

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: 2020-00349
Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:07:00 AM

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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
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Frankfort, KY 40601

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

From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 9:38 PM
To: PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>
Subject: 2020-00349

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From: Stella Godbey [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 2:35 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Public Information Officer psc.info@ky.gov

LG&E case #2020-00349

We need the cooperation of everyone to mitigate climate changes if our planet is to survive. You are not cooperating since you are trying to destroy solar industries.

It does not even make business sense to have to continue repairing downed lines and transformers with every catastrophe we are having as a result of climate change. PG&E found that out. Help solve our problems rather than being the problem.

-Stella Godbey
Brandenburg, KY

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
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From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 9:30 PM
To: PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>
Subject: 2020-00349

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From: Cyndi Allen [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 9:22 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Re: Proposed Increase

Kentucky Utilities in Lexington KY

Cyndi Allen

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 12, 2021, at 9:16 AM, PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> wrote:
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> Ms. Allen,
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> If you could include the case number or the name of the utility for your comment for posting to the case file.

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> Thank you,

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> Karen

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> Karen L. Wilson, MPA

> Kentucky Public Service Commission

> 211 Sower Blvd.

> Frankfort, KY 40601

> Office: 502.782.7136

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Cyndi Allen [REDACTED]

> Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 8:07 PM

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

> Subject: Proposed Increase

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> I am writing to express my opinion that there be no rate increase to electric rates at this time. It is time we consider increases into research of solar vs rate increases.

> Again, NO rate increase

>

> Cyndi Allen

>

> Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Case No. 2020-00349
Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:11:00 AM
Attachments: [EPSON.pdf](#)

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From: Janie Wills [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 4:11 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case No. 2020-00349

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Please find attached a letter in opposition to Case No. 2020-00349.

Emilie Jane Wills
107 Sterling Avenue
Mount Sterling, KY 40353



March 12, 2021

Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 615
Frankfort, KY 40602
psc.info@ky.gov

Reference: Case No. 2020-00349

To Whom It May Concern:

As a concerned Kentuckian and a Kentucky Utilities (KU) customer, I'm writing to you to oppose KU's application for rate increases.

Since 2017, KU has increased its basic meter charge by 50% and its energy charge by 1%. Now it proposes to increase the meter charge by 15%, the energy charge by 11%, and the disconnection fee by 32%. Furthermore, it proposes to cut - by almost 80% - the rate used to credit solar customers for energy they supply to the grid.

Of the 77 counties served by KU, five are among the fifty counties in the US with the lowest median household income. The utility is bold, indeed, to ask for a third rate increase in four years - this last request in the midst of pandemic-related unemployment and underemployment.

The rate increases are unfair. Customers who now conserve energy use in order to decrease expenses or out of concern for their environmental impact would still have higher utility bills, so there would be less incentive to practice conservation and to use energy-efficient practices and appliances. Shouldn't a utility company be concerned with encouraging good energy stewardship?

Increasing the per-meter charge disproportionately impacts persons living in apartments or small houses because they generally use less electricity, compared to those living in larger houses. And neighborhoods with a high density of smaller homes tend to be lower income and racially segregated. Their commensurate high density of meters is similarly greater than that of higher income, whiter neighborhoods of large houses. In effect, the low use customers are subsidizing the utility's cost of providing electricity to high use customers. It's not merely economic inequity, but also racial inequity.

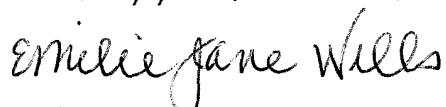
KU's random plan to slash the net-metering credit rate is also unfair. The utility benefits from the surplus energy that solar customers supply to the grid during summer peak use times, but that goes unacknowledged. The new low rate would make it very difficult

to recover the cost of a solar array during its limited useful lifespan. Kentucky is 49th in the US in solar power utilization. The economic potential of rooftop solar with regard to good-paying installation jobs and electricity sales is great. This is a selfish move by KU to limit competition by suppressing the minute, negative monetary effect of net-metering, squelching the dreams of potential solar customers, and killing small, local solar companies. Should KU and its investors be allowed to dictate the rules so they control access to and are the sole beneficiaries of low-cost, renewable solar energy?

Finally, many Kentuckians are facing disconnections and evictions because of economic hardship caused by the pandemic. Wouldn't a large increase of the disconnection fee unnecessarily inflict additional pain?

To be fair and reasonable, any rate increase should encourage energy efficiency and conservation by maintaining a low, basic per-meter charge and only increasing the charge for energy units consumed. Good rate design should not unfairly impact low-income customers or persons of color. Finally, the utility should not be permitted to smother residential solar energy use or unfairly stifle independent solar businesses. The rate increases must be denied.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emilie Jane Wills". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Emilie Jane Wills

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
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From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 9:56 PM
To: PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>
Subject: FW: Case Number 2020-00349

From: Kevin Compton [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 10:57 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case Number 2020-00349

Kevin Compton
646 Cooper Dr
Lexington, KY 40502

VIA EMAIL
Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 615
Frankfort, Ky. 40602-0615

RE: Opposition to KUs proposed rate increase

To Whom It May Concern,
I am writing to oppose the changes to reimbursement rates for rooftop solar installations proposed by Kentucky Utilities (KU) in Case No. 2020-00349.

Kentucky must rapidly transition to cleaner sources of energy to avoid the worst outcomes of climate change. Allowing the proposed decrease in reimbursements for excess energy from rooftop solar installations, however, will hinder this transition by decreasing the incentive for homeowners to install solar systems.

Arguments that the rate changes are needed to ensure an equitable distribution of electricity lack merit due to the relatively insignificant percentage of solar installations in KY (approximately 0.15% utility and residential solar as of Q3 2020 according to the Solar Energy Industries Association).

I urge the Public Service Commission to deny KU's proposed changes.

Sincerely,
Kevin Compton

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: case numbers 2020-00349, 2020-00350 and 2020-00174
Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:05:00 AM

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Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 9:48 PM
To: PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>
Subject: FW: case numbers 2020-00349, 2020-00350 and 2020-0074

From: Cathy Lerza [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 1:20 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: case numbers 2020-00349, 2020-00350 and 2020-0074

I am writing regarding case numbers 2020-00349, 2020-00350 and 2020-0074. Please do not allow the requested reduction in credit paid for roof-top solar power or KPC drop in service area.

The proposed reductions would undermine the intent of the law to protect customer choice. They would also eliminate the financial incentive for Kentucky rooftop solar development.

A viable rooftop solar industry is needed to:

1. Allow citizens to participate in energy transition to zero greenhouse gas emissions to address the climate crisis while at the same time controlling some of their energy costs.
2. Maintain or enhance Kentucky's competitiveness to attract businesses where employees can utilize affordable rooftop solar the same as 30 other net metering friendly states/
3. Allow an off the grid energy source especially as battery storage capacity improves. The off the grid source is very useful in power outages and peak power demands.

Thank you for considering these concerns.

Cathy Lerza



From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: case numbers KU2020-00349, LG&E 2020-00350, KPC 2020-00174
Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:08:00 AM

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Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 9:35 PM
To: PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>
Subject: FW: case numbers KU2020-00349, LG&E 2020-00350, KPC 2020-0074

From: Janet1 [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 3:10 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Re: case numbers KU2020-00349, LG&E 2020-00350, KPC 2020-0074

To Members of the KY Public Service Commission
Re: case numbers KU2020-00349, LG&E 2020-00350, KPC 2020-0074
I write with regard to the letter to the editor by Henry Jackson in today's Lexington Herald-Leader.

I am in my seventies and am not able to install solar panels on our home. But if able, I would certainly do so. Anything that individuals can do to lessen reliance on the rest of the community for survival basics seems to me a good thing. The more independent I can be about caring for myself, the more community resources can be used for those individuals who have suffered misfortunes, abuse, neglect, etc.

Mr. Jackson's views on the requested reduction in the KU/LG&E credit paid for rooftop solar power and a 75% drop in the KPC service area sound quite responsible to me. The requested actions would discourage customers to continue to rely on the utilities more than is necessary. Why inhibit individuals from producing their own power and controlling their energy costs? Isn't it recommended that people budget for events and expenses wisely, not wastefully? Well, I've lived long enough to know that Mr. Jackson is correct about how these restrictions would dampen further job growth in the solar industry. I endorse his three recommendations

for maintaining a viable rooftop solar industry in Kentucky.
Retain the current net metering rate of compensation and help grow the rooftop solar industry.
We need the jobs.

I think those at KU, LG&E, and KPC requesting these reductions are just trying to keep more profit in their own bank accounts. I'm sure that if you would check on the contrast between the average worker pay at KU, LG&E, and KPC and that of their CEOs and other top executives, you would see that the utilities are well-off and truly don't need the reductions and drops.

JANET PIECHOWSKI (*Pe-ah'-ski*)

3451 Saybrook Rd.

Lexington, KY 40503

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Home

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From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
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From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 9:58 PM
To: PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>
Subject: FW: Case number: 2020-00349

From: Amy Preece [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 6:31 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Cc: rateintervention <rateintervention@ky.gov>
Subject: Case number: 2020-00349

I am a customer of Kentucky Utilities and work with low-income families who will be disproportionately affected by the proposed rate increase. Many new construction homes for low-income families are built to be energy-efficient for the long-term affordability of the unit. These efficiencies allow the customer to control monthly costs by conserving energy. Lower utility bills lessen the cost burden of housing and free up funds for food, healthcare, and other basic needs, all of which are critical during a pandemic that requires us to shelter in place or stay healthy at home. KU's proposal to increase the base rate and service fees, shifts a larger portion of each person's monthly bill to the flat charge – bills rise significantly no matter how little energy they use. It unfairly harms low-income customers, people of color, folks who live in smaller apartments and homes in high-density areas, and others who seek to manage their bills by using less energy.

LG&E and KU should also be required to continue the moratorium on disconnections/late fees for the duration of the pandemic, and to offer options like payment plans or debt forgiveness for customers who cannot afford their accumulating bills.

At a time when so many Kentuckians are unemployed or have lost income and are facing disconnections and evictions because of the pandemic, the utilities and their investors should not deepen the pain by raising rates and fees for reconnections.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Amy Preece
512 Henry Clay Blvd
Lexington, KY 40505

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: KU Case Number 2020-00349 and LG&E Case Number 2020-00350
Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:04:00 AM

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From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 9:55 PM
To: PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>
Subject: FW: KU Case Number 2020-00349 and LG&E Case Number 2020-00350

From: Dominique Olbert [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 5:08 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: KU Case Number 2020-00349 and LG&E Case Number 2020-00350

Re: KU Case Number 2020-00349 and LG&E Case Number 2020-00350

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Dominique Olbert and I am the president of the Community Response Coalition of Kentucky, a nonprofit that helps immigrants. During the pandemic, we have been helping clients pay their utility and rent bills, especially if they have a

household member with Covid. I am writing to you to share that KU and LG&E's attempts to raise basic rates would have an extremely negative impact on our clients who are already very financially insecure.

Our clients are almost all immigrants who are currently having financial difficulties, either because of Covid-related issues or because of life circumstances that have left them unable to pay their bills in a timely way. While helping them pay their current bills, we encourage them to lower their energy use as much as possible, to keep their bills affordable. Raising their basic rate would have a disproportionately negative impact on our clients. They can lower the heat or turn off the lights to live within their means, but they can't lower basic rates. This raise in rate would be inequitable as it would impact people of limited means much more strongly than others.

Raising basic rates is in the middle of a pandemic when people who are housing insecure are already struggling to pay their bills seems particularly tone deaf, as well as potentially very difficult for our clients. I urge you not to approve this increase.

Sincerely,

Dominique Olbert
President, CRCKY

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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: KU Case Number: 2020-00349
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From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 9:50 PM
To: PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>
Subject: FW: KU Case Number: 2020-00349

From: David Oldham [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 5:54 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: KU Case Number: 2020-00349

Hi,

I live in Lexington and have already received two quotes for solar panels on the back roof of my house. Both companies told me a couple of months ago about a possible change in the zero net metering rate. For the life of me I can't understand why you, the PSC, would approve of such a measure. Now more than ever we need to encourage renewable energy. You would think that KU would like for people to generate some of their own energy for their electrical needs. I can only assume that they can make more money if they can pay 80% less for surplus customer-generated energy. Who wouldn't want to make more money, but who does that serve? Stock holders and executives? I think we need to take a slightly bigger perspective and think about Kentuckians, the jobs that are maintained and perhaps increased by keeping zero-net metering rates as they are, and individuals like me who want to do their part to be more self reliant and at the same time environmentally friendly. This really hit home when I lost power during the ice storm this winter. I'm addicted to electricity and if I could have stored energy in batteries to keep my electrical needs met, well, I would have been pleasantly happy to say the least. To me it's a no brainer, but I haven't heard the argument from the other side.

I'll guess, "we aren't making enough money. we can't keep doing this. It is a burden to us."

I would still like to get solar panels for my house, but I'm not ready and I understand June 30, 2021 is the last day I could be grandfathered in. I'd really like to see a decision made that is for the good of the people and the environment rather than feed the greed for money.

Many thanks for listening or reading.

Sincerely,

David Oldham

768 Wellington Way

Lexington, KY 40503



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From: Bonita Rose [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 3:45 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: KU:2020-00349, LG&E: 2020-00350, KPC:2020-0074

This message is in opposition to above electric utilities request for changes in solar power credits, etc. This is an attempt to:

- 1) totally monopolize eclectic power.
- 2) take away rights of the individual
- 3) ignore democracy in the face of strong public opinion
- 4) choose short term profit over long term welfare of Kentucky

Please, KY Public Service Commission, allow kentuckians to grow and progress into the 21st Century. Don't tie our hands so we regress into more poverty and backward thinking. If need be, look to other states that have achieved a compromise that still allows progress towards individual rights and clean power.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bonita Rose

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
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From: Christy Shuffett [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 11:45 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Cc: Mary K. Miller [REDACTED]
Subject: Case Number 2020-00349

To Whom It May Concern,

New Beginnings, Bluegrass Inc. is a non-profit agency that provides housing and supportive services to individuals diagnosed with serious mental illness. Most of our clients qualify as disabled and receive government assistance such as Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability Insurance as their main source of income. The vast majority have income below the federal poverty level for Kentucky, with most clients receiving less than \$800/month. Paying for rent, utilities, food, transportation, and medication on less than \$800/month is very difficult, and clients often need help from our agency, or other community resources, to ensure their basic needs for food, safe housing, and working utilities are met. The proposed KU rate increase of 10.6-11.8% (Case Number 2020-00349) would be devastating for our clients who subsist on such a meager income. More of our agency clients would be unable to afford their utility bills or would be forced to choose between heat in the winter and food on their table. Kentuckians deserve better than this.

It is appalling that utility companies are asking for such a significant rate increase at a time when

Kentucky families and businesses are struggling to rebuild after a global pandemic and economic crisis. Now is not the time to make that recovery more difficult for our citizens. For the sake New Beginnings, Bluegrass clients, Kentucky citizens, and the economic recovery of our state, please do not approve a rate increase at this time.

Respectfully,
Christy Shuffett

Christy Shuffett, M.Ed.
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 1:33 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case Number 2020-00349

KU Rate Case Number: 2020-00349

Dear Commissioners:

As a volunteer with the Community Service Center—Wilmore/High Bridge, I am writing to express my concern about KU's proposed rate hike. The Community Service Center provides rental and utility assistance to people who are in need in our 40390 area. We provide this service by using profits from our Thrift Store and donations.

Last year the Community Service Center paid \$11,067 to help 47 households with rent or utility payments. \$8,873.74 of that amount (80%) were for their KU electric bills. If KU raises its rates during this challenging economic time, we will not be able to help as many in need nor help them become less dependent on our assistance. With limited incomes, their money often can't cover their expenses.

Now is not the time for KU to raise rates. There are still too many unknowns about the pandemic and the economy.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

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From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Comments related to case #2020-00349
Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:12:00 AM
Attachments: [PSC Rate Increase Comments \(LHJC\).pdf](#)

Thank you for your comments on the application of Kentucky Utilities 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, 2020-00349, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2020-00349 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Lukas Lake-Bullock [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 12:51 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Comments related to case #2020-00349

Hello,

Attached are my comments related to case #2020-00349.

Thank you,
Lukas Bullock

Members of the Public Service Commission,

I am writing on behalf of the Lexington Housing Justice Collective, a group that seeks to address the root causes of housing insecurity and gentrification in Lexington and beyond. I am writing to express our concerns with the proposed 3rd Kentucky Utilities rate increase over the past 4 years. We are concerned about the adverse impacts this rate increase could have on the marginalized communities we are in contact with on a daily basis. The proposed changes will disproportionately impact lower-income households at a time when many Kentuckians are struggling to survive in the face of unemployment and/or lost income from the Covid-19 pandemic. Approving this rate increase in the wake of an economic crisis that at one point left over 25% of Kentuckians unemployed would be exceptionally cruel and would further marginalize many more Kentuckians with long term consequences for our economy and society at large. For KU customers, the service charge would become \$18.60 per month (around a 15% increase from the current rate). In 2012, the service charge was \$8.50 which means that it has doubled over the past 9 years, increasing the economic burden on lower-income households even as they try to conserve energy usage. We find this to be a matter of grave concern and we urge the PSC to reject this proposal on the grounds that all Kentuckians deserve fair and reasonable energy rates, especially as our state recovers from the unprecedented economic fallout from Covid-19.

Furthermore, we urge the PSC to require that KU provide customers with financing options that reward energy efficiency and that any and all hearings about the rate increase should be open and accessible to the public with at least 3 weeks advanced notice so that those who are impacted the most by these proposed changes can make their voices heard. Additionally, we argue that any rate increase - if there is to be one - should be reflected in the energy charge that customers pay for each unit of electricity or gas they consume. This policy would not disproportionately impact lower-income households and would in turn reward energy efficiency. In this moment of uncertainty and insecurity, the PSC has a chance to protect Kentuckians from further economic hardships that would be incurred by the proposed rate increase, we urge the commission to act in the interests of average Kentuckians for the greater good of the commonwealth.

Sincerely,

Lukas Bullock on behalf of LHJC

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Dear PSC:

My name is Ed Allgeier and I live with my wife, M.A., at 211 Pleasantview Ave, Louisville, 40206 and I am writing in regards to the 2021 Rate case currently being proposed by Louisville Gas and Electric and Kentucky Utilities.

When I read about the rate increase proposal and the backward way they intend to structure it, it raises my blood pressure. The best thing one can say is that their methods are unenlightened, but a more honest appraisal would be that they are backward and mean spirited.

Higher base rates tend to penalize poorer families who typically live in smaller dwellings and denser neighborhoods, so they, who can afford it least end up carrying the brunt of the burden.

And LG&E/KU intended policy toward roof top solar panels actually discourages other potential users from participating because they will not obtain a rate of return sufficient to justify their investment, while lack of demand forces installers out of business.

It is a bad deal all the way around; it is bad economically and it is, in essence, morally repugnant. It is win lose initially, but that is only in the short run, because in the end, it is not just citizenry that loses, but the cities and neighborhoods lose because of the loss of jobs and a subsequent loss of growth and wealth.

This is NOT how a monopoly trust should use their powers.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

Ed Allgeier

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