From: PSC Executive Director

To:

Subject: Public Comment regarding LG&E/KU IRP Case Number 2021-00393

**Date:** Wednesday, March 2, 2022 9:19:00 AM

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:

Sent: Friday, February 25, 2022 9:40 PM

To: PSC Public Comment < psc.comment@ky.gov >

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Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission,

I am very disappointed that the LG&E/KU IRP envisions continuing to burn extraordinarily large amounts of coal and natural gas over the next 15 years. I must ask if the persons who compiled this document are aware of the existence of climate change and global warming? If they are do they not believe it or are they simply impervious to the requirements that must be satisfied if humanity is to avoid the most egregious effects of climate change. If we do not accomplish a SIGNIFICANT reduction in greenhouse gases over the planning period we will have locked in 1.5 or more degrees Centigrade which is a red line beyond which we should not go. The proposed version of the LG&E/KU IRP seems to envision a continuation of "business as usual." In today's environment this is no longer acceptable, indeed it is a prescription for disaster! Back to the drawing boards planners!

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, Mr. James Porter

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