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To:

**Subject:** RE: dont raise rates

**Date:** Thursday, May 20, 2021 2:41:00 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,

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From: jill harmer

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 4:49 PM

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

**Subject:** dont raise rates

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## case number 2020-00350

## Please don't jack up rates and disconnect fees when so many people are hurting.

LG&E's proposal will increase the average residential electric bill by \$11.74 / month, and the average residential gas bill by \$6.17 / month. LG&E's disconnect fees will increase by \$4.00 for gas customers and another \$4.00 for electric service. This is the third rate increase sought by lge in little time. For LG&E electricity the new flat fee will be \$15.80 per month, and for gas it will be \$23.72 per month. These proposed per-meter fees are nearly double what LG&E customers paid in 2012.

I'm against the flat charge for no matter how little energy I use. This approach to rate design – shifting a larger share of each person's monthly bill to a charge they have no control unfairly harms low-income customers, people of color, folks who live in smaller apartments and homes, and others who seek to manage their bills. I keep my thermostat to 55 degrees to save electricity.

**LG&E** 's rates hurt solar owners by slashing by nearly 80% the value of the credit a customer gets for each kWh of solar energy provided to the grid. please let your customers benefit from increasingly lowcost solar panels.

Utilities should be pubic, so please take into consideration our practical concerns.

The specific issue of density is this: It actually costs the utility more to run lines out to each individual house in areas where homes are more spread out, whereas it's very efficient for the utility to provide service to 12 apartments all in the same building. But the folks in that apartment building end up paying 12 times the flat fee that a single family home in an affluent neighborhood does. If they had a low flat fee and a higher per-kilowatt hour fee, then each customer in the small apartment would likely pay much less for their lower energy usage (and lower infrastructure costs to deliver the energy to them) and larger homes (and larger energy users) would pay a greater share of the overall revenue made by the utility.

I hope that's helpful. I'm glad to talk more.

Best wishes.

Lisa

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## Lisa

I wrote psc against rate increases and for solar energy owners.

?????Doesnt LGE charge according to the tenants' meters? What difference does it make on the lge bill if higher density of apartments?

"Putting most of the rate increase on a flat per-meter charge also means that neighborhoods with a higher density of apartments and houses are essentially subsidizing the utility's costs for providing service in suburban or wealthier – and often whiter – neighborhoods, which have fewer meters over a larger area. you may email or call me and leave a message if more convenient.

Thank you.

Jill harmer



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