit (return on equity) to ten percent is Beyond the pale. LG&E should be managed to demonstrate savings for customers over time, not to continue to raise guaranteed high profits for shareholders. This is an abuse of LG&Es monopoly status.

I reiterate, I strongly oppose LG&Es proposal for: a) major rate increases for residential and commercial customers, b) an unjustified increase in guaranteed profits, and c) a change to net metering compensation for customer-installed solar systems that will discourage rather than incentivize investments in solar energy me when the transition away from fossil fuels is both necessary and urgent due to climate change.

Thank you for your consideration of my serious and sizeable concerns.

Nancy Givens Louisville, KY

Sent from for Windows 10

To: Subject:

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From: Gdrehmel

Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2021 1:42 PM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

Sirs

I am an LG&E customer and I think that solar energy is the future - There are elements of this proposal that would discourage wide spread use of solar energy by individual citizens - This is a step backward! Please fix the proposal to encourage establishment and spread of solar panels -- a step into a brighter, energy efficient tomorrow!

Gary Drehmel 3200 Sudbury Ln. Louisville KY 40220 From: SC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director

To: Subject:

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From: Craig Rudolph

Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2021 4:08 PM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

To whom it may concern,

My name is Craig Rudolph and I am one of the owners of Beha Cleaners located at 7907 Shelbyville Road, Louisville KY 40222 and our business is an electric and gas customer of LG&E. I am writing you today to voice our disagreement with the proposed changes LG&E has filed for in this case.

- 1) The changes to increase the standard service fees are substantial. So even if we install more efficient lighting or equipment (which we have done when replacing items in the past), we are still charged more so short of not using the equipment (so there are no usage charges), I cannot lower my bill.
- 2) In addition to increasing the fixed monthly charge, they are also wanting to raise the usage based charges as well. So if they can't get more money out of use one way they will try another. Especially given the last year, this seems ill-timed at best and possibly unwarranted altogether.
- 3) From what I've read, these rate increases will increase the guaranteed profit from 9.75% to

10%. So our business has fought with everything we got to stay in business and suffer an unthinkable loss of business in the last 14 months – with losses in the 10's of thousands of dollars. But not only has LG&E not loss any money, they get to see their guaranteed profit increase? How is that something that can even be considered at this time. Just tone deaf.

While our main store is in Louisville, we have two other locations in Shelby County – all of which are LG&E / KU customers. With all three stores combined, we are looking at well over \$1000 in annual increases. This at the same time we are still well below 2019 in terms of customers and business activity. At some point we have to tell these utilities no. They can "suffer" along with their customers right now. Interest rates are extremely low – they can practically borrow any need funds for free. Our they could save some of their profits and reinvest their business. They shouldn't just get blank check to make more profits.

Thanks for your time,

Craig Rudolph Owner, Beha Cleaners From: C) on behalf of PSC Executive Director

To: Subject:

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From: Nancy Bohannon

**Sent:** Sunday, April 18, 2021 9:14 AM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

I do not approve of the rates for electric and gas to be raised. It will be an extra hardship on myself and many others especially during this pandemic.

As for me I'm on limited income and and the elevated rates will be hard on me.

Thank you,

Nancy Bohannon

To:

RE: Case 2020-00350

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Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 9:56 AM

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

Subject: Case 2020-00350

Gary Kammerman, 1702 eagle nest way, Louisville 40222 The increase LG&E is requesting is outrageous. Think of the millions of Kentuckians living on fixed income.

Think of the hardships people have been through in the past year plus.

LGE should not receive any increase for at least one year, and then the increase should be tied to the rate of inflation.

Sent from my iPhone Gary Kammerman

From: cutive Director
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**From:** steph curry the greatest shooter of all time

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 9:45 AM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

Attention psc, my name is Lorita Lanham and i live in Louisville. This proposed rate hike would very negatively affect my husband and I. We already have to keep a keen eye on our thermostat. At night in winter, we turn it down to 55 degrees and pile on covers. We can never be as warm or as cool as we would like. If L.G.&E. needs money so badly, why do they advertise, and also sponsor things? They are already strangling people's budgets. Please don't approve a rate hike. Thank you.

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Cc: Gwen Pace

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From: Susan Williams

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 10:10 AM

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

Subject: Case 2020-00350

You should be a shamed of yourself for making senior citizens on fixed incomes with no raises or additional monies to pay those additional increases that they can't afford. You are making them choose between warmth and meds or food. Shame on you! How do you sleep at night!

S williams Shelbyville KY

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From: Bruce Meye

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 10:26 AM

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

Subject: Case 2020-00350

Please turn down this crazy rate increase that LG&E has requested. Even in normal times, pre virus time, this request for 10-20% on electric and gas is way above other "controlled monopolies". At this time my fellow neighbors are also fighting an even higher increase on our waste water system—150%!! Thanks for your attention to both of these cases. Bruce Meyer. 118 Cherry Hills Lane Persimmon Ridge Subdivision Louisville Ky 40245

Sent from my iPhone

To: Subject:

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From: John McCarty

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 10:53 AM

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

Subject: Case 2020-00350

It is difficult for me to understand how LG&E can raise rates once again. I've lived in numerous cities during the past 25 years and the electric service and reliability in Louisville is among the worse, yet the rates are among the highest. This is one of the reasons I have discouraged other business owners from moving here, as I also consider moving to a city with more desirable attributes, like cost effective, reliable energy.

Sent from my iPad

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From: Mary Graves

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 11:12 AM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

Business: Lakeside Swim Club, 2010 Trevilian Way, Louisville, Kentucky.

I am writing to ask the PSC to balance LGE monopoly powers and guaranteed profits with the reason it was created: to provide affordable, essential services.

Our business is 98 years old. We average over \$130,000.00 annually in our LGE expenses. An increase of 20% would truly affect our business. With the added expense, we would have to increase our club dues and fees to offset the expenses. Consequently causing a portion of our membership to have to cancel due to the added expenses.

I understand the cost of doing business, however I believe profit margins for a monopoly like LGE should remain the same.

Thank you.

Mary Graves General Manager Lakeside Swim Club 2010 Trevilian Way Louisville, KY 40205



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From: Jane Walsh

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 11:30 AM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

To Whom it May Concern,

I am an LG&E customer and I opposed, in the strongest terms, the proposed restructuring of rates and fees which will result in unreasonably high increases for working families. Service fees not tied to usage dis-incentivize households from reducing their reliance on fossil fuels. In an age of a warming planet, increased storms (which lead to power outages and increased costs for LG&E) this is - simply - terrible public policy.

As a single parent working to help to children complete their education and whose wages are static, there is no world in which I can afford an increase in rates that exceeds 10% across the board.

Finally, I object to rigging the system so that LG&E can profit from the investments individual households have made in solar energy. Families should - both economically and morally - be doing everything they can to reduce their reliance on fossil fuels. LG&E seems much more interested in earning money on the backs of working families than acting in a responsible manner.

Thank you,

Jane Walsh 4209 Sherman Avenue Louisville, KY 40213

To: Subject:

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From: PATRICK DELAHANTY

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 11:33 AM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

## To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to urge you to deny the latest request of LG&E to raise rates, especially those fixed rates they want. I am on a fixed income and already do what I can to limit my usage of gas and electricity. LG&E is a monopoly seeking to guarantee a 10% profit. This is an exorbitant amount for a corporation to seek. Certainly its shareholders can live with a lesser amount and still receive healthy dividends.

Bottom line: do not approve this request. I don't have enough money left to fund this gigantic company.

Rev. Patrick Delahanty 613 Zane Louisville KY 40203

To: Subject:

RE: Case 2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:15:00 PM

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Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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

From: Frank Schwartz

**Sent:** Friday, April 16, 2021 7:22 PM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

**Dear Members of the Public Service Commission,** 

The rate case before you from LG&E is a problem for many households in our community. The covid epidemic has already gave low-income customers of LG&E a serious setback.

As the regulators that mediate between the public and the utility please assert your prerogatives to have the utility invest in more conservation services for all class of customers.

The flat charges for gas and electric service should not be allowed to be raised. This type of charges minimize the capacity for utility customers to practice good conservation efforts.

Thank you for your consideration,

Frank Schwartz 1183 East Broadway #2 Louisville, KY 40204

<sup>&</sup>quot;in essential things, unity; in non-essential things, liberty; in all things compassion."

-Marco Antonio DeDominis (1560-1624) Archbishop of Split

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**From:** Monique Tilford **Sent:** Friday, April 16, 2

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

Dear PSC members:

I learned from Louisville Climate Action Network that LG&E has requested significant increases in their rates from the Public Service Commission. I am not against increases when they are warranted, but am gravely concerned that LG&E has not earned this increase for the following reasons:

- 1) LG&E abandoned its residential energy audit program which makes it difficult for customers to save energy;
- 2) LG&E is increasing its fixed monthly fees to residents by 15-20% which numbs conservation efforts;
- 3) LG&E's net metering position kneecaps critical efforts to help the fledgling solar industry efforts in KY.

I hope at the very least that the PSC members will agree that a request of this magnitude during a global pandemic is tone deaf – but if it is deemed necessary, that you require LG&E to proportionately increases its efforts to help residential and commercial customers reduce their

energy usage.

Sincerely,

LG&E customer Monique Tilford 377 Winton Avenue Louisville, KY 40206

To: Subject:

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----Original Message-From: Jennifer Edelen

Sent: Saturday, April 17, 2021 4:21 AM

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

Subject: Case 2020-00350

As a LG&E customer I'm begging you to not increase rates! My family has been late and barely able to pay our bills every month since last year and every time we are even one day late they send a brown bill! Please give families a break!

Jennifer Edelen

Sent from my iPhone

To: Subject:

RE: Case 2020-00350

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----Original Message----

From: Joyce Bender

Sent: Saturday, April 17, 2021 8:42 AM

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

Subject: Case 2020-00350

I am writing to say that I oppose the rate change proposed by LG&E. I have done my best to be energy efficient and now to learn that my efforts will be penalized and reduced by additional service charges upsets my sense of fair play and fair market practices. This utility serves as a "regulated" monopoly and therefore should not be allowed to continue to squeeze consumers in this way for the benefit of stockholders.

I am on a fixed income as a retiree and I installed solar panels to help me maintain a predictable budget. I also installed them to protect our atmosphere from pollution caused by burning coal and to do my part to slow climate change. I like knowing that during peak hours, I am contributing my excess to the grid. That should continue to be counted as 1:1 because I have incurred costs to generate it. I should not be penalized for helping LG&E serve their customers by losing the value of the excess energy I generate. Turning around and charging me more for the energy I use at night is unjust and criminal. We must work together to solve the problems we all create with regards to our planet's sustainability. This is not a moment to enrich stockholders at the expense of consumers.

To:

RE: Case 2020-00350

Subject:

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:13:00 PM

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From: Cathy McLeod

Sent: Saturday, April 17, 2021 10:26 AM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

Please do not raise your fees to the people of kentucky. It is immoral to do so during a pandemic when many people are suffering.

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-----Original Message

From: Lane

Sent: Saturday, April 17, 2021 12:46 PM

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

Subject: Case 2020-00350

To KY PSC,

As an LG&E customer I feel that LG&E's proposal to increase fixed amounts of our electric and gas bills is an oppressive move, and hits hardest on those who have trouble paying their bills. If there has to be an increase in costs, which is questionable, it should be based on the amount of gas and electricity used. Please do not saddle out poorest residents with this burden!

Lane B. Adams 2975 Lexington Road Louisville, KY 40206

To: Subject:

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From: Harriette Seiler

**Sent:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 10:52 AM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

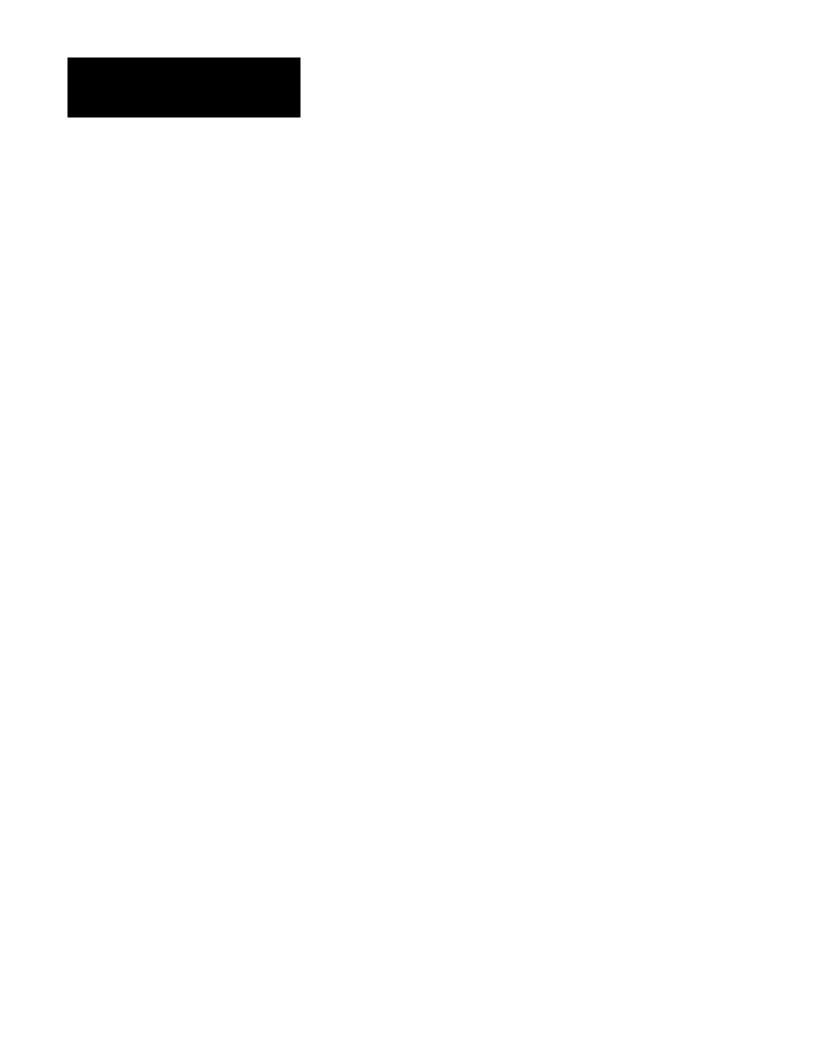
I am an 80-yr old LG&E customer who pays her bill online every month. I also give a monthly donation to assist with heating bills for the disadvantaged. It distresses me to think rates are being raised during this pandemic--adding to the hardship of those already suffering economically. Even when the pandemic is no longer a threat, it will take people months to dig out of the economic hole caused by lost jobs and wages.

The proposed hikes in usage rates for residential customers seem unreasonable and arbitrary. Customers would understand a rate raise of 4-6 percent, but 15-20 % seems pretty darn high.

I also suggest that LGE shareholders adjust their profit expectations to pandemic realities...

I thank LG&E employees for high quality service, but am certain they would not want their company to profit on the backs of the poor.

Sincerely, Harriette Seiler 307 Oread Rd Louisville, KY 40207



To: Subject:

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From:

**Sent:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 1:12 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>; Raymond, Josie (State Rep.) (LRC)

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

Rosemary & Kenneth Cavanaugh

2521 Browns Lane

Louisville, Kentucky 40220

Louisville Gas & Electric customer

The proposed changes to LG&E rates for residential customers' service fees feels like a slap in the face to me.

My husband and I decided in 2011 to install geo-thermal HVAC to reduce our

energy footprint. In 2018 we added rooftop solar to our home. These investments were a major depletion of our savings but we felt we were choosing to help our family and community's future. This is not a decision that we regret, however, now that we are both retired the additional charges will be a hardship.

LG&E proposes to diminish our opportunity to recoup some of that investment through conservation, energy efficient HVAC and solar products.

Fixed monthly "service fees" don't give us the benefit of our conservation decisions. Slanting net-metering in LG&E's favor attacks us both ways by selling our excess daytime solar power to others at a higher rate and then charging us a higher rate if we draw power at night or other times.

Since utilities are monopolies we don't have the ability to shop for better rates. Because of this status utilities are subject to regulations in order to *serve* customers responsibly not to provide maximum stockholder's returns.

We ask the Kentucky Public Service Commission to deny LG&E's request to raise and restructure its gas and electric rate. What LG&E proposes is both regressive and anti-consumer.

To:

**Subject:** RE: Case 2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:12:00 PM

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From: Kathy Wallace

**Sent:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 3:52 PM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

To whom it may concern,

For the following reasons, I believe that the rate hikes proposed will be a hardship for most of the customers you serve. As a retiree, these fees and rate hikes seem very unfair. Also, the world needs to go solar and your discouragement of this change with your net-metering is very backward thinking. Your monopoly of the industry is leading to some very unwise decisions and is against our need for justice and fairness. Please reconsider these policies.

**Flat monthly "service fees"** for gas and electricity imposed on all residential and commercial customers would rise by 11%-20%.

**Usage rates** would go up. For residential customers, 20% for gas and 15% for electricity. For commercial customers, 17%-20% for gas and 11%-12% for electricity.

Net-metering would be rigged in LG&E's favor, discouraging new solar projects and

killing solar industry jobs.

Your customer, Kathy Wallace

To:

RE: Case 2020-00350

Subject: Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:11:00 PM

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From: dirty teas

Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 10:23 AM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

The impact of raising gas and electric prices on top of major financial disruption from the global pandemic, shutdowns and cost of goods increases would be too much for our small business. We operate a small t-shirt shop on Bardstown Rd. and employ 2 people. We have scraped by but costs are starting to rise and it's alarming. Financially this would be detrimental.

Alisa Clark, Angela Jones-Clark Dirty Tease 1551 Bardstown Rd. Louisville KY 40205

**Covid-19 Hours** 

Hours: Tue. through Sat. 11am to 5pm

To:

**Subject:** RE: Case 2020-00350

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From: Eddie Kraft

**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 9:08 AM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

Its our understanding LG& E is seeking permission to re-structure Commercial customers rates.

As you are well aware the pandemic has decimated business across the country and Louisville is no exception.

Nanz & Kraft's wedding/party and front counter sales are down well over 30%.

Now is not the time to raise rates....please reconsider putting an additional burden on us and all your Commercial customers.

Thank you Eddie Kraft President Nanz & Kraft Florists

Eddie Kraft Nanz & Kraft Florists



To:

Subject: RE: Case 2020-00350. Public Service Commission rate hike and anti solar move

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From: Kyle Ellison

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 11:44 AM

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

Subject: Case 2020-00350. Public Service Commission rate hike and anti solar move

Kyle Ellison

Louisville KY 40206

I am writing to oppose the double digit increases for homes and businesses. I have two homes and a business. While I am not poor, many people are, and more so now than ever, due not just to COVID, but also to the growing wealth gap.

I see the role of government as keeping big business monopolies from steamrolling those not fortunate enough to be wealthy. Do not lessen or take away the chances poor and average people have to better themselves.

I am a strong supporter of solar power. Please do not remove any incentive to increase the development of solar power from the ground up. Think in the long term, not just short term profits at the expense of the environment and those economically challenged.

The ripple effect of your actions will continue for decades.

Kyle Ellison

To:

**Subject:** RE: Case 2020-00350

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From: Julie Cline

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 7:04 PM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

I am a current LG&E customer. I am on a SSDI fixed income. The problem is that I make just enough not to qualify for any assistance. I already have a difficult time affording basics: shelter, food, utilities, gas, and insurance as it is. So many Americans are already struggling financially. The proposed rate increase would put an additional hardship on myself and many others. Please do not support this increase.

Julie Cline 3729 Ethel Ave. Louisville, KY 40218

To: Subject:

RE: case 2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:19:00 PM

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From:

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 9:39 AM

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

**Subject:** case 2020-00350

Really? When we're not out of the woods yet with a pandemic, and many people in Kentucky have had a **year** of trouble with our antiquated unemployment insurance department, you want to **raise rates?** This is unconscionable!

It was eye opening to learn that utilities have some sort of "guaranteed" profit margin as they are pretty much monopolies. And LG&E wants to punish us for trying to save resources by raising fees- regardless of how much electricity we use. Isn't the PSC supposed to to balance out utilities' profits with an obligation to provide affordable, essential services?

Here I am, elderly and on a fixed income. I want to do my part to save the planet for my grandchildren. But LG&E doesn't want to let me do that. Luckily, I read the paper and have a computer so I can at least write you a letter, but I wonder about the many, many Kentuckians who are completely in the dark about all this. Just because LG&E makes an announcement that they seek more money on our backs, doesn't mean that the public is truly informed--or capable of responding. Most working people are just trying to get by right now.

In summary, I oppose the non-usage based increases and I **really** oppose them at this time. Let's see where we are economically next year.

Alice Gunnison 7849 Wolf Pen Branch Rd Prospect, KY 40059

**To: Subject:** RE: Case No. 2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:38:00 PM

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From: Nicholas Johnson

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 10:53 PM

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

**Subject:** Case No. 2020-00350

Hello Public Service Commissioners,

My name is Nicholas Johnson, and I am a homeowner and resident in Louisville. I am concerned about LG&E's most recent rate adjustment proposal (what's new...)—because it is a monopoly's attempt to control power production against the freedom of energy consumers to be energy producers. This is undemocratic, anti-free-market, environmentally suicidal, and absurdly, blatantly unethical and unconscionable. This publicly held corporation cannot be allowed to dictate whether Kentucky residents can implement their own on-site energy production—WITHOUT the detrimental negative externalities of fossil fuel energy production—due to the economic interests of the shareholders in opposition to Kentucky property owners. It is my insistence that the Commission Publicly Serve Kentucky defend the ability of Kentucky home and business owners to be reasonably reimbursed for the energy their on-site production facilities create by not sacking the net metering rates in the Commonwealth.

Thank you for your Service to the Public of Kentucky, and for deciding to continue our individual right to produce energy in a sustainable way that is fairly compensated without being bullied and taken advantage of by the monopoly utility due to their fear of competition as a result of their misplaced hesitation in embracing the new and correct energy production technologies themselves.

Nicholas Johnson 2144 Crittenden Dr Louisville, KY 40217

To:

Subject: RE: Case number & Utility Name

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From: Becky Hart

Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 5:09 PM

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

Subject: Re: Case number & Utility Name

Also my name is: Rebecca S. Hart

Address: 518 Warnock Street Louisville, KY 40217-1830

On Wed, Apr 14, 2021, 4:32 PM Becky Hart

> wrote:

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Thank you.

Karen L. Wilson, MPA

Kentucky Public Service Commission

211 Sower Blvd.

Frankfort, KY 40601

Office: 502.782.7136

From: Becky Hart

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 14, 2021 12:45 PM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer < <a href="mailto:PSC.Info@ky.gov">PSC.Info@ky.gov</a>>

Subject:

Please, please, where does it end. My bill is now almost \$300 a month!!. I'm retired, on a fixed income. I cannot afford to live in KY anymore & may have to leave KY because of These ridiculous rates. I also have a mortgage (not paid off) & a water bill around \$300 a month also! This needs to stop!

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From: G. Raymond Schuhmann

**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 2:42 PM

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

**Subject:** case number (2020-00350) Comments

Public Information Officer,

LG&E's continued push to increasing fixed charges is not fair or reasonable for anyone on a fixed income! People should be charged for what they use, this encourages smart use and conservation. Nor should the rate increases of this size be granted, especially as we attempt to recover from a pandemic.

Home address is 709 Blankenbaker Lane, Louisville, KY 40207

Ray

G. Raymond Schuhmann

President

**Kinetic Properties, Inc.** 

200 Distillery Commons, Suite 200 Louisville, KY 40206-1990

To:

**Subject:** RE: Case number 2020-00350 No to LG&E rate increase!

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:37:00 PM

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From: Ellen S. Wade

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 7:26 PM

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

**Subject:** Case number 2020-00350 No to LG&E rate increase!

Please do not approve this rate increase request. For many reasons that affects all its customers, especially those with limited budgets, this is totally unnecessary.

I have many friends who have installed solar panels and others who plan to- what kind of environmental incentive is this to harm solar customers by charging a misleading wholesale rate? This is no way to plan for our environmental future.

This rate increase is totally unjustified. Please do not allow it to happen. We're counting on you. Thank you.

Ellen S. Wade 423 Wood Rd. Louisville, KY 40222

To:
Subject: RE: Case Number 2020-00350 (LG&E)
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:16:00 PM

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Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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

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

**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 2:57 PM

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

Subject: FW: Case Number 2020-00350 (LG&E)

From: David Collins

**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 2:31 PM

**To:** PSC Consumer Web Inquiry < <a href="mailto:PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov">PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov</a>>

**Subject:** Case Number 2020-00350 (LG&E)

To: Public Service Commission

I am writing to oppose the request for rate increases by LG&E.

The are many reasons to deny these requested increases.

- 1. The timing while the state and nation is still fighting a pandemic and sever economic downturn.
- 2. The size of the request, over 10% adding nearly \$200 to the annual costs for basis utility costs is obscene.
- 3. The increase in base rates removes the customer the incentive to reduce usage to lower their bill.

- 4. The outrageous proposal to reduce net metering rates from 1 to 1, to 1 to .03, removing encouragement for domestic solar energy installations and the overall reducing of CO2 emissions.
- 5. The way these increases will work against the people least able to afford increased living expenses.

-David A Collins 200 Gibson Rd Louisville, KY 40207

To:

 Subject:
 RE: case number 2020-00350 LG&E

 Date:
 Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:20:00 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: Donna Floyd

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 7:56 AM

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

I read LGE is seeking a smaller rate increase. Is LGE aware, the people on social security is to receive an increase of ONLY 1.3% and I don't even know if I am receiving a pay increase this year. Unemployment is high and many citizens are having a difficult time already. My previous email to you is below. I am requesting you to deny LGE any rate increase.

To:

Subject: RE: Case related question "case#2020-00350"

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:40:00 PM

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----Original Message----

From: Dee Clark

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:53 AM

To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: Case related question "case#2020-00350"

My name is Paula Clark I live at 2515 Hampton ridge Blvd Louisville Ky 40220.

I am writing to STRONGLY OPPOSE the latest proposal by LG&E to raise rates. I am a senior citizen and can't afford to pay higher utility bills!!!!

A 13% increase in electricity and a 16% increase in natural gas is NOT ACCEPTABLE at any time!!!!!

Thank you Paula Clark 2515 Hampton ridge blvd Louisville Ky 40220

Sent from my iPhone

То:

Subject: RE: Case Related Question 2020-00350

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:16:00 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

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

From: Kelli Care

Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 8:53 PM

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

Subject: Case Related Question 2020-00350

The requested LG&E rate hikes are unconscionable in the best of times, much less during a pandemic, and should not be approved for any reason.

- Kelli Care

To:

**Subject:** RE: Case Related Question LG&E rate increase 2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:33:00 PM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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

From: boxman thomas

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 5:06 PM

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

**Subject:** Case Related Question LG&E rate increase 2020-00350

My name - Ken Lucchese, 1505 Quincy Street. I do not want the rate increase from LG&E. I'm already paying installment plans plus the monthly bill. It's not easy! Fixed charges aren't fair if you are not using the service. I don't want to pay for something if I didn't use the service.

Thank-you!

--

Ken Lucchese

From: PSC on behalf of PSC Executive Director

To:

Subject: RE: Case Related Question. Case# 2020-00350

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:15:00 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: Chuck Jones

**Sent:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 6:07 AM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> **Subject:** Case Related Question. Case# 2020-00350

I'm against the big rate increases for LGE. I and a lot of people are on fixed incomes and this is asking too

much!

My name is Charles F Jones. My address is 325 Idlewylde Dr. #5 Louisville, Kentucky 40206

From: p behalf of PSC Executive Director

To: Subject:

RE: Case# 2020 - 00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:39:00 PM

Thank you for your comments on the application of 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 number in this matter, 2020-00350, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <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: Roger Hartman

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 5:56 AM

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

**Subject:** Case# 2020 - 00350

Not in favor of rate hike from LG&E. ..Roger Hartman 126 Gibson Rd Louisville KY 40207

To:

Subject: RE: Case# 2020-00350 Totally Against LG&E Rate Increase Proposal

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:29:00 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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From: Vicki Schlenk

**Sent:** Sunday, April 18, 2021 4:28 PM

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

Subject: Case# 2020-00350 Totally Against LG&E Rate Increase Proposal

My husband, Robert B. Schlenk, Sr. and I are totally against the LG&E Rate Increase Proposal.

Please STOP this increase.

Thank you.

Vicki and Robert Schlenk, Sr. 4308 Stonemeadow Ct. Louisville, KY 40218 From: SC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director

To: Subject:

RE: Case# 2020-00350

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From: Deborah Davis

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 4:53 AM

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

**Subject:** Case# 2020-00350

Case# 2020-00350

Please, I beg of you NO new electric or gas increases, why would you kick us when we are down! You have to cut your budget just like we do to run our homes! We can not just increase our net incomes when we want to! Think of the elderly who are struggling please!

NO to any tax increases!

Thank you, James & Deborah Davis 2811 Milburn Ave Louisville, KY 40220

**To: Subject:**RE: case# 2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:11:00 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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From: James Milliner

Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 10:07 AM

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

**Subject:** case# 2020-00350

Upon learning of the case #2020-00350 James and Lois Milliner,3104Townsend Terrace, Louisville, KY 40241 wish to express our opposition to the proposed increase in service fees.

James and Lois Milliner

**To: Subject:**RE: Case# 2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:25:00 PM

Thank you for your comments on the application of 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 number in this matter, 2020-00350, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <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

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----Original Message-----

From: vernon town

Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2021 1:30 PM

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

Subject: Case# 2020-00350

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to encourage you to oppose the latest request by LG&E to raise rates on residential customers. As the nation and KY begins to climb out of the pandemic, what I believe we need now is to give families and our commonwealth time to recover our financial footing before an increase in utility costs are implemented. I also believe that LG&E will see some of the money being proposed in the Infrastructure Plan/Bill currently in Congress.

I appreciate your consideration of my request to deny LG&E a rate increase at this time.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jackie Town 40241

**To: Subject:**RE: Case# 2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:15:00 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: Steve Henry

**Sent:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 7:34 AM

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

**Subject:** Case# 2020-00350

## To the Public Service Commission:

We are writing to express our opposition to LG&E's proposed rate hike. We oppose this increase for a number of reasons, including:

- The average family utility bill will increase by \$277 per year.
- The mandatory base charge will increase \$0.20 per day (\$6.00/month).
- Residential customers will pay 13% more for electricity and 16% more for gas.
- The proposal will slow the payback on investment in energy efficiency, solar panels, and other renewable energy sources.
- This increase would significantly impact low-income Kentuckians.

We believe, especially in the midst of a pandemic that has deeply affected many vulnerable Kentuckians, that this is not the time for a rate hike. Please deny their request.

Thank you.
Joy and Steve Henry
3951 Gilman Ave.
Louisville. KY 40207

To: Subject:

RE: Case# 2020-00350

Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:12:00 PM

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Best Regards,

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From:

**Sent:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 2:38 PM

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

**Subject:** Case# 2020-00350

I am writing to protest the proposed increase in electricity and natural gas usage costs. I am on a fixed income and the significant increases being sought by LG&E are out of line.

My daughter used to work for the KY PSC and then LG&E; what will likely happen is that the PSC and other intervenors will "negotiate" an increase with LG&E, who files a rate case knowing that the desired increase will be negotiated downward, so the Company knowingly inflates its costs to support its filing.

It is a game, but it wastes taxpayer dollars. The fact that either KU or LG&E files a rate case every other year contributes to the waste, and I submit, fraud.

Sincerely,

Helen P. Greer

To: Subject:

RE: Case# 2020-00350

Subject Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:12:00 PM

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Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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

From:

Sent: Saturday, April 17, 2021 3:47 PM

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

**Subject:** Case# 2020-00350

I urge all LG&E customers to oppose its latest proprosal to raise rates. It would have a disproportionate impact on low-income families. More people will be at risk of losing their homes during this pandemic.

Ali Miller 10608 Glenmary Springs Drive Louisville, KY 40291

To:

**Subject:** RE: Case# 2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:45:00 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: Jim Aalen

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 4:29 PM

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

**Subject:** Case# 2020-00350

Dear Madam/Sir,

It is morally indefensible for Louisville Gas & Electric to raise rates in this time of financial insecurity for so many

Kentucky residents. The proposed rate change would have a disproportionate impact on low-income families. More

people will be at risk of losing their homes during this pandemic.

This Company is somewhere back in the Nineteenth Century in wanting to slow paybacks on our citizen's

investments in energy effiiciency like solar panels and other renewable energy sources. It should

be in the forefront in leading the way on this issue, instead it is interested only in benefits to

sustain non-renewable power sources for its own ends.

This Company cares only for it's shareholders, not the good of the public.

## Please deny ANY rate increase at this time.

Sincerely,

James Aalemn 6804 Crossmoor Ln Louisville, KY 40222

To: RI RI

RE: case# 2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:12:00 PM

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From: Monica Greer

**Sent:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 4:41 PM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>; Janet Greer

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Good afternoon.

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed rate increase in the Case Number indicated above. My concerns/reasons are several fold:

>; Monica

1. Having worked for LG&E for over a decade, I am familiar with the forecasting process as I was a member of the Sales Analysis and Forecasting team for the entire tenure of my time there. Despite the claims that the forecasts of electricity and natural gas sales are based on "sound econometric practices, etc.", the fact is that it was always necessary to inflate the forecasts, which required ad hoc adjustments by management to show a perceived-to-be reasonable year-over-year growth. This was even worse when PP&L acquired the Companies (KU and LG&E), since it was all about the financials and the price of the stock.

Since the residential class is (or was during my tenure) the "highest margin" customer class, and I was the person who did the residential forecasts for much of my tenure, the pressure put on me was intense. As an economist, I believe that the data and results from the econometric models used to produce these forecasts, should stand; yet, I was forced to try to inflate these forecasts for results on Wall Street.

This is especially relevant since the Companies' revenue requirement is based on a forecasted

period instead of a historical test year.

2. As you may have realized, KU and LG&E alternate yearly rate cases. This was a strategy that was adopted shortly before I left in the Fall of 2013. As you also are aware, rate cases are expensive and, ultimately are just a "game"; a negotiation between the Companies and the intervenors in the cases. I also worked for the KY PSC before I was employed at LG&E, working on natural gas and electric filings, so I saw this play out first hand.

Each customer class has its representative - its player in the game. In some cases, there are customers who hire attorneys to be their voice (i.e., Kroger, Walmart). At the end of the day, much time and money has been wasted while the players bicker over how the pot is divided, that pot having been negotiated among the players.

3. My final comment is a common one: There are many individuals in the service territory on fixed incomes, or those who have suffered financially from the current Pandemic. The increases of 13% and 18%, respectively, for electricity and natural gas usage are extreme; especially in the case of the latter, when the commodity (natural gas) is supposed to be a pass-through, so I am a bit confused about the nature of this increase.

And, by the way, if this gets approved, LG&E will be able to start earning a return on the AMI infrastructure, thanks to CWIP. Like the pipeline that was built (or proposed to be built - I haven't kept up with this), it is simply a way for the Companies to increase earnings, especially since the "load growth" forecasted over the past years never seems to materialize...

Dr. Monica Greer

To: Subject:

RE: Case# 2020-0350

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Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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

From: Floyd Hines

Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2021 8:33 PM

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

**Subject:** Case# 2020-0350

# **TO: Kentucky Public Service Commission**

PLEASE reject the pending LG&E rate increase proposals pending.

Electric rate increases granted LG&E a year ago raised the averaged monthly electric bill at my house from about \$50.20 in 2019 to \$62.05 in 2020. These numbers are from my spreadsheet of electric charges. The charge just to connect onto the LG & E grid went up \$10 per month, before any electric use. That base rate increase was disguised in the printed public proposals by changing the 'monthly' rate to a 'daily' rate, a sneaky math trick.

Solar panels were installed on my house ten years ago. Solar panels have improved so much that it now costs half of what we paid to get almost three times as much production. Do not allow LG & E to discourage solar panel installation by refusing to give full credit for each kilowatt of solar electric at the same value as the electric produced by LG & E on their coal plants or at their new solar 'farms.' Require that we continue to get one-for-one credit for each kilowatt produced toward our electric bill. And make it possible for others to install solar and get that same credit.

Gas prices also increased last year and should not be allowed to go up again.

Many people are struggling financially because of the pandemic, making the proposed rate increases on gas and electricity totally inappropriate.

As 'Public Service' regulators, please consider the Kentucky <u>public</u> ahead of LG & E regarding proposed rate increases.

Thank you!

Floyd Hines

**Floyd Hines** 

238 South Peak Avenue Shepherdsville KY 40165

To: Subject:

RE: Case#2020-00350

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:19:00 PM

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**Brandon Bruner** Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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

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

From: Kathleen Reno

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 9:35 AM

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

Cc: Kathleen Reno

Subject: Case#2020-00350

To the Public Service Commission:

PLEASE DO NOT approve the latest LG&E proposals to raise rates.

While I realize that LG&E investors expect returns on investment, it is more essential that residents are provided with affordable, essential energy services.

What is the need for the PSC to increase stockholders' returns while hurting consumers during a global pandemic with the accompanying financial damage to residential customers??

Raising the flat, monthly service fees for all residential service customers does not encourage customers to

invest in energy efficiency and solar panels. Usage

rate increase at least allows customers to have some control over their energy usage and thus the cost to the resident.

Thank you.

Kathleen Reno 2136 Trevilian Way Louisville, KY 40205

To: Subject:

RE: CASE#2020-00350

Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:40:00 PM

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Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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

From: Larry Brunner

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 8:17 AM

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

**Subject:** CASE#2020-00350

## To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose any price increase for LGE utilities. Trying to fight out of a year long pandemic is not the time to introduce utility increases. Many families and businesses are struggling enough, without our utility company exasperating the issues. Please do not allow this to happen.

Larry Brunner 6709 Brownsoboro Road Louisville, Ky. 40222

To: Subject:

RE: CASE#2020-00350

Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:38:00 PM

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

From:

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 10:27 PM

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

**Subject:** CASE#2020-00350

Kentucky Public Service Commission:

Recently, I read an ad in the Courier-Journal regarding a proposal to increase Electricity cost 13% and Natural Gas cost 16%. This is a tremendous increase which would increase my utility costs almost \$300 annually. I am retired and live on a fixed income. This would present a significant challenge especially since we will see a large increase on our property tax funding JCPS. I oppose this large increase and ask that you consider the ramifications to households and businesses especially as we are coming out of the pandemic. Thank you.

Kevin A. Connell 304 Bramton Road Louisville, Ky. 40207 From: behalf of PSC Executive Director

To: Subject:

RE: Case#2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:13:00 PM

Thank you for your comments on the application of 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 number in this matter, 2020-00350, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <u>View Case</u> Filings for: 2020-00350 (ky.gov).

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: Carolyne Holland-Raney

**Sent:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 9:45 AM

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

**Subject:** Case#2020-00350

I'm writing this email to state my opposition to any increase in LG&E's residential utilities service.

We can barely keep up with the current rates. Thank you for your attention to this matte. Sincerely,

Carolyne Holland 98 Valley Road Louisville, KY 40204

To:

**Subject:** RE: CASE#2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:31:00 PM

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Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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

From: Jo Craig

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 3:02 PM

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

**Subject:** CASE#2020-00350

My name is Pamela Jo Craig. My address is 3703 Winchester Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40207.

If LG&E is given this increase it will be a substantial financial burden.

Thank you for your time,

Jo Craig

To: Subject:

RE: Case#2020-00350

Subject: RE: Ca

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:13:00 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: Judy Lampton

Sent: Saturday, April

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

**Subject:** Case#2020-00350

My name is Judy lampton and I live @ 1319 Bent Willow Ln. in Louisville 40214. I am a Widow on a fixed income and your proposal will bring a great hardship to my everyday life. With the uptick of grocery prices, gas and other products, an increase in electric and gas will be almost beyond my ability to pay. I ask you to put an increase on the back burner.

From: C) on behalf of PSC Executive Director

To: Subject:

RE: CASE#2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:17:00 PM

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**From:** Anissia Crayton

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 11:22 AM

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

**Subject:** CASE#2020-00350

### To Whom it may concern:

Our names are LaVon and Anissia Crayton, we live at 221 Notting Hill Blvd, Louisville, KY 40245. We are writing this email to strongly oppose the proposal to raise rates at LG&E. Per the information received, the average family's utility bill would increase by \$277 per year. We already pay enough for the services used. We are still in a pandemic and families everywhere have lost jobs and income. Some families, have lost their bread winners to this deadly pandemic. By increasing the LG&E rates, would cause more harm than help the families in the Louisville community. Not only would this increase, hurt low income families but middle class families as well. Everyone is working hard to make ends meet with the current budget we have. This is not a good time for a rate increase as hardly anyone is getting a pay raise on their jobs. The Louisville as a whole and the entire world has been affected by COVID-19 and a rate increase to anything would be detrimental. Think about your own family and if it would affect them. This is absolutely the wrong time to even consider increasing rates. Try helping the community and not putting your foot on a community and world that is already down.

LaVon and Anissia Crayton

To:

**Subject:** RE: Case#2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:40:00 PM

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From: Carolyn

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:29 AM

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

**Subject:** Case#2020-00350

Carolyn Riggs 1103 Ambridge Drive, Louisville, Ky 40207.

Enough is enough! We have had far too many increases too close together. It is a difficult time for everyone so you want to raise rates and put more people on the street. Your CEO can do without an increase during hard times.

To: RE: CASE#2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:47:00 PM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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**From:** maureen payne

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 8:34 PM

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

**Subject:** CASE#2020-00350

On the heels of the pandemic and all of the issues surrounding it, it seems unconscionable to me for LG&E to raise rates with a 13% increase in electricity usage cost and a 16% increase in natural gas usage costs.

This increase would leave so many families no way to catch up their bills and recover their economic security.

This is not the right time.

Sincerely, Maureen Payne 3721 Winchester Rd. Louisville, KY 40207

To:

**Subject:** RE: case#2020-00350"

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:12:00 PM

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Best Regards,

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

From: PAT HALL

Sent: Saturday, April 17, 2021 1:18 PM

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

**Subject:** case#2020-00350"

# DO NOT RAISE RATES

Pat Hall 1512 Vivian Lane-Lousville, KY 40205

PAT HALL

To:

RE: Case\_2020-00350

Subject: Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:11:00 PM

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**From:** Andrew Berry

**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 12:21 PM **To:** PSC Meeting <PSC.Meeting@ky.gov>

Cc: PSC Public Information Officer < PSC.Info@ky.gov>; Mark K Wourms

**Subject:** Case\_2020-00350

I would like to speak at the public hearing today, April 15 2021, at 1:00 and sending these written comments below as well.

Andrew Berry
Lawrenceburg, KY
Director of Conservation
Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest
Clermont, Kentucky

April 15, 2021

Case Number: 2020-00350 (LG&E) or 2020-00349 (KU)

To whom it may concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this critical issue of LGE KU proposed rate increases. The proposed rate increases will impact a million Kentuckians, with substantial impacts felt by lower income ratepayers and negative impacts to Kentucky's necessary transition to solar energy. This proposed rate increase is part of a recurring cycle of three increases over the past 5 years that continues to mount on the shoulders of ratepayers.

Bernheim is concerned about the significant impact from the proposed devaluation of net metering that will slow the necessary transition to solar energy by homeowners, small businesses, and industry. During a critical decade where reductions in carbon emissions are a widely agreed upon goal, this undercutting of the solar industry is the wrong direction for the health of greater Louisville communities.

These rate increases also fund some projects that do not have any benefit for the great majority of ratepayers. A major project impacting Bernheim currently is the proposed LGE Natural Gas Pipeline, where LGE is suing Bernheim and multiple private landowners for condemnation land, including a portion of the Cedar Grove Wildlife Corridor. This proposed rate increase seeks to recover the costs for the land acquisitions and mounting legal and regulatory expenses for this proposed pipeline.

If LG&E should succeed in condemning the remaining landowners and Bernheim, and then gain necessary permits, then LGE has every intention to propose more rate increases in the near future to finance the construction and operation of the pipeline. This proposed rate increase would fund the proposed LGE pipeline would destroy natural lands with federally endangered species, infringe upon private landowner rights, and break conservation easements and deed restrictions held by Commonwealth of Kentucky and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Additionally, the proposed pipeline has increased in cost to \$75 million dollars, up from \$24 million dollars just several years ago. These pipeline cost projections continue to grow, and while LGE is asking ratepayers to completely shoulder the costs, the proposed LGE pipeline has been shown in recent court proceedings to mainly benefit only one entity over next 5 years. We ask the Public Service Commission to consider that "Public Necessity" is not demonstrated by servicing of only one customer, especially when cost to support project is put on the ratepayers. We also request the PSC to consider how many other circumstances like this may be tied up within the present, past, and future LGE proposed rate increases.

In conclusion, the Public Service Commission should consider the full range of benefits for solar energy transition for LGE customers and communities, consider the full range negative implications for raising rates on low income communities, and make necessary adjustments to lessen these disproportionate impacts. We also ask the PSC to not allow inclusion of the land acquisition costs for the proposed LGE pipeline in these rate increases, and to require projects such as this to clearly demonstrate positive impacts for the majority of ratepayers and public necessity.

Thank you for consideration of these comments. -Andrew Berry

Andrew Berry
Director of Conservation

Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest

https://bernheim.org/

To: Subject:

RE: Case\_2020-00350

Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:15:00 PM

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Best Regards,

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

From: Jack Cornell

**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 5:34 PM

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

**Subject:** Case\_2020-00350

Sent from for Windows 10

The only information I'm aware of on this issue is my bill, which came well before the "Biden Bucks" (Infra-structure Bill) was part of the conversation.

To my thinking that makes rates becomes a money grab rather than a reasonable /needed upgrade...like on Broadway.

Just do it right. That's the (old) America way.

Thanks. John M. Cornell

To: Subject:

RE: Case\_2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:16:00 PM

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Best Regards,

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From:

**Sent:** Friday, April 16, 2021 10:25 AM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

This increase is totally unreasonable, the people of Jefferson County are getting Property taxes raised by the School Board, now L.G.&E wants this please do not allow this to go through. John Hikes 4936 Merton Square Louisville Ky.40241

To: Subject:

RE: case2020#-00350

Date:

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From: mad max

**Sent:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 11:50 AM

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

**Subject:** case2020#-00350

marion tinsley 221 n clifton ave lou,ky 40206,stop the price gouging!

**To: Subject:**RE: Case2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:37:00 PM

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From: Betsy Settles

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 5:33 PM

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

**Subject:** Case2020-00350

Betsy Settles 10425 Worthington Lane Prospect, Ky. 40059

I am a retired widow living on a fixed income; increases in utilities is difficult on my budget. Also the charges fail to encourage conservation to support the planet. Please reconsider rate increases both financially and for the crisis of climate change

To:

 Subject:
 RE: Comment on Case# 2020-00350

 Date:
 Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:14:00 PM

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From: Kevin Jett

**Sent:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 8:58 AM

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

Subject: Comment on Case# 2020-00350

#### To the KY PSC,

Thank you for allowing comments on the proposed rate increase by LG&E. To even propose a rate increase during this pandemic is absurd by any standard, Almost 33% of Kentuckians are unemployed and are wondering how to pay the food, rent and utility bills as they stand today. This is also true for those living on fixed income who do not need more stress and anxiety. Let LG&E look within itself for efficiency gains to increase their profit not place a greater burden on the users.

Thank you for your time, Kevin Jett 1309 Rhonda way Louisville, KY 40216

To:

 Subject:
 RE: Comments for Case# 2020-00350

 Date:
 Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:26:00 PM

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From: Ted

Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2021 1:08 PM

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

Subject: Comments for Case# 2020-00350

As a long time resident at 213 Kim Ct Louisville, KY 40214 and also a small one man business owner at 4570 Knopp Ave. Louisville, KY 40213. I Ted L. Staehle would like to voice my opinion on LG&E's constant rate increases. We have no other options for electric and gas services, they have no competition. With myself and most people struggling to pay bills the last thing we need is rate increases on top of high service fees already. The service fees are the highest part of my business service, so trying to conserve energy and now with practically NO jobs since March 2020, it has very little effect on my bill. Besides the direct impact of rate increase to customers, the rate increases on all business are passed down to the consumers so we feel the rate increases over and over. Most all products and services have been and still are rising from the pandemic while most incomes are smaller and many non existent. You are our only defense from powerful monopolies.

Thank you, Ted L. Staehle

To: Subject:

RE: Electric increase

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:33:00 PM

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----Original Message-----

From: Sue Bloxam

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 5:03 PM

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

Subject: Electric increase

Please be aware of those of us who live on a fixed income. We are stretched pretty thin with all the taxes we currently pay, increase in grocery store prices, gas, etc.

Sue Bloxam 512 Wallace Avenue St Matthews 40207

Sent from my iPad

To: Subject:

RE: Increase on utilities

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:32:00 PM

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From: Aln Brown

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:44 PM

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

Subject: Increase on utilities

Hi My name is Jane Brown & I any opposing your proposal to raise utilities. The utilities have been raise recently and I think you need to manage with the income you are getting for gas, electric and water. There has been a growth in building of homes and apartments which means your income has increased tremendously. Check and see how many new apartments and home have been built in the last two years. That alone should solve your cash flow problem. Plus how many permits have been issued for this year so far. This has also been a bad year for everyone with the virus and people losing jobs and hours cut the general public is not in a good financial position.

I think there should be a limit on you increasing the price of our utilities. Just because you want more money and you just increase the our cost is not right.

I read where they were not going to raise taxes in the west end because of the burden on the people. Well all people have the same problems with income not going far enough and having to cut back. If we cut back you receive less money so you want to raise if we we use less. LEAVE THE PRICE OF UTILITIES THE SAME FOR 2021 &2022. Make due.

Thank You

Jane Brown

To:
Subject: RE: KU / LGE Rate increase

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:18:00 PM

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From: Darrell

**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

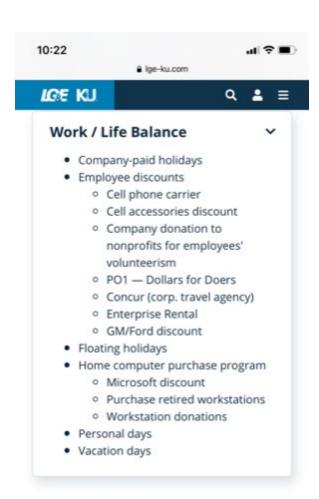


## Health

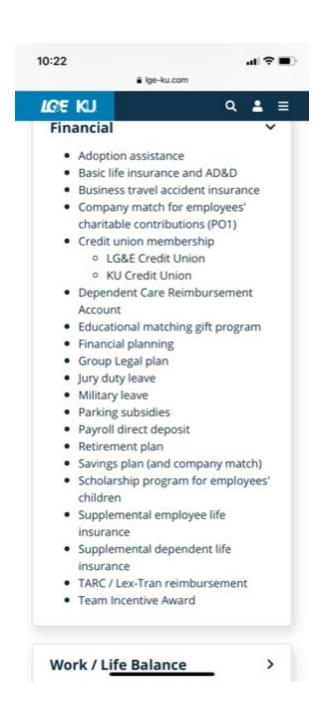
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- Express Scripts (prescription drug benefit)
- Family Assistance Plan
  - o Child care referral
  - o Elder care referrals
- FMLA
- Health Care Reimbursement Account
- · Long-term disability
- Medical plan
- · Short-term-disability
- Sick days
- Special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

## Wellness

- Disease management
- Fitness center reimbursement







Darrell

From: PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director

To:

**Subject:** RE: KY Public Service Commission CASE#2020-00350

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:31:00 PM

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From: Teresa Lively

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 2:26 PM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> **Subject:** KY Public Service Commission CASE#2020-00350

Regarding LG&E PROPOSAL TO RAISE RATES. There was an advertisement in the CJ that said residentail customers would see a 13% increase in electricity usage cost and a 16% increase in natural gas usage costs. Average family's utility bill would increase by \$277 per yr.

As a retired person on a fixed income I am vehemently opposed to this substantial rate increase.

Please reconsider and if an increase is inevitable, please considerably reduce the proposed increase.

Please forward my comments to the KY Public Service Commission with CASE#2020-00350 in the subject line.

Thank you, Teresa Lively 405 Blenheim Court Louisville, KY. 40207 From: If of PSC Executive Director

To: Subject:

RE: LG&E proposed rate hike

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:37:00 PM

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From: Micaela Rowland

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 8:38 PM

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

**Subject:** LG&E proposed rate hike

With this past year of many changes and lost income, this is not the time to increase residential rates.

Please refrain from raising rates to the areas of Kentucky that you provide power. Look at grants and commercial customers.

Thank you. Micaela Rowland

To:

 Subject:
 RE: LG&E rate case 2020-00350

 Date:
 Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:45:00 PM

Attachments: LGE net metering.pdf

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From: Herb Hurst

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 5:00 PM

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

Subject: LG&E rate case 2020-00350

Commissioners -

I submit the following comments for your review, reference LG&E rate case 2020-00350. Thank you for taking the time to review my comments.

Herb Hurst 4018 Hidden Falls Drive Prospect KY 40059

## Louisville Gas & Electric rate case #2020-00350

My name is Herb Hurst, and I live in Prospect, Kentucky. I believe that there is some evidence to support the idea that our continuing high use of fossil fuels in the modern world is harmful to our planet. Nonetheless, today's economies throughout the world depend on energy, and much of that is derived from fossil fuels. Notable efforts are being made to reduce this dependence by generating energy from alternative sources such as wind energy and solar energy. Many individual homeowners, such as I am, and many businesses, both large and small, are willing to do our part in this effort by using privately generated wind and solar systems. We have invested our hard-earned cash to reduce our demand for fossil fuel generated energy and replace it with clean solar power. It is noteworthy that even LG&E is going full speed ahead on building their own massive solar array here in central Kentucky. But these solar power options are sold by a monopoly utility, LG&E, at a premium price.

Our electric utilities are monopoly businesses. And in instances like electric supply, there is good reason for it, but it shouldn't allow them to devalue electricity that is generated by independent solar owners. The utility actually benefits from that extra power produced by independent solar systems and sent into the grid quite a bit. LG&E is paid for all energy that flows through one of their meters into homes and businesses, even if they didn't produce it. When, and if, one's extra solar power flows back through the utility meter to LG&E, and then into a neighbor's home, the utility, in this case LG&E, gets paid full retail for that power. In addition, independent solar systems are capable of adding extra power into the grid at the very time energy needs are highest, like on hot July days her in Kentucky. So, when LG&E asks for you to approve them paying only 20 cents on the dollar for this independent power through net metering, it's just not right. It's seeking to abuse of their monopoly power while they are benefiting from the power being supplied by independent solar power systems feeding into their network. Just as LG&E asks that electric rates fairly and accurately reflect their investments that produce power, why shouldn't the owners of independent solar systems be paid equally for the power they produce and LG&E ultimately sells.

Thank you for your time. I hope that you will decide that reimbursement for net metering in Kentucky should remain on a 1:1 basis.

To: Subject:

RE: LG&E Rate Hike

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:39:00 PM

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From: Roger Hartman

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 5:54 AM

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

Subject: LG&E Rate Hike

I am not in favor of a rate hike...

Roger k Hartman 126 Gibson Rd Louisville KY 40207

То:

**Subject:** RE: LG&E rate increase request

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:18:00 PM

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----Original Message----

From: Susan Torok

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 9:19 AM

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

Subject: LG&E rate increase request

Please do not grant LG&E's request. By increasing the delivery charge, consumers are limited in their ability to have significant control over utility bills. This will be a particular hardship for lower income consumers, many of whom have already been adversely affected by the pandemic.

The timing on this request is especially unfortunate, since LG&E is a healthy, for profit, company not in need of an immediate increase to maintain their profitability.

Thank you

Susan Torok 430 Ethridge Ave Unit 102 Louisville, KY 40203 From: S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director

To:

**Subject:** RE: LG&E rate increase request

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:31:00 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

----Original Message-----

From: Susan Torok

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 9:19 AM

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

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From: R Stuart

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 8:33 AM

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

Subject: LG&E rate increase

Gentlemen:

My wife and I are 84 years old and on a fixed income.

We feel that an increase of the amount LG&E seeks is way too much!

All of us have suffered through the "pandemic" and have , in many cases, financial problems as well.

CASE# 2020-00350

Please reduce or eliminate this increase.

Ron Stuart 9811 Valley Fair Way Louisville, KY 40272

To:

RE: LG&E rate increase

Subject: Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:18:00 PM

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From: Greg Norris

Sent: Monday, Apr

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

**Subject:** LG&E rate increase

I oppose the proposed rate increase by LG&E and respectfully request the increase be denied.

**Greg Norris** 

To:

**Subject:** RE: LG&E rate increase

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:16:00 PM

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Best Regards,

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

From: Betty Nunn

**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 3:35 PM

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

**Subject:** LG&E rate increase

. I am writing to say that rate increases of this size should not be granted, especially as we attempt to recover from a pandemic, and that the attempt to shift more payments to fixed charges harms lower income people and discourages energy conservation.

Betty Nunn

1784 Mellwood Ave, Louisville, KY 40206

From: C) on behalf of PSC Executive Director

To: Subject:

RE: LG&E rate increase

Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:15:00 PM

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From: Carla Roper

Sent: Saturday, April 17, 2021 8:13 AM

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

Subject: LG&E rate increase

It's about time we put a stop to utility companies who raise our rates every year!

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

To:

RE: LG&E rate increase

Subject: Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:37:00 PM

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From: Kate Greer

**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 7:32 PM

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

**Subject:** LG&E rate increase

I understand that there may be a need to raise rates, but I think these proposed rates are excessive. Many customers have been without jobs and/or have had incomes reduced.

Kate k. Greer 2514 windy way Louisville, ky. 40207 From: c) on behalf of PSC Executive Director

To: Subject:

RE: LG&E

Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:09:00 PM

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From: Llewelly Santos

Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 4:30 PM

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

Subject: LG&E

ONCE MORE THE ELDERLY BEAR THE BURDEN: (sources Courier Journal and Google)

There are nearly 600,000 people in Kentucky that receive Social Security benefits. As of January 2020 the average monthly payment was \$1,455.24 or the yearly average was \$17,462.88. In 2021 COLA afforded an additional increase of an average of \$20.00 per month.

Meanwhile, JCPS received a substantial rate increase. MSD will get it's annual 6.9% increase. I haven't heard or seen PVA assessments. The price of gas has substantially increased. The price of food has increased. In order to stay in business, small business have increased their prices. There is probably many more issues that have affected our economy. That \$20.00 does't stretch very far.

What is LG&E's bottom line profit? Why do they need the increase? Issues such as the above are contributing to a shrinking middle class.

To:

RE: LG&E/KU rate increase

Subject: 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 <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,

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From: Patricia Oliver

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 8:39 AM **To:** PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>

Subject: Re: LG&E/KU rate increase

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

To:

**Subject:** RE: LG&E"s proposal to raise rates "Case #2020-00350"

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:12:00 PM

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From: Marilyn Michael

**Sent:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 4:15 PM

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

**Subject:** LG&E's proposal to raise rates "Case #2020-00350"

I am more than outraged about this proposal to raise our rates at the proposed levels. This sounds like highway robbery. I am an 84 year old citizen living on a fixed income and that would really put me in a terrible financial situation. Please, please hear the pleas of all the people like me who are desperately hoping some sanity is shown by the KY Public Service Commission and that this proposal promptly finds its way to the nearest trash can.

Thank you.

Marilyn Michael 1324 Garden Hill Place, Louisville, KY 40245

To:
Subject:
RE: LGE proposal to the average family
Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:29:00 PM

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**From:** Deborah Mccrary-Mcdonald

**Sent:** Sunday, April 18, 2021 5:42 PM

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

Subject: LGE proposal to the average family

Dear Public Service Commission,

This is ridiculous that LGE wants to propose to increase a family's utility bill by \$277 per year, .20 per day rise on mandatory service fee, and a 13% increase on electric usage and 16% increase in natural gas. This is not fair especially when there has been a pandemic the last year and people are out of jobs. There is no reason for this taxation just because they want to be a big greedy corporation. People in Louisville are fighting increases with MSD, property taxes, outrageous school board taxes.

If LGE wants money they shouldn't always attack the poor consumers. They should apply for federal dollars from the American Rescue Plan Act that Biden is providing. There is over 4700 million dollars out there already appropriated for water company, wastewater, transportation and capital repairs. My point is there is an additional 1.3 BILLION leftover that LGE could apply for to offset any of these fees they want to pass onto the consumers. They need to apply at the upcoming special session. There is going to be up to \$2 trillion more being released from the bident administration, so why don't their CEO's get off their butss and research and apply. They should research other ways either through state or federal funds, not the consumers pocket!

Sincerely,

Deborah McCrary McDonald

To: Subject:

RE: LGE Proposal

Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:23:00 PM

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

From: Mike Funk

Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2021 9:56 AM

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

Subject: LGE Proposal

No to further increases, personally, I didn't get a salary increase last year, this year received less than 2%, others are in same, similar or worse shape. How is it that these outrageous increases continue to be presented and adopted. They are far greater than wage growth and erode quality of life for many. Let's force these organizations to work on internal efficiencies first, rather than to use the consumer for their mismanagement.

To: Subject:

RE: LGE Rate Hike

Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:32:00 PM

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Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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-----Original Mes

From: Josh Zelle

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:50 PM

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

Subject: LGE Rate Hike

DO NOT APPROVE ANY RATE HIKES FOR LGE!!!

Josh Zeller

Sent from my iPhone

To:

RE: Ige rate increase.

Subject: Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:42:00 PM

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From: Anita Thomason

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:47 AM

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

**Subject:** Ige rate increase.

I want to voice my displeasure in this proposed rate increase. So many people have lost so much in the past year. I doesn't matter if you are rich or poor, young or old, we all are suffering. I am 81 years old and on a fixed income. I live in a house provided by my daughter and I can't pay this increase. Please think of all of us and deny this rate increase. Thank you for your time and consideration. Anita Thomason.. 3409 Grandview Ave. Louisville, KY. 40207

To: Subject:

RE: Lae

Date:

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----Original Message-----

From: Sheri Brown - Great Lakes Market Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 7:19 PM

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

Subject: Lge

I would like voice my concerns about the proposed utility bill increase. I am opposed to this increase. In my opinion the current rates should adequately address budget needs. Too many people are on federal assistance that a proposed increase would only add to hardship Sheri brown

#### Sent from my iPhone

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To:

RE: Lge

Subject: Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:41:00 PM

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-----Original Messa From: tassie parke

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:50 AM

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

Subject: Lge

Do not increase out lge rate.

Tassie Parker

Sent from my iPhone

To: Subject:

RE: LGE/KU

Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:10:00 PM

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From: Nick Vavra

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 4709 Railroad Ave Louisville, KY 40258

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.

To:

**Subject:** RE: Louisville residents opposing case #2020-00350

Date:Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:28:00 PMAttachments:Residents Against 2020 00350 Redacted.pdf

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From: David Olshefski

**Sent:** Sunday, April 18, 2021 12:43 PM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> **Subject:** Louisville residents opposing case #2020-00350

\*\*CAUTION\*\* PDF attachments may contain links to malicious sites. Please contact the COT Service Desk ServiceCorrespondence@ky.gov for any assistance.

Public Information Officer,

Please find attached a four page PDF containing resident's arguments against case #2020-0035. To be clear, we are not requesting intervention status, we are providing comments on the case to the PSC.

I am sending this to you in advance of the Hearing on 4/26/2021.

If you have any problems reading or printing all or part of the attached PDF, please let me know.

Much of the information in the PDF is also available online at our website:

https://reduceutilitybillk.wixsite.com/reduceutilitybill/2020-00350

I request that you reply to this email to acknowledge your receipt of this email and the

attached PDF.

Feel free to direct any questions to:

David Olshefski 3024 Beaumont Road Louisville, KY 40205

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

David Olshefski 3024 Beaumont Road Louisville, KY 40205

Subject: LG&E rate increase application 2020-00350

Kentucky Public Service Commission,

We request that the PSC deny **2020-00350** in full. Below are our arguments against the proposal. Attached at the end is a petition signed by Louisville residents from NextDoor.com.

More information can be found at our website:

https://reduceutilitybillk.wixsite.com/reduceutilitybill

David Olshefski

## Arguments against 2020-00350

- 1. The country is in a pandemic resulting in loss of life and the loss of income that is associated with the loss of life.
- 2. Unemployment rate in KY as of Feb 2021 is 5.2%
- 3. KY has over 4,000 homeless
- 4. KY is ranked above average for highest electrical costs and for natural gas costs.
- 5. Louisville residents do not have a choice in energy providers, which means market competition cannot affect energy rates and residents/businesses cannot switch to other providers.
- 6. LG&E has a history of frequent rate increase applications, and has frequently received significant rate increases.
- 7. LG&E are requesting an increase much higher than the predicted inflation rate of 2.5% for 2021.
- 8. There is a significant computer chip shortage, which means this is not the time to switch to advanced metering technology. The availability of chips are low due to COVID reduced chip production, and their cost is high. This is affecting all market sectors. Many vehicle manufactures have slowed or temporarily halted their

production lines due to lack of chip availability. Both the new and used car markets have seen historic price increases.

- a. LG&E should perform their upgrade to advanced metering after the computer chip manufacturing industry gets back online. Until then, chip cost will be high, demand will remain high and chip quality will be an issue due to COVID loss of silicon chip manufacturing expertise. The existing meters still work.
- 9. On the PPL [LG&E] investor page, they state that "PPL plans to invest about \$14 billion in infrastructure over the next five years to build a smarter, more secure energy grid and to advance a cleaner energy future. This, in turn, is driving strong rate base growth." They are stating that switching to new high tech meters will allow them to get a rate increase from PSC, which is their reason for the switch. This is how they are attracting new investors.
- 10. Putting in a new meter should not have any affect on the rate that customers pay for using the same amount of gas or electric.
- 11. Putting in a new meter that sends the reading over the internet to the LG&E data center is cheaper for LG&E in the long run because they will eliminate meter reader employees they should not receive a rate increase for an upgrade that pays for itself.
- 12. According to the PPL annual report,
  - a. PPL reported operating revenues of \$3.1 Billion for 2020 in KY alone.
  - b. PPL reported net income of \$418 Million for 2020 in KY alone.
  - c. PPL provided a \$1.66 dividend per share they are doing very well.
  - d. PPL had an overall \$7.8 Billion in annual revenue
  - e. PPL had \$48 Billion in assets
  - f. PPL is positioning themselves as a high growth company [expecting high revenue increases, due in part to rate increases from new high tech meters]
  - g. PPL stated that The COVID impact was only 1 cent per share
  - h. The share price of PPL increased 11.8% over the last 12 months, and doubled over the last 5 years.
  - i. Share holders of PPL are doing very well. KY residents are not doing so well.
- 13. Electric: The proposal is expected to result in an increase of electric revenues by \$131.1 million, or 11.6% as compared to the expected revenues at the existing rate. So \$131.1 million is 11.6% of \$1,130,172,414 which is what LG&E expects to receive as electricity revenue without the rate hike. But with the electric hike alone, revenue would raise from \$1,130,172,414 up to \$1,261,272,414.
- 14. Gas: The proposal is expected to result in an increase of gas revenues by \$30 million or 8.3% as compared to the expected revenues at the existing rate. So \$30M is 8.3% of \$361,445,783 which is what LG&E expects to receive as gas revenue without the rate hike. But with the gas rate hike alone, revenue would raise from \$361,445,783 up to \$391,445,783.
- 15. If you add up the electric & gas increases, the total revenue increase comes to \$161.1M = \$131.1M + \$30M. So gas + electric revenue would increase from \$1,130,172,414 + \$361,445,783 = \$1,491,618,197 up to \$1,261,272,414 + \$391,445,783 = \$1,652,718,197, which is a 10.8% increase in revenue just for gas & electric, which is a huge increase in revenue for a regulated utility company. They made \$418M in net income last year, but they want to raise that by \$161.1M.

- 16. Since residents pay for both electric and gas, these increases are additive.
- 17. The proposal states that the avg customer uses 894 kWh per month and the avg electric bill is \$99.41 per month, which is \$99.41 / 894 kWh = \$0.111 per kWh.
- 18. The proposal states that the avg customer uses 54 ccf of gas per month and the avg gas bill is \$65.84 per month, which is \$65.84 / 54 kWh = \$1.22 per ccf.
- 19. So the avg customer pays \$99.41 + \$65.84 = \$165.25 per month, at existing rates. It will increase to \$183.16 per month at the new proposed rates, an increase of 10.8%, well above the predicted inflation rate of 2.5%, and does not take into account weather related usage changes another cold winter, and residents will be paying even higher amounts.
- 20. The KY residents are burdened with the <u>full</u> 10.8% revenue increase, from \$1,491M to \$1,652M. Yet, getting a new high tech meter is no benefit to the resident.
- 21. The current metro area population of Louisville is very stable, barely increasing. In 2021 it is 1,098,000, a 0.83% increase from 2020, and less than 1% each year since 2018. The load on the electrical and gas infrastructure from a population perspective has not changed much, and does not justify a 10.8% price increase for the same number of residents.
- 22. According to to the 2020 annual report, <u>LG&E produced 13% less</u> GWh in 2020 than in 2019. So they produced less electricity for a stable population, yet they ask for a 10.8% price increase.
- 23. Equipment upgrades are part of the cost of doing business and should not be directly passed on to KY residents & businesses. LKE or LG&E can borrow (issue bonds, etc) if they want to raise capital to cover temporary costs to upgrade their equipment. This way investors can decide whether or not to buy the bonds rather than force residents to pay via permanent rate increases. They can also reduce their dividend or projected net income to simply cover the cost of equipment upgrades. In a competitive environment, this is how companies manage themselves LG&E, since they have proprietary rights they are not acting like a competitive business but rather want to pass <u>all</u> costs onto the KY resident.
- 24. Utility companies in Louisville charge high per day service charges. This means that residents do not save much money by lowering their consumption. The PSC ought to evaluate and consider removing the LG&E fixed per day service charges as part of this case. PSC ought to have the long term goal of eliminating all per day service charges, and only charge based on consumption, which will place more cost control in the hands of the residents, and encourage lower natural resource consumption. Every residence requires a bare minimum about of kWh, ccf and water to sustain its occupants so every resident is already paying for that minimal usage plus they get charged per day service charges anyways.
- 25. The LG&E contribution to the financial health of the Louisville community during COVID was almost non-existent. LG&E did not offer any discounts themselves, but a few options were provided by organizations or government agencies to pick up the slack. LG&E will help residents manage and pay their bills in full. For residential customers they suspended disconnections but will be 'generous' and give customers 30 days notice when they decide to resume disconnects.

26. Residents have been complaining that LG&E over light much of the area. This means LG&E over charges municipalities for installing lights that are not required, and can contribute to traffic accidents - glare, blind-spots due to reflections, etc.

## sPetition against 2020-00350

"I encourage PSC to deny proposal #2020-00350"

The following names were collected from April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 [14 days]:

Brandi Johnson, 7716 Pear View Ln Nathan Strobeck, 6938 Norlynn Dr Patty Ballensky, 6938 Norlynn Dr Tim Shull, 2704 Lamont Rd., Louisville, KY 40205 Mary Jo White, 2704 Lamont Rd, Louisville, KY, 40205 Sherry House, 3203 Dewdrop Court Vanessa Canedy, 3523 Lisbon Ln, Louisville, KY 40218 Debbra Everett, 7204 Kort Way Nancy Schafer, 9714 Grandin Woods Rd. Karen Southerling, 7942 Nature Way Sue Rogers, 2808 Winterhaven Rd Dave Olshefski, 3024 Beaumont Rd Mark Flener, 2133 Buechel Bank Rd Jaime Rosado, 6302 Gaye Drive Avery Wilcox, 7942 Nature Ways LaToya Middleton, 6302 Moorhaven Drive Helen Hall, 3712 Glenmeade Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40218 Nathan Williams, 4119 Samoset Ct

To:

RE: No

Subject: Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:19:00 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

-----Original Messag

From: Peggy Kinsell

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 9:36 AM

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

Subject: No

Please consider the dire consequences for a raising rates. Lower executives pay as option. Pk

Sent from my iPad

To: Subject:

RE: No increase

Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:33:00 PM

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-----Original Message----

From: Steve McMahan

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:07 PM

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

Subject: No increase

Do not increase rates!

Sent from my iPhone

To: Subject:

RE: no raise

Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:14:00 PM

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----Original Message-----

From: David Noe

Sent: Saturday, April 17, 2021 9:36 AM

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

Subject: no raise

Please take note:

change of email address

David Noe

no longer using:

Enough! I wanted to do solar on my garage studio apartment but that has been changed to benefit the big power monopoly. Hurting small solar business installers now they want to increase rates. Always the big money buys what they want!! Despite all of the objections I believe they will get the increase they want. SHAME FOR THE GREED!

To:

**Subject:** RE: Proposed rate increase

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:18:00 PM

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From: Al Bedel

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 10:20 AM

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

Subject: Proposed rate increase

My name is J. R. Bedel. My husband Al and I, both retired, live in Louisville, KY. I find the proposed rate increase by LG&E unacceptable. From my understanding, it does little to help conserve energy in that it increases the flat monthly service fee. I will be charged more for using less energy. This is basically charging people for the "privilege" of having electricity service to their home regardless of how much they use. Persons in the community of low income or on a fixed income will have difficulty meeting the increased costs of any rate increase. Therefore, I must voice my opposition to this substantial rate increase.

J. R. Bedel Louisville, KY 40291

To:

 Subject:
 RE: Public Comments for: 2020-00350

 Date:
 Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:22:00 PM

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Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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From: Bill Wolfe

Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2021 12:43 PM

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

Subject: Public Comments for: 2020-00350

Please accept this public comment on the pending rate increase proposed by Louisville Gas and Electric Company for both natural gas delivery and electricity.

To state broadly, the increases proposed are extreme, unaffordable, untimely, and unjustified.

While LG&E is adept at preparing spreadsheets and charts, and spinning documents and calculations that would seem to show just cause for enormous rate increases, any comparison of the utility's rate increase with those of non-regulated industries (i.e., manufacturing, telecommunications, agriculture, mining, etc.) would show that LG&E puts little effort into keeping its prices reasonable. Even its plans for implementing "costs-saving" technology always seems to raise, not reduce, costs to customers. High- tech meters are a prime example. Costs are passed on to consumers for the expenses of buying and installing the meters, and for removing existing meters. If these measures actually cut costs, shouldn't we see lower bills, not higher?

LG&E should be held to increases in line with those that reflect the general rate of inflation and the consumer price index. As Texas has shown us, a strong, well-regulated public utility system is essential to the Commonwealth. But if LG&E prices exceed the ability of

customers to pay, we might just as well join the freezing, huddling customers in Galveston and Houston.

William B. Wolfe Louisville, KY

To:

 Subject:
 RE: Rate Case Number 2020-00350

 Date:
 Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:06:00 PM

Thank you for your comments on the application of 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 number in this matter, 2020-00350, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <u>View Case Filings for: 2020-00350 (ky.gov)</u>.

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From: J Webe

**Sent:** Sunday, April 18, 2021 12:52 PM

**To:** PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov> **Subject:** Re: Rate Case Number 2020-00350

#### To Whom It May Concern:

Since submitting my comments in the previous email, I have learned that my home address was needed, so here it is (I inserted it in the email below as well):

Janice Weber 126 N Jane St. Louisville, KY 40206

On Fri, Apr 9, 2021 at 2:50 PM PSC Executive Director < PSCED@ky.gov > wrote:

Thank you for your comments on the application of 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 number in this matter, 2020-00350, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at View Case Filings for: 2020-00350 (ky.gov).

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: J Weber

**Sent:** Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:10 PM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer < <a href="mailto:PSC.Info@ky.gov">PSC.Info@ky.gov</a>>

**Subject:** Rate Case Number 2020-00350

Dear Public Service Commission,

I am a solar advocate and I am asking you to also encourage energy efficiency and energy conservation. It appears our utility companies are bent on discouraging people from both by raising their base rates and lessening the benefits of solar.

I used my savings to have solar panels installed on my 100 year old home in 2017. I made the decision when our country pulled out of the Paris Accord, instead of buying a car. Yes, to save money on energy, but much more importantly, to save our planet - to be an incentive for others. But almost every year since then I've had to ask you to deny the rate increase and solar disincentivizing that LG&E keeps lobbying for.

According to the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission on record spending by lobbyists since 2016, LG&E and KU Energy have been in the top three with 6-figure spending every year. Both lobbied for the "net metering" bill that would have cut reimbursements for those with solar panel installations. Both claim to need more money - don't we all? Better use of the money we are paying them is not a lot to ask. It's what we ALL have to do, especially during a global pandemic.

If corporations are given the rights of a person, they should also practice personal & fiscal responsibility, concern for the environment and the future.

Once again, please deny these rate increases and efforts to stifle the growth of residential solar.

Thank you,

# Janice Weber

126 N Jane St. Louisville, KY 40206

To:
Subject: number: 2020-00350

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:41:00 PM

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From: Mike Meehan

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 7:57 AM

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

Cc:

Subject: Rate hike- case number: 2020-00350

Case number: 2020-00350

I cannot begin to express how much I oppose another rate hike! Same old story line, you ask for an exorbitant amount to begin with, everyone is outraged, it gets negotiated down to something that seems more palatable, everyone is relieved, everyone shakes hands, and LG&E winks as they walk away. I'm sick of it! LG&E should be operating on a shoe string budget, watching every nickel as if it belongs to a hardworking, low income, person (which it does!). Why do you spend OUR money to sponsor events around our area? Why do you spend OUR money to advertise your services on TV, radio and social media? Only "for profit" businesses should do that to gain more customers. We do not have a choice in who supplies our gas and electric, you are it! Please be a better steward of our money!

Mike Meehan 2612 Summerfield Dr Louisville KY 40220

Sent from my iPad

To:

 Subject:
 RE: Rate increase LG&E (2020-00350)

 Date:
 Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:14:00 PM

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Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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From: Mary Lineberr

**Sent:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 8:58 AM

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

**Subject:** Rate increase LG&E (2020-00350)

Dear Public Service Commission:

We are writing to express our utter dismay and anger at LG&E's egregious move to increase residential and commercial rates for their customers (2020-00350). This is an outrageous rate increase and comes at a time when residents and businesses are already struggling. In addition, they are moving to mess with net-metering, which will leave NO incentive for solar projects and thus killing solar industry jobs. How far behind the rest of the world we are. Please do not allow this cruel rate increase and restructuring to occur.

Thank you.

Ted and Mary Lineberry 3009 Sherbrooke Road Louisville, KY 40205

To:
Subject: RE: Rate increases

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:30:00 PM

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----Original Message-----

From: Tomdorsey

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 7:37 AM

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

Subject: Rate increases

I agree 1000 percent withe the Courier op Ed column on your unconscionable rate increase at a time when people are losing their homes and their job during the worst crisis in over a century. What are you thinking, or not thinking!

Sent from my iPad

To: Subject:

RE: REGARDING 2020-00350

Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:11:00 PM

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----Original Message-----

From: Jean Hutchinson

Sent: Saturday, April 17, 2021 10:40 PM

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

Subject: REGARDING 2020-00350

Comments regarding 2020-00350

My name is Jean L. Hutchinson and I am a customer of LG&E in Louisville, KY. I oppose the proposed rate increase because it will make our bills go up over \$200 in a year. LG&E has had rate hikes 3 out of the last 4 years. It is time to stop. We have had job losses and business closings in our community due to the pandemic. This is not the time to raise rates. Plus residents of Jefferson County pay enough fees already. Businesses that have managed to survive this year are struggling so a rate increase could force them to close, causing more unemployment. There are people in Louisville who cannot pay their LG&E bills now. So please stop this. Thank you for your consideration.

Jean Hutchinson Louisville, KY From: S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director

To: Subject:

RE: Utility rates

Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:32:00 PM

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Best Regards,

**Brandon Bruner** Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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-----Original Message--

From: walt tucker

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:57 PM

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

Subject: Utility rates

And my social security increased 1.06% and you want 11%. Not equatable. Give PPL 1.06%

Sent from my iPhone

To: Subject:

RE: Vase 2020-00350

Subject Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:32:00 PM

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From: Melissa Fletcher Sent: Monday, April 19,

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

**Subject:** Vase 2020-00350

My name is Melissa McKinney and my husband Tim and I live at 608 W Reservoir Ave, Central City, KY 42330. We live on a fixed income and we cannot afford any kind of a rate increase, such as what LGE-KU is requesting. Most people in these trying global pandemic times are struggling to make ends meet. People cannot afford the price increases that LGE-KU is requesting. Please do not approve their request for these increases.

Thank you, Melissa McKinney

To:

Subject: RE: We oppose rate hike and anti-solar move Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:40:00 PM

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From: Tom Cunningham-KY fiddler

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 12:17 AM

**To:** PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> **Subject:** We oppose rate hike and anti-solar move

We are writing to oppose the double digit increases for homes and businesses. While we are not poor, many people are, and more so now than ever, due not just to COVID, but also to the growing wealth gap.

We see the role of government as keeping big business monopolies from steamrolling those not fortunate enough to be wealthy. Do not lessen or take away the chances poor and average people have to better themselves.

We are strong supporters of solar power. Please do not remove any incentive to increase the development of solar power from the ground up. Think in the long term, not just short term profits at the expense of the environment and those economically challenged.

The ripple effect of your actions will continue for decades.

Tom Cunningham and Lorraine Venberg 191 N Bellaire Ave, Louisville, Ky 40206

Tom Cunningham

To: Subject:

RE: Case #2020-00350

Date:

Thursday, April 22, 2021 8:42:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of 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 number in this matter, 2020-00350, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <u>View Case Filings for: 2020-00350 (ky.gov)</u>.

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----Original Message-----

From: Constance Keegan

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:00 PM

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

Subject: Case #2020-00350

These are lean times, especially in Kentucky. Raising rates by as much as you propose is oppressive.

Your company does not need a 10% raise in revenue...this is preposterous. Any raise in rates should be very lean.

Constance Keegan, 329 Primrose Dr., Louisville, KY40207

**To: Subject:**RE: Case 2020-00350

**Date:** Thursday, April 22, 2021 8:42:00 AM

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From: Jim Eastburn

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:34 PM

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

**Subject:** RE: Case 2020-00350

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in opposition to the rate increase by LG&E in Case 2020-00350.

I have lived in my house over 20 years. In that time I have seen the gas and electric service charges go from \$162/yr (\$13.50/month) to over \$400/yr (gas @ \$0.65/day - electric @ \$0.45/day). I have seen the cost of electricity increase over 80% (bill due 09-29-2000 - 1822 kWh used - electricity cost \$105.17 vs bill due 08-06-2019 - 1841 kWh used - electricity cost \$194.17).

During that period I have invested heavily in an effort to reduce the energy used in my home. When buying my home - the seller had to replace the furnace - I paid extra for a high efficiency furnace.

I have spent over \$8,000 replacing 24 windows.

I have spent over \$4500 insulating the roof and walls of my home that was built in 1922. In Dec 2019, I paid over \$15,000 for a solar system.

It is my feeling that the increases that LG&E is requesting and has received over the past 20 years devalue the investments I have made to reduce my energy usage in my home.

In addition, I have a question for you. Why does someone living in a small apartment pay the same monthly service charges as someone living in a 5000 sq ft house? In an apartment complex with many meters vs a large house on 5 acres? Shouldn't there be different service charges for different sized living situations?

I also oppose any changes to the net metering program in KY. The excess electricity I send back to the grid, that is used by my neighbors, is certainly a lot more efficient than the electricity sent over miles of transmission lines from the nearest power plant.

Respectfully Yours,

James Eastburn 1928 Rutherford Ave Louisville, KY 40205 From: (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director

**To: Subject:**RE: Case 2020-00350

**Date:** Thursday, April 22, 2021 8:42:00 AM

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From: vanessa allen

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:50 PM

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

**Subject:** Case 2020-00350

Thank you for the opportunity to comment regarding Case # 2020-00350 related to LG&E's requested rate increases for both gas and electric services.

My name is Vanessa Allen. I live at 9090 Cedar Grove Road Shepherdsville KY 40165. I am not a LG&E ratepayer. However, I am a Licensed Medical Social Worker practicing home health in the areas served by LG&E. In my role, I work with homebound, generally aged, disabled persons. My patients are very limited in their abilities to "have a voice" on such matters as the proposed rate increase as many are too ill to actively participate in commenting or do not have the technological resources to do so. I am sending in these comments in hopes of advocating for people who are precious to me and will be disproportionately impacted by the rate increases, especially given the fixed nature of such an unjust proposal.

Raw numbers can paint pretty clear pictures. The average Social Security (SS) pension in Kentucky is \$1,173 monthly. For those who may not understand, SS income is determined based on work history and earnings. The Supplemental Security Insurance (SSI) amount is a flat amount of \$794 monthly. SSI is paid to people who are disabled, generally for very long standing disabilities, and are unable to work. These are fixed amounts paid to recipients and are generally the sole source of income available. Out of those limited funds, LG&E is requesting roughly \$20 MORE dollars per month in addition to the current rates. In contrast, William H. Spence, head of PPL/ parent company of LG&E, earned \$15,500,000 in total

compensation last year, or \$1,291,667 per month. LG&E is a for-profit monopoly profiting on the backs of my patients and others who are unable to increase their incomes or simply use less energy as the flat rates proposed make usage less relevant and impact the poor, by default, to a notably inordinate degree.

I have countless stories related to patients and their fears of LG&E. The old cliche is that those on fixed incomes must make choices between food and medicine. In fact, the reality is that my patients have to make choices between utilities or food, medication, and other bare basic needs. A large portion of the aged and disabled, especially in Kentucky, are reliant on supplemental oxygen which, in turn, is reliant on electricity. Innumerable patients have relayed their fear of having their electricity shut off by LG&E if they are unable to pay their bills. Their fear is a grim and reasonable possibility as electricity is a necessity for the oxygen literally keeping them alive. Every winter, I am saddened by the number of patients I see bundled up in multiple layers in frigid homes who are clearly uncomfortable but are trying their hardest to limit their energy consumption to an affordable level. Unfortunately, LG&E continues to increase rates to more and more unaffordable levels and, as a monopoly, they fully understand ratepayers have no other option. The bottom line is that people are making hard choices for which basic need they can meet each month and unfortunately, I have patients who do without food and medications so that they can pay LG&E.

The recent Bullitt Circuit Court case related to the condemnation of 5th generation farmers' lands unveiled that LG&E plans to build a \$70 MILLION dollar plus natural gas pipeline exclusively for the use of Jim Beam for two full years. Beam asked for the pipeline, refused to pay for it, and then hired a consulting firm to justify ratepayers providing the funding for Beam to have a personal natural gas pipeline. While this seems unbelievable and far-fetched to the average person, it is none-the-less true as reported by WFPL ("LG&E Records Show Bernheim Pipeline Would Primarily Benefit Jim Beam | 89.3 WFPL News Louisville") and available in public court records. The timing of, and amount projected of, the proposed rate increase is remarkably suspicious and begs the question: Is LG&E asking the public, including the poor/disabled/disenfranchised to pay more so that Jim Beam can have a personal natural gas pipeline that Beam will pay nothing for? My patients cannot even afford a bottle of Jim Beam, yet, they are asked to sacrifice more, forego needed medications, be hungry and cold, so that Jim Beam can become even more profitable?

LG&E is clearly not known for their ethical or moral-based behavior but this proposed rate increase advertises their sociopathic nature and total disregard for humanity in flashing neon lights. It's as if LG&E no longer even bothers to even make an honest effort to hide their tyrannical abuse of ratepayers. The lack of common decency in the middle of a pandemic is inconceivable and despotic, at best. It is abundantly clear that the people need protection from the out of control utility giant.

I implore the Kentucky Public Service Commission to take a stand against the heartless, greedy, for-profit utility and make a just decision in this case.

The people are watching.

Sincerely, Vanessa Allen From: (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director

**To: Subject:** RE: Case 2020-00350

**Date:** Thursday, April 22, 2021 8:42:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of 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 number in this matter, 2020-00350, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <u>View Case Filings for: 2020-00350</u> (kv.gov).

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

----Original Message-----

From: James Bennett

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:32 PM

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

Subject: Case 2020-00350

My name is James Bennett. I live at 235 Haldeman Avenue, Louiville KY 40206

My wife and I are LG&E customers.

I am writing to oppose LG&E's proposed rate changes. What disturbs the most is unfairly changing the metering arrangement for property owners with solar installations. The changes would make it less attractive to new owners to install solar, and would exploit existing owners of solar installations by reducing their billing credits. I believe solar energy should be encouraged, not discouraged.

The other aspect of this proposed change that is harmful is increasing the fixed monthly service fees for customers. This will reduce customers' ability to lower their bill by conserving energy, because conserving will have less impact on those bills. Energy conservation is very important to me and is beneficial to our society and needs to be incentivized, not the opposite.

Thank you for your consideration.

To: Subject:

RE: Case# 2020-00350

Date:

Thursday, April 22, 2021 8:43:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of 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 number in this matter, 2020-00350, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <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

----Original Message----

From:

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:16 PM

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

Cc: Jjeff740@bellsouth.net Subject: Case# 2020-00350

This is to request you turn down the LG&E rate increase. I'm also aware of Ky AG Cameron's proposal too. We believe during This time of pandemic and loss of jobs, we should be more sympathetic to the poor and elderly among us. Maybe in another year or two things will be better.

Brenda Jeffries, 2515 Crums Lane, Louisville, Ky. 40216

Thank you for any consideration.

To: Subject:

RE: Case: 2020-00350

Date:

Thursday, April 22, 2021 8:42:00 AM

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----Original Message----

From: Judith Nig

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:45 PM

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

Subject: Case: 2020-00350

I am writing to protest the raising of electric and gas utility rates. We gave all had to tighten our belts for the last year and I expect the utility company to do the same. This is NOT the time to raise rates. I ask that you consider the people of Kentucky and soundly oppose this. Thank you, Judith Nigh

Sent from my iPhone

To:

Subject: RE: Utility rate increase, Case 2020-00350

Date: RE: Utility rate increase, Case 2020-00350

Thursday, April 22, 2021 8:42:00 AM

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From: Burkhart, Mary Tyle

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:03 PM

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

**Subject:** Utility rate increase, Case 2020-00350

Case 2020-00350

Dear Public Service Commission,

Please don't allow Louisville Gas & Electric to raise our utility rates. This is so unfair to the elderly who live on a fixed income. The elderly can't be absorbing these hikes. I am retired and the utility rates are already high. The proposed rate increase will stress the budgets of many Kentucky families.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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