

From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To:
Subject: RE: Say "No" to LG&E and KU's Coal Retirement Plan
Date: Monday, September 11, 2023 8:37:00 AM

Case No. 2022-00402

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: Travis Blake [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 5:10 PM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Say "No" to LG&E and KU's Coal Retirement Plan

September 05, 2023 @ 08:47pm
Say "No" to LG&E and KU's Coal Retirement Plan

Dear Public Service Commissioners,

Please stop the plan by Louisville Gas & Electric and Kentucky Utilities to retire four coal-fired power plants. "Coal keeps the lights on" isn't just a slogan for a license plate or a "cutesy" phrase used to promote one of Kentucky's oldest industries. It's the truth. Coal has kept the lights on for more than two centuries and will continue to do so as long as we protect Kentucky's coal industry.

My family relies on affordable and reliable power but replacing coal-fired plants with solar and battery storage facilities is not going to make "keeping the lights on" easy. With high inflation rates, shocking prices at the pump, expensive grocery trips and high energy bills across the country, this plan will only make matters worse for those struggling to make ends meet here at home.

I urge you to oppose the efforts of Louisville Gas & Electric and Kentucky Utilities to retire four coal-fired electric generating units over the next few years. Hard-working Kentuckians oppose this move, and so should you.

Sincerely,
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From: Monique Tilford [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 9, 2023 6:37 PM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Case 2020-00402

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express my concern about the possibility that ratepayers may soon be on the hook to pay for two new natural gas power plants. Here are my two top reasons why I hope you will not approve this request as currently submitted:

1. Climate change: If you approve this request, ratepayers will be underwriting the \$1.3 billion price tag. Although it's great that the plan will shut down two very old and terribly dirty coal-fired power plants, natural gas is still a fossil fuel which contributes to increases in global temperatures. Also, it's easy to imagine that LG&E/KU may have to stop operating all fossil-fuel-fired power plants within the next few decades after climate change becomes measurably worse than it is now, meaning that these expensive assets will be stranded and useless to LG&E/KU customers.
2. Reliability: Some people in KY are arguing that you should approve the two new power plants because fossil fuels are a consistently reliable source of energy. But as Ryan Van Velzer explained in a piece on September 1, 2023 for Louisville Public Media, "Fossil fuels failed Ky. utility customers during winter blackouts." In case the article is behind a paywall, I'll summarize by saying that both natural gas and coal power failed LG&E/KU ratepayers on the coldest day of the year last December. Kentucky needs a diversity of power sources with a much higher percentage coming from renewables like solar. Please remember that Germany is a world leader in solar power, and yet Kentucky could easily surpass them in solar production given that our state receives 50% more sunshine than Germany.

We all rely on LG&E/KU but need to do what we can to meet our collective needs for reliable and affordable power while not conscripting us all to another major investment in fossil fuel. We need to keep fossil fuels in the ground -- and invest immediately in more life-sustaining technologies like solar and wind power. If you must approve LG&E/KU's request, I urge you to only allow one natural gas plant to be built, and to do everything you can to demand that LG&E/KU start actively supporting conservation programs and renewable energy options.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important upcoming decision.

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From: jill harmer [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2023 9:03 AM
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Subject: 2020-00402

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How can LGE think of locking in decades of new carbon and methane emissions with 2 new natural gas plants at a time when the world needs to end its reliance on fossil fuels to avoid the worst impacts of warming?

Don't let your greed for profit interfere with the consensus of science, that fossil fuels cause global warming. Natural gas is a fossil fuel and its plants and pipelines are prone to leaking methane, another potent greenhouse gas that may be as bad for the climate as coal, according to a recent study. Please listen to your customers.

jill harmer