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Subject: Public Comment regarding LG&E/KU IRP Case Number 2021-00393
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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 number in this matter, 2021-00393, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00393 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2022 4:42 PM
To: PSC Public Comment <psc.comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Public Comment regarding LG&E/KU IRP Case Number 2021-00393

Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission,

I am very concerned about the recent IRP by KU-LG&E. Their plan is too expensive for Kentuckians in many areas, especially their continued reliance on coal and natural gas. Both of those fuels have tremendous impact on the areas where they are extracted, and the tax payers have to pick up the cost of cleaning the former mine sites, rivers, and leaking slurry ponds. In 2022 alone, \$725 million in federal funding will be used for such clean up with Kentucky receiving \$74 million. For KU customers like me, this means paying for the energy twice. In addition, reliance on natural gas means that the cost of electricity will fluctuate wildly with the market price of this commodity. As a retiree, I am very worried about future cost of energy for my home.

I find it unacceptable that under the IRP, KU-LG&E is not expanding solar beyond 20% of their generation by 2036. Investing aggressively in solar (utility-owned and distributed) and battery storage must be the future of KU-LG&E if we care about the human cost of energy production. According to EPA, in the Southwest region, every kWh of energy produced from solar results in 2-4 cents of savings on public health. In other words, if half of the current production by KU-LG&E came from solar, Kentucky would have saved at least half a million dollars every year in health related expenses, not to mention premature deaths and suffering of Kentuckians. Health costs must be considered as a part of public interest.

KU-LG&E and all utilities must show the public all relevant data so that the IRP and the rate setting process is transparent. Regulated utilities enjoy the benefits of lack of competition in the markets they serve, but it also means that they should be transparent about their processes and data. As representatives of consumers and public interest in general, PSC must develop a vision for all utilities in Kentucky serving public interest of Kentuckians and not simply react to utilities' demands.

In the evaluation of case number 2021-00393 please consider the following:

- The process needs to be as inclusive and democratic as possible
- The PSC needs to lead with vision and not just react to the plans suggested by LG&E and KU
- The utilities must use the most realistic model for what the future holds both in regards to climate realities and their own parent companies emission reduction goals
- The definitions for public interest, reliability and least-cost should be interpreted broadly to include health, equity, affordability, and environmental protection.
- We need access to good, reliable data and the utilities should be required to share this information publicly.

Sincerely,
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Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission,

Please choose renewable sources of energy in the future and put people and the earth first when making decisions. Fossil fuels and detrimental emissions are killing our planet and our future. We must take drastic measures to prevent as much climate crisis as possible, and you are in the position to make a huge positive impact.

Please choose to be on the kind humane side of history, and not the exploitative reductive side.

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