

Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Blvd
Frankfort, KY 40601
Re: PSC Case Number 2020-00350 (LG&E) and 2020-00349 (KU).

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Dear Commissioners,

First Unitarian Church opposes the latest rate case LG&E has presented to the Public Service Commission. We believe the recommended changes create moral and ethical issues especially in this time of pandemic economic upheaval and the growing climate crisis. People impacted mostly will be those who are already disadvantaged and have the fewest options for recovery. We urge the PSC to consider the unfair impacts of this rate change request.

- Base rate increases will negate customer cost and energy savings realized from customer energy efficiency efforts;
- Rate hikes across the board fail to consider the extreme price paid in mortality rates and health of people in the south and west ends of Jefferson County. For years they have born the brunt of pollution spewed from Paddy's Run, Cane Run and Mill Creek power plants;
- The timing of these increases come when many have been adversely affected by the Covid pandemic, whose savings have been exhausted and whose employment and financial plans have been set back years;
- Increase in disconnections and reconnection charges will fall disproportionately on the poor who are most likely to be disconnected for late payments.
- The 75% decrease in solar credits fails to acknowledge the true cost of mining, transporting, burning and clean up attributed to fossil fuels. These include: the human and health care cost from cardiovascular diseases, black lung and asthma; environmental cost of mountain-top removal, coal ash waste, waste ponds, stream and air pollution; weather related cost of fire, floods and hurricanes and resilient measures required for their avoidance; road repair costs from fossil fuel transport, to name a few.
- In contrast, solar energy is mined, burned and transported by our star, the Sun.

The First Unitarian, Seventh Principle Team believes strongly the PSC should **avoid any increases** that puts additional burden on those who can least afford it, suggests instead, an increase in DSM monies for energy efficiency programs that reduce cost for the disadvantaged, recommends LG&E **justify** their specific reason for each increase, and adamantly **supports net metering's** 1:1 solar credit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Cc: First Unitarian Board