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Subject: RE: AARP Kentucky comments - Cases KU 2025-00113 and LG&E 2025-00114

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Case No. 2025-00113

Thank you for your comments on the application of Kentucky Utilities Company. Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. Please cite the case number in this matter, 2025-00113 in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at View Case Filings for: 2025-00113 (ky.gov).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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Good Afternoon,

Please see attached AARP Kentucky comments in two cases before the Kentucky Public Service Commission:

Kentucky Utilities 2025-00113
 Louisville Gas and Electric 2025-00014

AARP Kentucky appreciates the Commission's consideration of these concerns on behalf of our Kentucky AARP members and their families.

Please contact Daniel Roe, State Advocacy & Community Engagement Manager

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Respectfully,

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September 9, 2025

Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU" or the "Company")
Electronic Application of Kentucky Utilities Company for An Adjustment of Its Electric Rates,
And Approval of Certain Regulatory and Accounting Treatments
The Public Service Commission of Kentucky Case No. 2025-00113

COMMENTS OF AARP Kentucky

AARP hereby submits comments on KU electric rate case on behalf of its members in Kentucky. AARP represents residential customers, particularly the over fifty population. Many of our members are on fixed incomes. Others are low income and struggle to make ends meet especially given the currently elevated level of economic uncertainty. An approximately \$18.15, or 13.6%, average monthly increase for residential electric customer bills, appears excessive. We urge residential customer impacts to be top of mind in evaluating the request of KU.

Our specific comments are as follows:

The proposed \$939 million increase base rate adjusted capitalization must be sufficiently scrutinized to ensure consumer rates include only those costs deemed to be just and reasonable.

A thorough review of the Company's requested increase of \$939 million in Kentucky jurisdictional base rate adjusted capitalization since the prior base rate case, is necessary to ensure these investments are reasonable, prudent, and provide sufficient benefits to customers to justify the size of these investments.

The Company's proposed 20.8% increase in customer fixed charges will create additional financial difficulties for residential customers, especially those with lower or fixed incomes. KU has proposed to increase the residential basic service charge from its current level of \$0.53 per day to \$0.64 per day, or a 20.8% increase. This increase in the daily fixed charge for customers will reduce the price signal for customers to conserve energy and manage their

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The requested 10.95% appears excessive when compared to current financial market conditions.

The requested 10.95% requested return on equity is excessive and magnifies the cost of the recent capital investments to customers. A thorough and complete review of KU's proposed rate of return and capital structure is warranted to ensure that the authorized return is just, reasonable, and consistent with current capital market conditions.

We appreciate this opportunity to comment. Please contact Daniel Roe (<u>droe@aarp.org</u> 502-394-3428) in the AARP Kentucky Office if you have any questions or needs.

Respectfully,

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