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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 2020-00349 KU
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 8:02:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Zachary Bay [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 10:16 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: 2020-00349 KU

Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission:

Please receive this letter as a statement from a Kentucky homeowner and pastor against the proposed rate increase filed for by my utilities provider, KU/LG&E. This is the third rate increase requested by KU in four years, and residents in my area especially are hurt by such consistent and rapid increases.

In addition, please receive this letter as a strong dissent against the proposed solar net metering rates. As a resident of "coal country" in Appalachia, even I recognize that solar energy is part of the future for providing electricity to American homes and businesses. The change proposed by KU serves KU's interest, not that of the citizens and communities of the Commonwealth.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Rev. Zachary L. Bay

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From: Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case 2020-00349 Public Comment
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 8:01:00 AM

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To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2020-00349 Public Comment

Please note a public comment for case 2020-00349

The PSC has a balancing function. It must balance typical utility calls for greater return on investment with typical calls for no rate increase from customers. Thus, "fair and just." It seems like you sometimes seek a standard for dealing with such situations to help you achieve this balance. No adherence to standards will help you with this balance. Balance is beyond standards, they only help you with consistency. I know that COS studies consistently show volumetric payments cover too little of the cost of electricity. But this is just a result of accounting methodology chosen, which is arbitrary although consistent. With climate change considerations, one of the balancing acts the PSC must perform is the need for energy efficiency. Raising fixed fees does nothing to encourage energy efficiency and only provides adherence to accounting standards. The public needs to have as much control over electricity bills as you can give them. The PSC has resisted calls by the utilities to increase fixed charges in the past. Surely, energy efficiency and control of your energy bill is an even greater consideration now. I urge the PSC to continue its balancing function and, if it must, err on the side of energy efficiency.

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Sincerely,
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Stamping Ground, KY 40379

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From: Mimi DUNCAN [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 5:42 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case No. 2020-00349

My husband and I are retired. We are not wealthy by any stretch of the imagination, but we have always had enough. We are on a fixed income but could absorb a modest increase in utility rates.

2020 has been a year like no other. Those most affected are at the lower income level. They are far more likely to have suffered job lay-offs or loss, to have lost health insurance (if they had it to begin with), and to have insufficient food for their families.

This is not a time for a for-profit service to raise monthly rates and to increase the reconnection fee for people whose service has been cut off for non-payment. They are the least able to take on higher payments.

At a time when we desperately need to lessen our dependence on fossil fuels, it is downright un-American to discourage those who take the initiative to install solar panels. And it is downright greedy to increase the cost of something so vital as electricity when so many have lost so much. Helping each other in hard times is the true American way. KU could actually do something to benefit the public rather than their shareholders.

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From: Ray Barry [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 5:05 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Case_2020-00349

I am A KU customer and I am concerned about their latest rate case (2020-00349). I would like to install rooftop solar on my home when it becomes a little more affordable. I think this may happen under the new administration as we may see new incentives for installing solar. However, KU is trying to make it less affordable. Two aspects of the rate case are particularly troublesome in this regard. The first is the increase in the monthly service charge. This makes it less affordable to install rooftop solar because this part of the bill is not affected by what I consume. The second is the decrease in value for the excess generation fed into the grid. Rooftop solar is of value to the power company because it generates the most power at peak demand, so the power company needs to purchase less of the expensive peaking power or to build and operate fewer peaking plants. Yet they want to devalue it to discourage customers from installing it. Their proposed rates do not value it fairly.

Ultimately, as the world moves toward more renewable energy, we are going to have to change the business model for electric utilities. I don't know what that looks like, but it seems to me, what we have now is more and more broken.

Apart from this, I am concerned about the proposed increase in reconnection fees. I hope this never affects me, but I have to ask, why do we keep punishing the poor for being poor? Do we really want them to stay poor? These people need a break. The people that can least afford the reconnection fees are being socked with increased expense. It's downright mean spirited, especially now during the pandemic.

Thank you for taking my comments.

Ray Barry

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: LG&E/KU rate increase
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 8:01:00 AM

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From: Patricia Oliver [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2021 1:27 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: LG&E/KU rate increase

KU case#2020-00349 and LG&E case #2020-00350 should not go forth. A 10.67% raise in residential electric bills per month plus a raise in gas bills by 9.4% is prohibitive. Why? I doubt employees are receiving raises. Too many citizens are still out of work. Absolutely no more than 1 or 2 % at most. Don't do it.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Proposed rate hike for electricity and natural gas; rate cases, 2020-00349 & 2020-00350
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 8:00:00 AM

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From: Lannie [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 4:52 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Proposed rate hike for electricity and natural gas; rate cases, 2020-00349 & 2020-00350

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lannie [REDACTED]
Date: April 8, 2021 at 4:24:43 PM EDT
To: psc.meeting@ky.gov
Subject: Proposed rate hike for electricity and natural gas

PSC Board Members,

While I fully appreciate the inherent rate of inflation, these rate increases coupled with basic meter costs are unreasonable and unfair.

At 73 and a retired Energy and Environmental engineer I've spent my entire life leaving a small a footprint as possible on this planet and that includes minimizing my fossil fuel consumption. It's disheartening to be penalized for positive behavior and becoming more costly on a fixed income,

I believe this is the third double digit rate hike request in 4 years. My sense is this is KU's (PPL) attempt to pay for their merger cost than about legitimate operating cost needs. Monopolies have no true incentive to be competitive!

Please hold KU and LG&E to task. Rates should reflect inflation, not corporate

bonuses! Sales should reflect consumption, not a zero maintenance meter! It won't be too many more years before my meter cost will be greater than my actual energy use!

Thank you for considering my input.
Langdon Sproul Jr.
Sent from my iPad

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: 2020-00349
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 2:44:00 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 [View Case Filings for: 2020-00349 \(ky.gov\)](#) and [View Case Filings for: 2020-00350 \(ky.gov\)](#).

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From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 3:59 PM
To: PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>
Subject: 2020-00349

From: PSC Consumer Web Inquiry <PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 4:00 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: FW:

From: Barry Miller [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 3:31 PM
To: PSC Consumer Web Inquiry <PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>
Subject:

In reference to Case #2020-00350 and Case # 2020-003499:

This is not the time for an increase. The most obvious reason being that our state is in the middle of COVID -19. People are out of work, and many cannot find jobs. My personal reason for not increasing your rates (again!) is that my wife and I are retired and on fixed income. I would suggest that you find a way to pay your bills by cutting expenses in some way, at least temporarily, until this pandemic is under control. I ask the question: Do you have to operate at 100% profit at this time?

Other than to justify pure greed, why are you punishing people who want to find alternative

and sensible ways to use energy? Why are you punishing customers who want to use rooftop solar power? Why are you raising your reconnection fees? Be a good "public service". Be a good neighbor. I do understand that as a business, you need to make profit. There must be other ways to make your profit. You have intelligent people in your companies. Use them.
Thank you, Barry Miller

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Written comment re Case Number 2020-00349
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 2:45:00 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 [View Case Filings for: 2020-00349 \(ky.gov\)](#) and [View Case Filings for: 2020-00350 \(ky.gov\)](#).

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From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 4:16 PM
To: PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>
Subject: FW: Written comment re Case Number 2020-00349

From: Richard Coles [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 3:37 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Written comment re Case Number 2020-00349

I understand that the Commission is accepting comments on Kentucky Utilities application to reduce their payment for electricity produced by solar panels from residential or small business solar installations.

I am opposed to allowing KU to reduce what they pay for environmental reasons - we need to take all measures to reduce our use of coal and natural gas in Kentucky to reduce the effects of climate change.

I am also opposed on financial grounds. Currently I believe 0.1% of Kentucky's electricity generation is from solar installations and that Kentucky Utilities has a tiny number of properties that have solar panels, and that any cost benefit the utility will get from reducing what they pay these small producers will be more than offset by the additional costs they will incur having to supply power at peak times.

Please help KU to prepare for the future by stopping it from deterring home solar installations.

Richard Coles
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From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: #2020-00349 and #2020-00350
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 2:43:00 PM

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From: Leslie Petersen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 8:51 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: #2020-00349 and #2020-00350

Good morning, my name is Leslie Petersen and I am a 30 year old married mother of two little boys here in Louisville! After months of playing catch up with several of our bills including our LGE & KU bills from winter. Not being able to pay a 250 dollar bill from the month of December-March is very much a reality for me and my family. Now I'm reading that those rates are about to go up again. I was quite curious about how anyone in their right mind believes that this is a morally sound decision considering we are STILL in a global pandemic and this email may be jumbled and confusing to read but I am so mad that you guys may let this happen!

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