From:	Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
To:	
Subject:	FW: Rate Increases KU/LGE
Date:	Tuesday, April 6, 2021 12:37:00 PM

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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 211 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601

From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 4:25 PM
To: PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>
Subject: FW: Rate Increases KU/LGE

From: Jinny Sturgeon
Sent: Sunday, April 4, 2021 11:53 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <<u>PSC.Info@ky.gov</u>>
Subject: Rate Increases KU/LGE

I am a widow living on a fixed income. My electric bill has increased drastically lately. This is creating a hardship for me and many other people. I have had conversations with people who say their electric bill has doubled. My budget bill went up \$40 a month. That is substantial.

Please do not allow further hardships on citizens by granting further rate increases to KU/LGE.

Virginia Sturgeon

From:	Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
To:	
Subject:	FW: Rate case 2020-00350
Date:	Tuesday, April 6, 2021 12:30:00 PM

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From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 4:19 PM
To: PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>
Subject: FW: Rate case 2020-00350

From: George Perkins
Sent: Saturday, April 3, 2021 4:58 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <<u>PSC.Info@ky.gov</u>>
Subject: Rate case 2020-00350

I am an LG&E customer in Louisville and am writing to protest two requests in the pending rate case: the increase in fixed and usage-based rates and the reduction in credit for power fed back to the grid from solar installations.

Any increase at this time in the depths of the pandemic-induced economic downturn is an unreasonable burden on the unemployed and any forced to choose between paying utility bills and food or medicine. Further, an increase in fixed rates has a larger relative impact on low-income customers and is a disincentive for conserving energy and lowering expenses and emissions. Any reduction is usage has a smaller proportional effect on the total utility bill.

Regarding net-metering credit, the claim that those with solar arrays are being subsidized by non-solar customers needs substantiation from an independent study of LG&E's costs, to determine how much of an adjustment, if any, to net metering is fair and justified. With solar production a small fraction of the current 1% cap, reducing the payback for solar power delivered to the grid would have a negligible effect on LG&E's profits, but would be a significant economic disincentive to those considering a solar system and thereby impact the individuals and businesses providing and installing solar panels.

**George Perkins** 

3411 Goose Creek Rd. Louisville, Ky. 40241

From:	Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
To:	
Subject:	RE: 2020-00350 public comment
Date:	Tuesday, April 6, 2021 12:31:00 PM

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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From: Agnes Coveney
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 4:27 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: 2020-00350 public comment

Dear Public Service Commission,

RE Case Number 2020-00350

I am against the proposed 80% reduction in LG&E/KU credit paid to customers with rooftop solar and the concurrent, significant reduction in the Ky Power Co. area served. Kentucky needs to be forward thinking and support clean energy for the sake of the environment. It doesn't make sense to exclude/punish rooftop solar undertaken by businesses, non-profits, and families just because LG&E hasn't worked out a business model to transition to a clean energy future.

I urgently request that the Public Service Commission keep the net metering rate of compensation that is in place currently.

Thank you (and I am an LG&E customer), Sister Agnes Coveney

126 N. Peterson Ave #9 Louisville KY 40206 email:

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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-----Original Message-----From: Paul Amick Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 4:37 PM To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: 2020-00350

I'm respectfully requesting to deny LG&E's request to dramatically reduce the rate they "pay" to homeowners who've installed photovoltaic solar systems. Owners such as me. I entered into a grandfathered agreement with LG&E before spending \$17,800 to install a rooftop system in November,2019. That agreement was critical to my decision to invest such a large sum of money.

To date, my system has generated 84% more power that we consumed during that time. In effect, LG&E will kill the market for individually owned solar power in their service area. If LG&E is allowed to structure rates as they request, it will make no economic sense for anyone to invest as I did. LG&E would be allowed to buy the excess power a homeowner's system produces during the day for 1/5th the rate they would charge that same homeowner for electricity they use at night. That's robbery.

In addition, technology to utilize the battery backup potential of electric vehicles is on the horizon. The Public Service Commission can help avert a Texas style power crisis by encouraging, not crippling, the development and deployment of individually owned solar systems. When approved, advanced inverters will enable my electric vehicle to safely power my home for days in the event of a power outage.

My understanding is that my "grandfathered" status means I won't be affected by your decision. Some might say that I "don't have a dog in this fight". But I do. Approval of LG&E's request is bad for the Commonwealth.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Paul Amick

From:	Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
То:	
Subject:	RE: Case_2020-00350
Date:	Tuesday, April 6, 2021 12:30:00 PM

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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-----Original Message-----From: Barbara Cambron <-----> Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 5:08 AM To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: Case\_2020-00350

Case 2020-00350: We need solar energy in Kentucky, to reduce greenhouse gases, provide electricity to individual home owners, and attract new businesses to Kentucky. Right now Kentucky ranks 49th in rooftop solar energy and we can do better. The Public Service Commission should be encouraging its use rather than making it less cost-effective.

Barbara Cambron 2526 Tennyson Ave. Louisville, KY 40205

From:	Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
To:	
Subject:	RE: Concerning Case No. 2020-00350
Date:	Tuesday, April 6, 2021 12:31:00 PM

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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Original Message	
From: Jay Lucas	
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 2:11 PM	
To: PSC Public Information Officer <psc.info@ky.gov< td=""><td>&gt;</td></psc.info@ky.gov<>	>
Cc: Maxine A Cohen	Daniel Monroe
Stuart Ungar	
Subject: Concerning Case No. 2020-00350	

After reading the informational article by Henry Jackson in the Courier Journal newspaper, I am concerned about the attempt by LG & E to reduce credits paid to customers with rooftop solar panels. For environmental and cost reasons, LG & E should be encouraging, not discouraging customer owned solar panel systems.

LG&E was granted the monopoly it enjoys for the benefit of the customers, not to milk extra money from them. Customers who share the expense of producing electricity through purchasing their backyard or rooftop solar panels should be given full credit for the electricity that they produce against the cost of receiving electricity from the grid.

I thus urge the Public Service Commission to maintain full credits to be paid for electricity received from customers with solar panel systems.

1501 Woodluck Ave Louisville, KY 40205

From:	Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
To:	
Subject:	RE: Net metering of solar power 2020-00350
Date:	Tuesday, April 6, 2021 12:31:00 PM

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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-----Original Message-----From: Bradley Moulden Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 8:36 AM To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: Net metering of solar power 2020-00350

I am writing to encourage the continuing of current net metering rates. With the continued improvements in and reductions in initial costs, solar and other energy sources, they are able to make financial sense for the average Kentuckian. However, with the loss of fair net metering, there will be no incentive to use alternative energy sources. Adding the expansion of energy consumption by items such as electric vehicles, the demands on our currently strained grid will only result in increasing costs with decreasing resources.

Although I personally do not have any alternative energy sources, I still believe that the current net metering is supportive of the future energy needs for our area. Please continue the current net metering protocol.

Brad Moulden

Sent from my iPhone

From: To: Cc:	Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
Subject:	RE: Proposed rate hikes
Date:	Tuesday, April 6, 2021 12:28:00 PM

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601

From: JAMES and MARIE
Sent: Friday, April 2, 2021 10:04 AM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Cc: Sarah Lynn Cunningham, Louisville CAN
Subject: Proposed rate hikes

Dear Public Service Commissioner,

Please vote against LG&E's proposed rate hikes. Corporate utilities need to provide affordable services to all customers. Stockholder profits which benefit only a relative few, should be balanced with the needs of the customer, many of whom find it extremely difficult to keep up with the current rates.

And please keep the current net-metering program in effect. The decision to purchase solar panels is often based on a reasonable rate of return. The reality of Climate Change is also forefront in the minds of people who make the switch to solar. Our family purchased solar panels two years ago under the current net-metering program. We calculated that it would take approximately 11 years to "break-even". We are happy with that "pay back" schedule. If the current program is negatively altered, it will certainly slow the essential transformation to clean energy. Please keep the current program in effect.

Thank you, for your service,

James Walsh, 1201 Audubon Pkwy 40213

From:	Bruner, Brandon S (PSC) on behalf of PSC Executive Director
To:	
Subject:	RE: KU,LGE RATE INCREASE REQUEST
Date:	Tuesday, April 6, 2021 12:38:00 PM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

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

From: steve young Sent: Saturday, April 3, 2021 11:16 AM To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov> Subject: KU,LGE RATE INCREASE REQUEST

once again this utility company is asking for average Kentucky consumer to pay for there operating expenses. It seams as though every year K.u. Claims they need a large increase to continue doing business. They should not be allowed to shift their cost of doing business to consumers every year! Yes their one of the cheapest utility company in the country. Also, cheap Ky. Coal has allowed K.u. To profit. Average customers under stand the price goes up on almost everything. But, over 10% that's gross disrespect for its customers. Even 6% will hurt the average family budget. This on top of the way the commission allowed KU to walk all over customers that brought solar panels! Now what? KU going say they lost money due to ice storm! They don't plan for that in their budget. It never ends. We all love the state of KENTUCKY, we just want these businesses to respect their customers as understand our economic Situation. Please say no to any increase 5% and above. \*Honorable Allyson K Sturgeon Managing Senior Counsel - Regulatory & LG&E and KU Energy LLC 220 West Main Street Louisville, KENTUCKY 40202

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