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From: Maggie Hettinger

Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 1:46 PM

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Dear Public Service Commission,

Maggie Hettinger

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hysteria is not a reason to abandon renewable energy progress and promise.

all of a sudden data centers and AI want to use as much power as is available now to the customers and communities who support the existing system.

And our "leaders" are keen to cash in on the investment, it seems.

but where are the adults in the room?

since AI is so promising, why are we not being responsible by stating the massive energy required is not available, which is true.

It just means that AI application has not matured enough to be feasible.

powerful people in the dirty energy cash flow, of course, are happy to have us all line their pockets

since the Chinese can apparently do AI work with massively less power, I suspect our industry here can do the same, but only if required.

it actually does matter to all of us humans that we pull down greenhouse gas from the atmosphere. Doubling the output is not acceptable.

Fossil fuels are the signature of the selfish.

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From: Elisa Owen

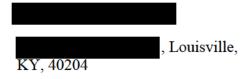
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Dear Chairman Hatton and Commisdioner Regan,

From: Elisa Owen



The public trust IOUs agree to take on with their grant of state sanctioned monopoly territory requires that utilities provid their captive customers with lowest cost at power at just, fair and reasonable rates. As such, as an LG&E customer who cares deeply for our planet and the exhorbitant electric bills I receive, I was dismayed to learn of the utility's 15 year plan. Knowing that utility scale BESS is the generation of choice for more than 81% of new generation added in the United States in 2024 and that the reason for that has much to do with the lower price at which solar generation clear in energy markets nationwide, I ask myself why my utility chose to scrap the majority 637MW, of previously planned utility scale solar projects? Not only am I hungry for affordable renewable energy (not the kind my utility offers

at an inflated price that has little to do with the actual cost of producing it), I also know that cheaper energy production should lead to lower customer bills. In addition, LGE/KUs plan has not seriously considered other low cost options like asking our legislature to make it easier to deploy larger amounts of roof top solar, making use of virtual power plants or scaling up their reliance on energy efficiency and other dsm projects. Instead, they presented you a plan containing requests for speculative new fossil gas plants when form energy is even now testing 4 day batteries with three utilities, including Southern Company, nationwide and KY is currently 3rd to last with respect to constructing a modern diversified grid. Our retrograde grid will not only hurt energy consumers here by bringing us higher more volatile energy prices, it will hollow out our state's competitiveness for economic develop projects. Expensive energy is not what large companies are looking for. Please be on the lookout for us the consumer when you consider lg&e/ku's IRP and decide whether to approve their cpcn, which bears little resemblance to the IRP the just submitted. Clearly the utility is not really planning. Instead it's speculative CPCN ask uses phantom load growth speculation (wishful thinking) to grasp at mirages of grand demand growth in order to increase its rate base. Unfortunately for lg&e/ku's customers we are simply not considered as lg&e/ku salivates after growth our retrograde grid is in no shape to take on. I'm asking you to keep us the customers in mind as you deny their requests for new fossil based generation we will be on the hook along for for the next 40 years. I'd also appreciate it if you'd ask them to seriously consider lower cost renewable options before you allow them to mortgage our future ability to receive power at just fair and reasonable rates.

sincerely,

elisa owen

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Dear Public Service Commission,

My name is Alayna Lofgren and I am reaching out to say that I oppose the utility rate hike that will inevitably be a result of the proposed \$3.7B gas plants due to data centers. The residents of Louisville already suffer from high utility rates which make housing unaffordable for many families. This is not just low-income residents receiving public subsidized housing, this is teachers, firefighters, ems drivers, school bus drivers, and many more. I request that the PSC keep in mind the residents, low-income families and individuals who will be negatively impacted by this proposed plan, and urge LGE/KU to instead consider demand side management practices instead of two new gas plants. Resident's can't afford to shoulder the cost of new gas plants that will specifically power the data center. Why should residents be expected to pay for something they will never use? Think of our Kentucky neighbors and make the right decision.

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Dear Public Service Commission,

I am personally someone that suffers from asthma and clean air is extremely important to me. Adding plants to our state that don't prioritize clean air and environment literally makes it harder for me to breathe, and those impacts will only increase they more coal and gas is burned. My family needs a utility company that prioritizes protecting our health and environment, while also keeping rates affordable. Solar energy is some of the most affordable energy in our nation at this time, and also protects our environment. My family needs that to be a priority for our health and wellbeing.

Rachel Norton

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