From:
 PSC Public Comment

 To:
 Morgan Hoover

 Subject:
 RE: Case #2025-00045

Date: Monday, August 25, 2025 9:30:00 AM

### Case No. 2025-00045

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From: Morgan Hoover

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 19, 2025 9:44 PM

To: PSC Public Comment < PSC.Comment@ky.gov>

**Subject:** Case #2025-00045



Contact: Morgan Hoover,

Customer of: LG&E

I'm against the building of any new data centers for the following reasons:

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This would be fine if they were expected to pay for themselves but instead they have been exempted from paying sales and use taxes for the next 50 years.

While, yes, they will be paying other taxes that may amount to being in the millions that is nowhere near the billions we are planning to spend on power plants.

Other states that have done similar tax breaks, like Virginia, found little economic benefit outside of the construction phase.

So that just leaves the individual home owners left to foot the bill for these increased energy costs. In Columbus, OH they have already seen rate increases of \$27/month due to data centers.

On top of that, if they choose not to build data centers after we build these plants we'll

have an energy excess. The last time that happened LG&E and KU killed their rebates which is effectively another rate increase.

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From: PSC Public Comment
To: Zoe McCabe

Subject: RE: Case #2025-00045 – Opposition to New Data Centers

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: Zoe McCabe

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 20, 2025 12:08 AM **To:** PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>

Subject: Case #2025-00045 - Opposition to New Data Centers



# Hello,

I am contacting you to inform you that I am deeply oppose the construction of new data centers in Louisville for the following reasons:

LG&E and KU are proposing to spend \$2.7 billion on two new gas plants and to delay retiring a coal plant, adding further maintenance costs, solely to meet what they describe as "unprecedented" energy demand from data centers.

This might be more reasonable if the data centers were covering these costs themselves, but instead they've been granted a 50-year exemption from sales and use taxes. While they will contribute some revenue through other taxes, it will only amount to millions, far less than the billions needed for the new power plants.

Other states, such as Virginia, have offered similar tax breaks only to see minimal long-term economic benefits beyond the initial construction phase. As a result, the burden of higher energy costs falls on regular customers. In Columbus, OH, residents already face rate hikes of about \$27 per month because of data centers.

Even worse, if the data centers ultimately decide not to build here after the plants are constructed, we'll be left with an energy surplus. The last time this happened, LG&E and KU eliminated their rebate programs—effectively another rate increase for customers.

For these reasons, I urge you to reject proposals for additional data centers.

Best Wishes,

Zoe Mc'Cabe, longtime customer of LG&E

Sent from my iPhone

From: PSC Public Comment
To: "Pilar Freeman"

Subject: RE: New Data Center West End Louisville Date: Monday, August 25, 2025 9:30:00 AM

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From: Pilar Freeman

Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 1:56 PM

**To:** PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov> **Subject:** New Data Center West End Louisville



# To Whom This May Concern,

I have heard about the new data center opening in West End Louisville which will have drastic negative impacts. Impacts that will cause harm to the community and residents in the community. Impacts that will end up having to be fixed in result to this which will cost even more money. I have already seen the effect of my LG&E rising where I owed \$500 for a single use household. I'm assuming it's because of things like this that will be put on the rest of us. Instead of allocating money toward projects that will do more harm than good, why not allocate it toward more grocery stores, affordable housing, and poverty reduction. Things that will actually benefit the community and you will see the benefits? I am concerned for my pockets and the health of everyone in the community. We cannot pride ourselves on clean, drinkable water, some of the best in the country, and then turn around and kill our air quality. If this is a ploy to make us sick to continue funding the hospitals, can we at least make sure the hospitals are staffed enough to handle the volume that will be coming in? They are already struggling to handle the patients they have coming in currently.

Thank you, Pilar Freeman From: PSC Public Comment

To: Melinda

**Subject:** RE: Case #2025-00045

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From: Melinda

Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 6:56 PM

To: PSC Public Comment < PSC.Comment@ky.gov>

**Subject:** Case #2025-00045



Hi, my name is Melinda Beck (an LG&E customer).

I'm against the building of any new data centers for the following reasons:

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Thank you for reading.

-Melinda Beck

From: PSC Public Comment

To: Aspen

**Subject:** RE: Case #2025-00045

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From: Aspen

Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 8:34 PM

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