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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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**Subject:** solar energy credit

Solar energy is renewable and infinitely abundant, unlike other forms of power. We need to have access to it, and need to be able to upload power generated by our solar set-up to our power company. We also need to be able to get credits for investment in Solar or Wind or other alternative renewable energy. This is going to be our future, and we might as well move to it now.

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Re: Case No 2020-00350- addition to comment of February 10, 2021

Dear Commissioners:

I have been a customer of LG&E, I am a shareholder in PPL and I am a voter in Kentucky.

This comment supplements my comment of February 10, 2021 and offers additional data in support of my assertion of structural racism in the way that utility costs are apportioned.

By transferring the percent of cost of utilities from usage into the mandatory Basic Service Charge, LG&E is disparately bleeding dense census tracts of Black households, who have lower usage than affluent White areas, to subsidize utility service to White areas. It also has the effect of taking money from low-income households to provide service to high income households.

LG&E has conducted a 20-year stealth strategy to increase the percentage of the cost of utilities in the mandatory Basic Service Charge and lower the percentage of the charge for usage. **In electricity the Basic Service Charge has increased from 12.8% of the bill tin 1998 to 32.78% of the bill under the proposed changes.**

My comparison is as a consumer. I studied my own bill for electricity in 2013 (the last year I had a complete set of monthly bills). Using the same kWhs I consumed in 2013, I calculated the costs of the service charge and the usage charge for the year 1998. In 1998, my electric Basic Service Charge would have been 12.8% of the annual bill.. Under the proposed charge the Service Charge would be 32.78% of the annual electric bill.

The transfer of cost from usage to mandatory Basic Service Charge creates an inflexible payment demand that cannot be controlled by the user regardless of usage. Yet, from the testimony of LG&E in the 2018 rate case number 2019-00295, it is clear that low-income household zip codes use less electricity than high-income household zip codes. It is clear to anyone who concerned with racial equity and with anyone who does not want to bottom feed off of low-income people. I presume that after this year, that would include the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

There is a chart below that uses the testimony of LG&E in answer to Question 7 of the First Request for Information by the Association of Community Ministries in the case 2018-00295. In addition, I researched the income and ranking of income by zip code for Jefferson County and used the five highest income zip codes and the five lowest income zip codes. I also researched the racial composition of each of the ten zip codes. White affluent households use more electricity than low income Black households. It is a pity that Louisville is so segregated that we can know that fact.

Zip code by top 5 income and bottom 5 income	Residential Electric Customer Account Billings 2017	Annualized use kWh per Residential Electric Customer Accounts	Average Annual Income by zip code	Population in zip code	Population that is Black	Population that is White
40245	159,161	13,947	\$80,634	16,095	3,070	25,434
40241	157,807	12,153	\$67,211	24,421	3,134	23,675
40223	125,263	12,352	\$60,973	21,970	2,129	18,907
40243	59,026	10,648	\$58,3888	8,864	664	9,245
40299	204,074	12,013	\$55,884	31,483	3,531	33,820
40202	20,115	7,769	\$8,495	5,115	3,776	2,730
40203	84,778	8,268	\$13,458	20,837	13,024	6,671
40210	66,783	9,474	\$20,722	16,273	13,629	1,284
40211	111,959	9,776	\$21,906	23,553	21,626	1,116
40212	85,409	10,306	\$23,240	20,307	10,987	6,893

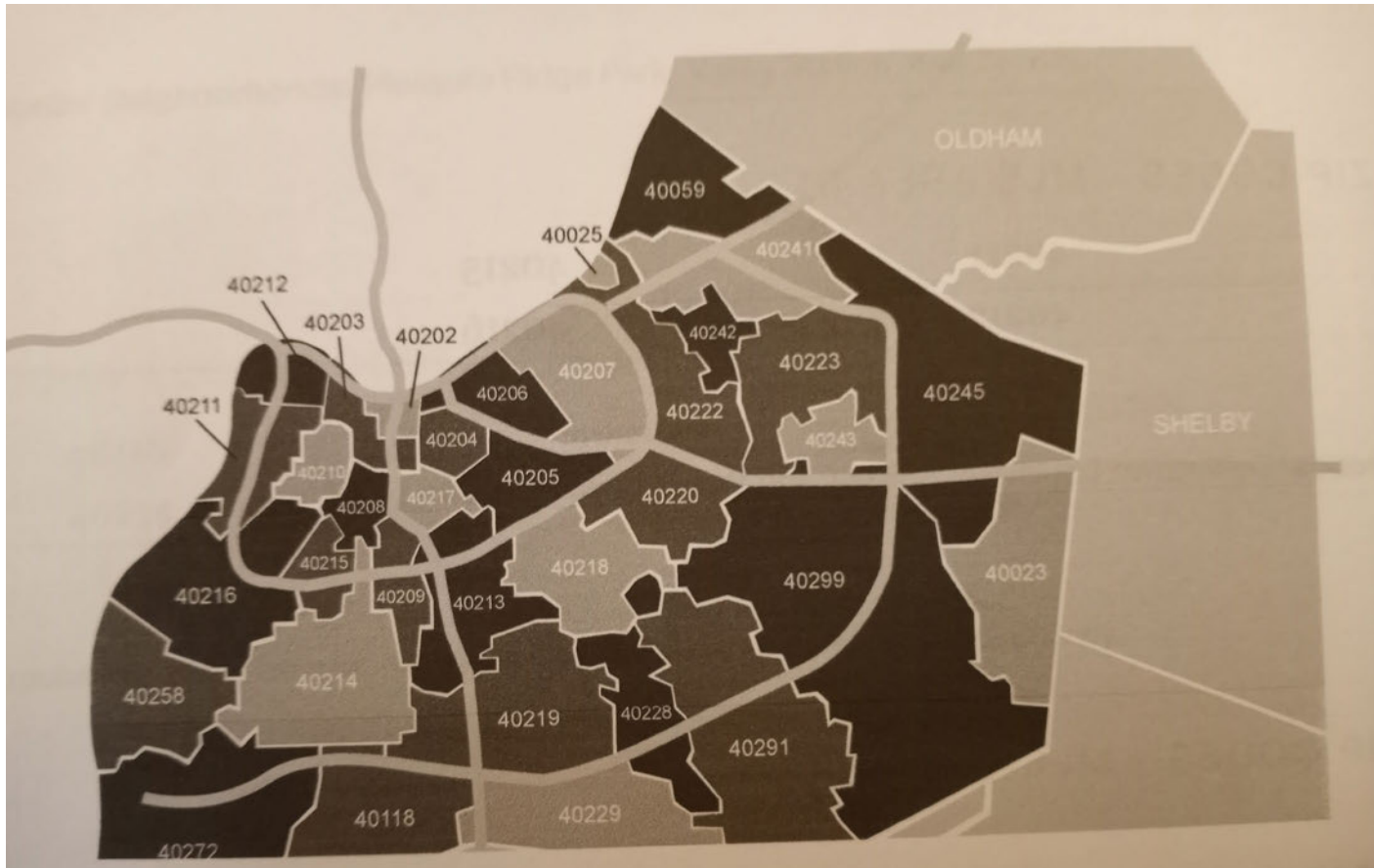
The source of the Residential Electric Customer Account Billings 2017 and Annualized use kWh per Residential Customer Accounts is from the answer to Question Seven from the Association of Community Ministries' First Request for Information in PSC case 2018-00295.

The Source of Average Annual Income by zip code and Population in zip code <http://zipatlas.com/us/ky/louisville/zip-code-comparison/median-household-income.htm>

The source for Population that is Black and Population that is White is <https://www.zip-codes.com/zip-code/40299/zip-code-40299.asp>

Please note that in the list of lowest income zip codes the zip code 40209 was in the original five but its population was only 452 so I skipped over it. But here is the information for zip code 40209:

Residential Electric Customer Account Billings 2017 is 1,978; Annualized use kWh per residential Electric Customer Account is 8,635; Average Annual Income is \$20,250; Population that is Black 32; Population that is White 314.

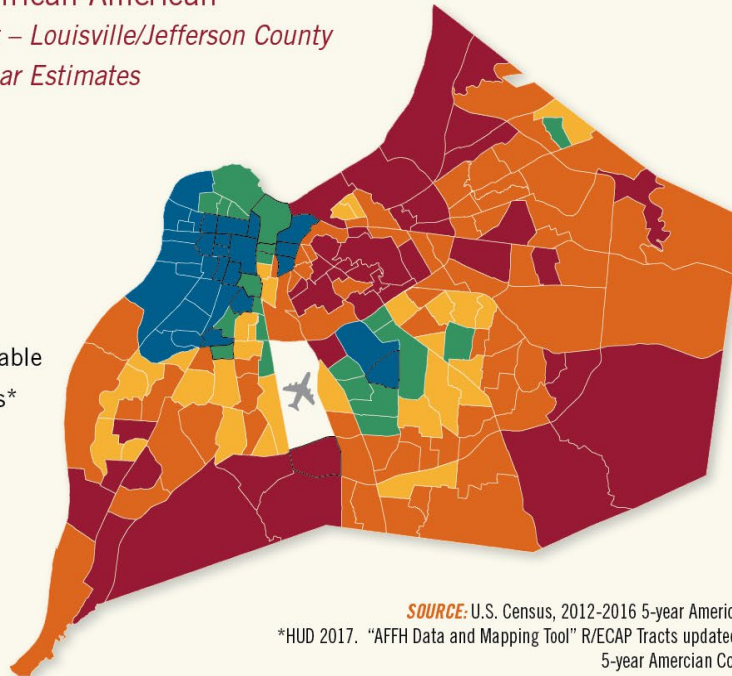


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### Map 10: Percentage of Population Identifying as Black or African-American

by Census Tract – Louisville/Jefferson County  
2016 ACS 5-Year Estimates

- ≤4%
- 5%–14%
- 15%–24%
- 25%–49%
- ≥50%
- No Data Available
- R/ECAP Tracts\*



**SOURCE:** U.S. Census, 2012-2016 5-year American Community Survey  
\*HUD 2017. "AFFH Data and Mapping Tool" R/ECAP Tracts updated to reflect 2009-2013 5-year American Community Survey data.

Any apportioning that goes into the Basic Service Charge, perforce, has a disparate and negative impact by race.

The cost of the service in general should not go into the Basic Service Charge. The areas with the lower usage also are the areas with the highest number of meters per mile. The zip code map and the map of where Black households live show that- please note the size of census tracts which are drawn into the map by race and which indicate density.

It is anathema to rob low-income children of needed financial resources to subsidize wealthy households. To do it through a regulated utility implicates the Commonwealth of Kentucky in exploitation and racism.

What should we do about this? First of all, the Commission and the Commission staff should get a good grounding how to recognize structural racism as, by its very nature, it is baked into a system. It requires an fair impact assessment for each decision.

For instance, will these same zip codes pay for expansion of LG&E to Maker's Mark? We currently have all the utility supply we need in our current footprint.

The encouragement of individual solar installations will only ward off any need for major and costly expansion- such as building a plant. So the cost of encouraging solar is actually a very small price with a large prophylactic payoff for low income households.

How do we rectify the past exploitation of low-income Black neighborhoods and prevent future exploitation? I recommend a study on rate design to see other methods of apportioning cost.

For now, oppose the increases.

Sincerely,

Cathy Hinko



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**Subject:** Case 202020-00350

Hello. I am a restaurant owner and Louisvillian. LG&E's recent rate increase is a real slap in the face to a business who has to compete in a competitive market and doesn't get a guaranteed 9+% profit, given current interest rates I'd propose rolling the guaranteed profit down to 5%. None the less, coming out of covid this is a huge increase in costs for a struggling industry and will guarantee higher costs for our food and drinks, it will also most likely result in several restaurants. closing their doors for good. Now is definitely not the time for such a huge increase, especially when the fixed costs are increased which does not give us an opportunity to control usage. Please do not approve this request. I would also like to speak at a hearing, virtual or in person, if that is an option.

Sincerely,

Daniel Borsch  
[REDACTED]

Louisville, KY 40204

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**Galaxy Supermarket**

134 Pine Street Pineville, Kentucky 40977

Phone [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Michael Long General Manager / Owner

Re: 2020-00349 KU or 2020-00350 LG&E

Public Service Commission

Rural Grocers and Other Kentucky Businesses Cannot Afford a Third Rate Hike in Four Years

Kentucky currently ranks sixth in the nation for food insecurity, and in the Appalachian region of Kentucky more than 20 percent of the population regularly experiences hunger. Keeping our rural grocery stores operating is essential for addressing food security. With an average net profit of just 2.2 percent, grocery stores like mine are in the top 12 least profitable industries in the United States. Tight margins are one of the reasons why many rural places have seen full service stores struggle to keep their doors open, especially in face of declining populations, online shopping, and more. As store managers, we have to be careful about each dollar spent.

That's why Long's Pic Pac here in Bell County, Kentucky, opposes the recently proposed increase in electricity rates by Kentucky Utilities and Louisville Gas & Electric, which would be the company's third hike in four years, if it's approved by the Kentucky Public Service Commission at the hearing coming up in April 2021. Our opposition stems from many of the economic challenges faced daily by independent grocers across the nation like us. We have experienced irregular profit and loss statements for the last decade. During that time, we have witnessed closure of many regional grocers because they could not survive overhead costs.

At Long's Pic Pac, we have made our share of efforts to be more energy efficient. These efforts include changes to LED lighting and adding more economic refrigerated cases throughout the store. We have worked with the Mountain Association to explore adding solar panels. However, KU's current and proposed rate structures make it almost impossible for groceries like us to benefit from solar the way smaller commercial and residential KU customers historically have been able to. And now, KU is trying to take that opportunity away from us too. Our efficiency upgrades are saving us almost 300,000 kWh – over \$22,000 – per year and still our utility bill remains one of our largest operating expenses. If KU gets what they are asking for, our electric bills will go up over

\$5,000 a year.

Over the past 50 years, we have provided the area with thousands of entry level jobs. These jobs offered first-time employment to many of our area's young adults, as well as long-standing careers to those who have chosen to stay with us. Our heritage and values are displayed through our frequent and reliable practices of giving back to local schools and charities. As a result, we are central to our community. If these rate hikes are approved, they will place a burden on our store that we most likely cannot endure. The line between profit and loss is so fragile for independent business in Kentucky currently. The increased rates could ultimately jeopardize employee hours, benefits, and even raise prices of goods in our store.

In addition, the added financial burden of increased electric rates could affect business collective abilities to support our communities. In consideration of all the above facts, we ask that when the Public Service Commission considers these proposals during the hearing from April 26 to April 30, they consider the economic wellbeing of our region.

Sincerely,  
Michael Long

**Long's**  
**PIC-PAC**  
Galaxy Supermarket

**Mike Long**  
General Manger Stockholder  
A.R. Long Inc.

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**Name:** Achille D. Biagi  
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Dear Sir,

I would like to urge you to honor the term "Public Service" in the term Public Service Commission.

By that I mean the public is served best by looking at the long term effects your decision makes about the monopoly of electrical service to us.

If you will keep net metering in effect, 1 to 1, as it now

exists, you will serve the public you represent in our  
stead.

Please do the right thing.

Thank you,

Achille & Eileen Biagi

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**Subject:** Case numbers: 2020-0350, 2020-0074, 2020-0349

I feel it is important that there be no reduction in the amount of credit provided to anyone that supplies electricity to the electrical grid. If there is no incentive to install solar panels it won't happen.

There has to be an economic incentive for a homeowner to install electric panels. Full net metering provides a payback on the capital investment. In Germany, the government paid subsidies to have solar panels installed. Farmers were installing them in their fields and earning a steady annual income like tobacco at one time provided for Kentucky farmers.

As climate change increases with devastating costs, it is important that our world moves toward a fossil fuel free world. Instead of gas water heaters, we can buy electric water heaters. Instead of gas furnaces, we can buy heat pumps. Instead of gasoline-powered cars, we can buy electric vehicles to be charged at home. There will be plenty demand for electricity.

Localized power sources on homes reduce the need for increasing the electrical grid capacity. In times of power outages, a solar panel can provide electricity instead of home electric



generators.

Perhaps, in the very, very far future our electrical utilities will evolve into a power distribution network. Providing extra power when peak demands need to be met. Then the PSC can change the formulation of costs and profits. But we aren't even scratching the surface of that adjustment now.

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**From:** Delores Butler <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 7:25 PM  
**To:** PSC Public Information Officer <[PSC.Info@ky.gov](mailto:PSC.Info@ky.gov)>  
**Subject:** Case\_2020-00350

This is my comment concerning the LG & E rate increase. This not the time to be raising the bills. Many low income families are suffering at this time, just to keep food on the table. Some are out of work and they are only living on food stamps and unemployment. With Covid and all the uncertainty at hand this would just be another hardship on the low income and middle class families in our communities. Our West end families will be the ones to suffer the most from this increase. I ask that you not increase the rates at this time and take into great consideration what I have said. Thank you. From: Ms. Delores Banks Butler.

Delores L. Butler

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April 6, 2021

To: PSC Commissioners  
From: Jessie Rathburn  
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Re: 2020-00350 & 2020-00349

Dear PSC Commissioners,

My name is Jessie Rathburn; I am writing both as a concerned citizen from Marion

County, KY, and as the Earth Education and Advocacy Coordinator for the Loretto Community / Sisters of Loretto. Our community has cared for our land in central Kentucky and served the people of this region for over 200 years. We know that our lives are inextricably linked with the lives of all those around us – both human and beyond-human. When Earth flourishes, all of humanity flourishes as well. This is the reality into which we live our lives, individually and communally, every day.

I am writing regarding cases 2020-00350 and 2020-00349. Both of these cases seek to raise residential electricity bills by substantially raising the monthly service charge, harming low-income residents and those who conserve energy in order to manage their bill. These plans also seek to significantly lower the credit a customer receives from rooftop solar production.

I oppose these changes for a number of reasons. First, now is not the time to be raising energy bills. As one who has primarily worked from home for the past year, I have noticed an increase in my family's monthly utility bill, both from increased rates and necessary increased usage. It is already hard for many, like me, to pay high electricity bills, even though we conserve as much energy as we possibly can. In a time when we are still suffering from a global pandemic and our society is struggling to recover financially, physically, and emotionally, residents do not need the added stress of increased utility rates.

Both of these proposals are shifting a greater share of a customer's bill to a fixed fee, which is unfair in many ways. Households who consume less energy and have a smaller physical footprint will still face the same increases as those who do not choose to conserve energy and have much more space to heat and cool. If a rate increase is necessary, it should be reflected in the energy charge that customers pay for each unit of energy they consume. It is incredibly demoralizing to see my family's usage decrease but our bills stay nearly the same or increase. A well-designed system should not punish users for using less.

Finally, the proposed changes to net metering will entirely undermine the market for rooftop solar, a burgeoning industry in Kentucky. My family has been saving for years in order to build our own home that is completely powered by solar electricity. Not only is this the right thing to do for Earth, but it is the best

economical option for us. Changing the way that net metering is valued will make solar inaccessible to many households and businesses. Solar net metering makes energy more affordable for low-income Kentuckians; this would take away another tool we have at our disposal that helps us provide for our families *and* live sustainably. Any changes to the net metering system in Kentucky should only come after a thorough and rigorous evaluation of the costs *and* benefits of rooftop solar, including the benefits to businesses, residents, and utilities.

With the rapid degradation of Earth we are all witnessing on a daily basis, we should not be moving to make renewable energies *less* accessible. Kentucky needs solar. Our utilities should be seeking ways to make renewable energies more accessible and stable for all in the Commonwealth. When Earth flourishes, all of life flourishes. Extending solar access across Kentucky would improve the lives of all who live here.

As a member and employee of the Loretto Community, I strive to live deeper in alignment with my values daily. Since moving to Kentucky, my husband and I have become foster parents, taking in 5 children over the past 2 years. We have embraced our new community, supporting as many local organizations as we can, recognizing the incredibly unique ways that people go out of their way to be *community* to others here. We have learned to have pride in Kentucky. What I see in these proposals does not reflect what is best for the Commonwealth. It does not reflect the goodness of the people of Kentucky that I regularly witness. Rather, it places corporations over people and the profit of a few over the well-being of all. I urge you to reject these proposals for LG&E and KU. They are not what is best for Kentuckians.

Thank you for the time and attention you give to these matters.

Sincerely,  
Jessie Rathburn

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**From:** [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)  
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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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**Subject:** Case # 2020-00350

Please do not raise rates. The for profit energy companies along with the state have strong armed and lobbied against solar and solar incentives for Kentucky residents for many years. For an energy company to now say, that more customers are turning to solar and decreasing their profit sounds like a business problem. Not one that should be passed on to customers. Why should customers bear the cost from poor business planning when C suite officers at this utility company rake in millions of dollars. You shouldn't get rewarded handsomely when you plan poorly and do a bad job.

The fact that this rate hike is even being considered is abhorrent. If you are going to advocate against solar, fine. Don't turn a business's mistake into their customers' problem when the customers' have had no input.

These businesses operate in the best interests of themselves and what fills their pocketbooks instead of serving their customers.

What a wild world we live in where I am having to write my legislators begging them to not raise a rate on a public utility that everyone needs. I am disgusted the legislature is even considering this. A public utility shouldn't even be a for profit but it seems y'all aren't ready to make Kentucky a fair and equitable place for all. LGE should be a co-op where customers the dividends/incentives. Not a ceo who does nothing except lobby against the Earth's best interests.

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**Asking the Public Service Commission to balance LG&E's monopoly powers and guaranteed profits with the reason it was created: to provide affordable, essential services.**

**If this case occurs, it will increase my struggle greatly. It is already an extremely challenging time. Gives restaurant owners a less chance to survive.**

**Thank you**

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**To:** PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>  
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To whom it may concern,

Now is not the time to increase prices on businesses that have struggled through a pandemic. My business and many others have not only lost profits but have taken huge losses, if not forced to close for good. The proposed double digit increase is insulting to demand on business, especially to take that large of increase all at once.

LG&E has had the luxury to maintain profits but also increase their bottom line by having employees work from home and cut other expenses like company cars and client entertainment. Even word on the street not returning to the downtown office and renting out.

The Public Service Commission was formed to balance their powers and create affordable services. The proposed increase reaches far beyond that.

Sincerely,

John Varanese, Varanese and River House Restaurant

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**Subject:** Rate Case Number 2020-00350

Dear Public Service Commission,

I am a solar advocate and I am asking you to also encourage energy efficiency and energy conservation. It appears our utility companies are bent on discouraging people from both by raising their base rates and lessening the benefits of solar.

I used my savings to have solar panels installed on my 100 year old home in 2017. I made the decision when our country pulled out of the Paris Accord, instead of buying a car. Yes, to save money on energy, but much more importantly, to save our planet - to be an incentive for others. But almost every year since then I've had to ask you to deny the rate increase and solar disincentivizing that LG&E keeps lobbying for.

According to the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission on record spending by lobbyists since 2016, LG&E and KU Energy have been in the top three with 6-figure spending every year. Both lobbied for the "net

metering” bill that would have cut reimbursements for those with solar panel installations. Both claim to need more money - don't we all? Better use of the money we are paying them is not a lot to ask. It's what we ALL have to do, especially during a global pandemic.

If corporations are given the rights of a person, they should also practice personal & fiscal responsibility, concern for the environment and the future.

Once again, please deny these rate increases and efforts to stifle the growth of residential solar.

Thank you,

Janice Weber

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