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**To:**  
**Subject:** RE: Comments on Case 2020-00402  
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Case No. 2022-00402

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**From:** Ken Shapero [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2023 6:13 PM  
**To:** PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>  
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Dear Sirs,

Please find attached my comments regarding Case 2020-00402.

I'd be happy to answer any further questions you've got, or provide further input if that would be useful. Also, I'd like to have my name and address added to a list of interested parties who would like to receive any public notifications or meeting notices regarding this case.

Thanks so much for you assistance and service in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ken Shapero  
5604 Wolf Pen Trace

Prospect, KY 40059

Mobile/Text [REDACTED]

September 21, 2023

Commissioners Chandler, Hatton and Regan  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Boulevard  
Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

RE: Case 2020-00402

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Ken Shapero. I am an electric and natural-gas customer of LG&E-KU who resides at 5604 Wolf Pen Trace in Jefferson County, Kentucky. I'm writing today to object to LG&E's proposal to build two new natural gas-powered generating stations whose useful lives may span 50 years or more. At a time in our history when unprecedented global warming threatens our very existence on earth, for LG&E to seek rates and authority for facilities that will prolong our over-reliance on the combustion of fossil fuels, with their associated deposit of greenhouse-gas emissions into our atmosphere, is beyond the pale.

Because LG&E-KU is a public utility, granted monopoly status to serve the public good, there is ample cause to take a step back and pause in light of this unprecedented and highly controversial request. We need to consider whether we and our children and grandchildren should be forced today to underwrite an investment of \$1.2 billion in fossil-fuel powered electric generating stations when cleaner, safer and less-harmful options have not been fully explored.

While I'm certain that LG&E will bring forward a bevy of highly educated, experienced "experts" to support their case, I'm equally certain that LG&E has done little or nothing to solicit input, ideas, proposals or sought other collaborative means to accomplish the public goals of providing safe, reliable electric power for the long term. If they have, they certainly haven't communicated it to the public.

In fact, had it not been for one or two news articles, and conversations with friends in the know, I would have been unaware of this momentous decision LG&E proposes to make on the public's behalf. I have to state in the clearest and most forceful way possible that this is completely unacceptable.

At a time when our planet is at risk, and after a summer of devastating wildfires, floods, weather disasters and the hottest recorded temperatures in history, how is it possible that LG&E expects to move forward without a truly robust and candid public discussion with all those who derive electric power from them? As our public electric utility, LG&E has received the privilege of serving as our monopoly sole provider. It boggles the imagination that this proposal has gotten as far as it has with such little scrutiny or public discourse. Under the circumstances, I suggest that most LG&E-KU customers would have expected much, much, more.

Therefore, I urge you in the strongest possible way to delay and defer a decision on case until such time as there has been ample opportunity for more public input, for competing plans to be devised and

weighed, and for LG&E to provide clear evidence that they have explored every other possible solution that would benefit all of their stakeholders, and not just the stockholders of its owner, PPL Corporation.

While I agree that it will be necessary to continue relying on fossil fuels such as natural gas as a short-term bridging solution, I reject out-of-hand LG&E's argument the best available solution is to spend \$1.2 billion on two natural gas-fired electric plants that will be online for fifty years or more. It strains credulity to believe this is a sincere and honest proposal.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that you table LG&E's requested rate hike for as long as it takes to have meaningful and inclusive public discourse and realistic comparative analyses of competing proposals. Only in this way can we the public be satisfied that our public utility has arrived at the best, most sustainable way to meet the future electrical power needs of all its stakeholders, and not just satisfied the pecuniary desires of a simple majority of PPL Corporation stockholders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ken Shapero', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ken Shapero

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**From:** AT&T [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2023 10:58 AM  
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**Subject:** LGE and KU proposal comment (Case #2022-00402)

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I understand that a proposal has been submitted to you for consideration regarding the above-named utilities' desire to close four coal-fired plants and three natural gas combustion turbine units. While this proposal certainly appears to head in the right direction regarding the use of fossil fuels, it still maintains a strong attachment to natural gas.

Kentucky needs a clean, efficient, and renewable energy future. My hope would be that the PSC would accept the proposed closure of the coal-fired power plants and not approve the building of the two new natural gas plants. Instead, LG&E and KU should invest in real energy-efficiency using renewables like solar and wind. I would also ask that the utilities increase Demand-Side Management programs and distributed energy resources.

Thank you for listening to my voice.

Sincerely,  
Marcia Torpey  
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Louisville, Kentucky 40205

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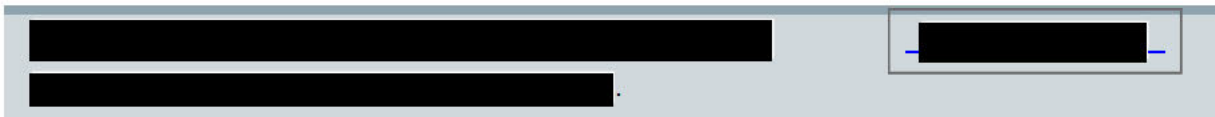
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**From:** Krista Groves [REDACTED]  
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**To:** PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>  
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Please give greater consideration to renewable energy sources for Kentucky so that our world can last for future generations.

Thanks,  
Krista Groves  
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Louisville, Kentucky 40205

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