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**To:**  
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**From:** Gloria Stepp [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2023 2:33 PM  
**To:** PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>  
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Dear Public Service Commission,

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Kentuckians for Energy Democracy has been leading a campaign for the past four years to improve public engagement at the Public Service Commission and to hold utilities accountable to provide the clean, affordable, just energy future we need and deserve.

Over that time we've seen record numbers of public comments in case after case at the PSC and the commission has issued decisions that have helped preserve the value of rooftop solar and push utilities to do better. In other words, our campaign is winning!

Now LG&E and Kentucky Utilities have proposed one of the biggest, most important cases in recent history and we need help making sure Kentuckians weigh in on our energy future.

Background

The "Good News" is that they are asking to close two aging coal plants and are proposing some utility scale solar.

The "Bad News" is that:

they want to replace coal with two new very large gas plants,  
they plan to continue policies that harm the buildout of distributed community and rooftop solar  
their proposals for energy efficiency are weak and inadequate

#### Building Expensive, Polluting, 40 year Gas Plants Does Not Make Sense

It's not smart or safe to lock customers into paying for new gas plants when we know we need to move away from fossil fuels, and this will almost certainly be required in the coming years

Already new regulations on gas plants are being proposed by the federal government. And there is a good reason for this!

Renewable energy, storage, and energy efficiency can affordably, safely, and reliably provide electricity for Kentucky. By delaying the transition away from fossil fuels we are only increasing the cost of making that transition.

This is your opportunity to get your voice heard! Submit your public comment using the form below before August.

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Don't overthink it. Your comment can be simple

Tips for Writing your Comment:

The Commission wants to hear how you are impacted by the decisions your utility makes about our energy future. You don't have to be an expert for your input to matter. (What's your story, what's your vision for KY's energy future?)

Please write your comment in your own words. You are welcome to use the talking points below but try not to copy and paste them word for word. The Commission gives more weight to unique comments over form responses.

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Ready to submit?

Want to get technical?

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Read the technical comment that we submitted as a network here

Sample Talking Points

#### WE DON'T WANT OR NEED NEW FOSSIL FUEL GENERATION

We support closing coal plants but we absolutely do not want to replace them with expensive and polluting 40 year gas plants and their infrastructure.

Before 40 year gas plants are even considered we need to expand efficiency programs, rooftop solar, utility scale solar, storage, and fully explore new capacity alternatives such as virtual power plants, joining regional grids.

The companies' proposed energy efficiency proposals are inadequate. Kentucky has one of the poorest records in the country on energy efficiency in terms of residential energy efficiency program savings as a percentage of sales, and revenues spent on energy efficiency programs

Kentuckians need Energy Efficiency programs that achieve at least 2-3% of load.

We want a public commitment to ignore the companies' 1% cap on rooftop solar and to continue to

support distributed resources after reaching that threshold.

We want the companies to help customers invest in Energy Efficiency, solar, and storage - and access IRA benefits outside of company programs: this means better policy advocacy.

In addition to my public comment above, please see the comment submitted by Kentuckians for Energy Democracy for important data and evidence that supports my lived experience and concerns.

Thank you for ensuring that Kentuckians' voices are an important part of the regulatory process.

Sincerely,  
Gloria Stepp

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Dear Public Service Commission,

The role of the public service commission is to see beyond the narrow and short term interests of monopoly utility companies. To that end, please force LGE-KU to come up with a more comprehensive and climate conscious plan for delivering electricity to its customers. Investing heavily in fossil fuels in 2023 serves the interests of no one other than those tasked with coming up with a plan that passes the extremely low bar of business as usual for a monopoly utility. Digging the citizens of our state deeper into the hole that is the climate crisis is a disgrace and counter to the public interest. Strategic and rigorous thinking is required and must be demanded of LGE-KU. Any numbers provided by the utilities must be viewed sceptically in light of a history skewed and falsified submissions, scrutinized by independent expert analysis, and weighed against those from independent third parties.

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Sincerely,  
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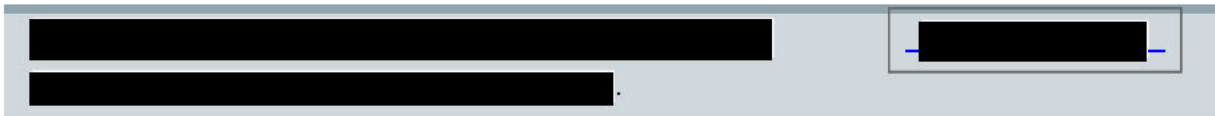
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**From:** Peter Dennen <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2023 8:17 AM  
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We are strongly opposed to the construction of solar farms on Mercer County farm land. The best land use is for agricultural enterprises, the second best is residential, commercial or industrial development. The proposed size and locations of the solar installations would preclude the land use for anything that would benefit the county or residents from gaining any tax or employment income. Mercer county needs more employment opportunities far more than a solar farm that employs no one and has no tax benefit for the county. Please consider the long term adverse effects such an installation would have on the citizens of Mercer county and do not approve this plan.

Sincerely,  
Pete & Cathy Dennen  
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**From:** Donald Kleier [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2023 10:28 AM  
**To:** PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>  
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Dear Public Service Commission,

I am trying to be proactive and do my part to contain the energy crisis. I have installed a roof top solar array - at significant expense. Today the United Nations announced that the move away from fossil fuels has been pathetic. Now these power companies are asking Kentuckians to pay for larger power plants that will do nothing to help meet the climate crisis. People, this is not fake news! Where is there massive investment in renewable nonpolluting sources?

In addition to my public comment above, please see the comment submitted by Kentuckians for Energy Democracy for important data and evidence that supports my lived experience and concerns.

Thank you for ensuring that Kentuckians' voices are an important part of the regulatory process.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Public Service Commission,

I do not live in the area serviced by LG & E and KU however I feel compelled to comment on this case because PSC rulings are viewed with great interest by other utilities in the state and I want to advocate for the kind of policies I want the PSC to enforce for my utility.

With that in mind, LGE & KU recently submitted a 15 year plan in which they did not discuss adding gas fired plans for energy generation. If energy demand has grown in such a way that they need to add unplanned generation capacity already, have them add generation capacity that builds resiliency in Kentucky, not further reliance on fossil fuels.

Building capacity can be done via reducing demand with energy efficiency initiatives, especially on older housing stock. To the extent that additional generating capacity is needed, renewables should be given first consideration. Gas is a better option than another coal fired plant, but it should not be the first or only option.

In addition to my public comment above, please see the comment submitted by Kentuckians for Energy Democracy for important data and evidence that supports my lived experience and concerns.

Thank you for ensuring that Kentuckians' voices are an important part of the regulatory process.

Sincerely,  
Jason Worms

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Dear Public Service Commission,

I was dismayed to learn that LGE-KU is attempting to build two new gas-fired power plants, locking ratepayers - and the climate - into decades of fossil fuel use. As a mother and a human being, I am deeply concerned about the climate impacts of these plants. Frankly I am appalled that LGE-KU can witness the devastating tornadoes and floods that have hit our state and think that signing up for several more decades of fossil fuel use is a good idea. However, I understand the PSC has limited ability to make decisions based on these externalities. The risk to ratepayers, however, is right in the PSC's purview, and as one of those ratepayers, I strongly object to this CPCN.

One only need to look back over the last two years to see the unpredictability of natural gas prices and their impacts on ratepayers. The cost of renewables and energy storage continue to drop dramatically, yet these power plants would keep LGE-KU customers tied to natural gas even as renewable power is cheaper. Moreover, cost recovery mechanisms and the utilities' guaranteed rate of return mean that the costs of this bad investment will be borne by the ratepayers through increasingly higher rates for decades to come.

I'm pleased that LGE-KU will be increasing the amount of solar in their generating portfolio. Instead of gas-fired power plants, they should capitalize on unprecedented federal incentives and make

larger investments in renewables - and they should make equally large investments in energy efficiency to reduce their baseload requirements.

While LGE-KU may feel their DSM portfolio is "robust," it's woefully inadequate. Why not invest these billions of dollars into inclusive financing programs, building on federal incentives to reduce the need for generating capacity, lower their customers' bills, and improve their customers' homes at the same time? Robust inclusive financing investments have resulted in reduced rates for utilities like Ouachita Energy Cooperative.

Finally, the Commission should be deeply skeptical of LGE-KU's continued assertion that joining a Regional Transmission Organization will not save ratepayers money. The price tag on these new gas plants is estimated to top \$1 billion; as PJM and MISO increase the share of renewables on the grid, and the cost of new renewables is now lower than new fossil fuel generation, it is hard to believe that continued isolation is benefiting LGE-KU's customers.

There is nothing convenient or necessary about these two new power plants. Kentucky needs utilities that will think beyond business as usual, but our utilities have no incentive to innovate unless they are made to. I hope that the PSC will reject this petition.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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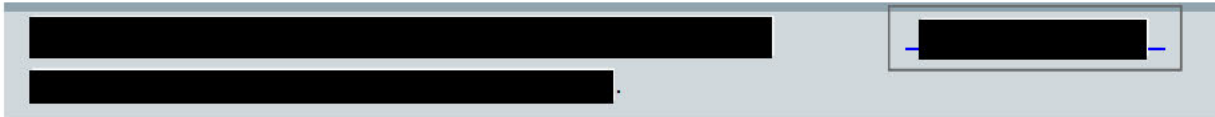
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I oppose the solar facility on the 900 acre land in Mercer County. This land could be of better use for employment for our residents.

Terrell Royalty