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Dear Commissioners', Chandler, Hatton, and Regan,

I support the initiative to increase solar generation to 4,200MW capacity, before considering the two new gas turbines requested by LGE-KU in case 2022-00402.

Last year, not only were Kentuckians hit with two weather catastrophes, the Western Kentucky tornadoes and the Eastern Kentucky floods but also we had the highest utility rates ever.

Both of the weather events were linked to climate change. Yes, climate change weather events are happening here in Kentucky! Rather than build more methane gas plants which add to heat trapping gasses and climate change, we need to change course to heal our planet and build renewable energy facilities. Kentucky and the U.S. are using unprecedented amounts of natural gas to generate electricity. In addition, Kentucky residential gas rates, already among the highest gas rates in the country, were 36% above the national average. Kentucky needs zero-fuel solutions NOT fossil fuels to stop rising utility rates and climate change.

This Summer has been the hottest on record, which shows our survival is in deep trouble! Your decision can make climate positive change happen both here in Kentucky but in the world, because a ton of carbon anywhere affects the world everywhere!!

Sincerely,

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