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To whom it may concern,

My wife and I live in our 30 year old home in Crestwood, Oldham Co., Kentucky. On approximately January 10, 2021 we received our LG&E bill. Included in the mailing was a notice that LG&E had filed a rate increase request with the Public Service Commission on November 25, 2020 to become effective on or after January 1, 2021. We're not sure why we received the notice almost two months after it was filed with PSC but we assume that PSC has not reviewed or issued a ruling on this request at the present time. If that is the case we wish to serve notice of our opposition to this filing. Our opposition is based on both the frequency of the filings in the past 20 years, and the magnitude of the proposed increase of this particular filing.

By our count this is the tenth filing by LG&E in the past 20 years, and the fifth in the past 5 years. One can't help but wonder why the financial management of this company doesn't appear to be better able to manage its income and expenses.

Our main concern, however, is the magnitude of the proposed rate increase, 11.8% for a residential home. We receive approximately 70% of our annual income from our Social Security checks. Attached are copies of the recent notices my wife and I received from Social Security announcing a generous 1.3 % increase in our payments for 2021. And a portion of that is being applied to the increase in our Medicare Part B premium payments!

We built a nice comfortable home here 30 years ago using a number of energy saving additions that we were familiar with in Minnesota. As a result our house compares favorably with similar homes in our area with regard to energy use. While I have not had a chance to review all elements of the proposed increase, unless it can produce efficiencies that these previous proposals appear to have fallen short on, in our opinion it would be hard to justify an increase half that size.

Sincerely yours,



Gerald B. Meier
4304 McCombs Circle
Crestwood, KY 40014

Your New Benefit Amount

BENEFICIARY'S NAME: GERALD B MEIER

Your Social Security benefit will increase by **1.3%** in 2021 because of a rise in the cost of living. You can use this letter as proof of your benefit amount if you need to apply for food, rent, or energy assistance. You can also use it to apply for bank loans or for other business. Keep this letter with your important financial records.

How Much You Will Get	
Your monthly benefit before deductions	██████████
Deductions:	
Medicare Medical Insurance (If you did not have Medicare as of November 19, 2020 or if someone else pays your premium, we show \$0.00)	\$148.50
Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (We will notify you if the amount changes in 2021. If you did not elect withholding as of November 1, 2020, we show \$0.00)	\$0.00
U.S. Federal tax withholding	\$0.00
Voluntary Federal tax withholding (If you did not elect voluntary tax withholding as of November 19, 2020, we show \$0.00)	\$0.00
After we take any other deductions, you will receive the payment you are due for December 2020 on or about January 27, 2021.	██████████

The information above shows your monthly benefit amount before and after deductions. Please remember, we will pay you in the month following the month for which it is due.

The Treasury Department requires Federal benefit payments to be made electronically. If you still receive a paper check, please visit the Department of the Treasury's Go Direct website at www.godirect.org or call their Electronic Payment Solution Center at **1-800-333-1795**. If outside the United States, please call **1-214-254-3113**.

If you disagree with any of these amounts, you must write to us within 60 days from the date you receive this letter. The fastest and easiest way to file an appeal is to visit www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/appeal.html online.

If You Have Questions

- Visit us at www.ssa.gov online.
- Call us toll-free at **1-800-772-1213** (TTY **1-800-325-0778**).
- Contact your nearest Social Security office.

Your New Benefit Amount

BENEFICIARY'S NAME: RUTHANN M MEIER

Your Social Security benefit will increase by **1.3%** in 2021 because of a rise in the cost of living. You can use this letter as proof of your benefit amount if you need to apply for food, rent, or energy assistance. You can also use it to apply for bank loans or for other business. Keep this letter with your important financial records.

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After we take any other deductions, you will receive **[REDACTED]**
the payment you are due for December 2020 on or about January 13, 2021.

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