Public Comments Received for Case Number: 2025-00114

Response Friday, September 12, 2025

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Received through Email

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

From: From: Roseileen Fitts

City: State: Zip:

#### Comments:

I wanted to share my thoughts regarding the proposed rate increase. As a single mom who is already barely making ends meet, any increase would be very difficult for me to manage.

I truly value your service, but I kindly ask that you reconsider raising the rates at this time. Keeping the costs stable makes a big difference for families like mine.

Thank you for asking for input and for taking the time to listen.

Sincerely, Roseileen Fitts

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From: PSC Public Comment
To: Jonathan Adams

Subject: RE: Kentucky Public Service Commission Regarding: Case No. 2025-00114 (LG&E)

Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 11:52:00 AM

Case No. 2025-00114

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: Jonathan Adams

Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 9:07 AM

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

Subject: Kentucky Public Service Commission Regarding: Case No. 2025-00114 (LG&E)



To: Kentucky Public Service Commission

Regarding: Case No. 2025-00114 (LG&E) and/or Case No. 2025-00113 (KU)

From: Jon Adams

Address: Louisville, KY 40219

Date: September 10, 2025

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed rate increases by LG&E.

As a resident of Louisville, I am deeply concerned about the financial burden this increase would place on my household and my community.

The proposed rate hikes of "10.1% for LG&E electric customers and 14.9% for LG&E natural gas customers", are simply not affordable.

With the rising cost of living, my household budget is already stretched thin. These higher utility bills will force difficult choices between essential expenses, such as food, medicine, or other necessities.

In particular, I am concerned that residential ratepayers are being forced to subsidize the significant infrastructure changes due to upcomung needs of data centers. This may be be a factor in rate changes at this time, but the concern is more increases later down the line.

Reports indicate that much of the new power generation capacity is being built to support the massive energy demands of these new, large-scale commercial customers.

While LG&E and KU propose a new tariff rate for these customers, concerns remain that this does not adequately protect existing ratepayers from bearing the cost of risky, speculative projects.

Data centers are known to be massive energy consumers, and residential customers should not have to bear the financial burden if data center demand fails to meet projections.

I urge the commission to reject or significantly amend this proposal. As the regulatory body responsible for ensuring that rates are "fair, just and reasonable for all customers," I ask you to act in the public's best interest. We need a more balanced approach that does not place an unfair burden on the people of Kentucky.

Thank you for your consideration of my comment. Sincerely,

Jon Adams

From: PSC Public Comment
To: Spencer Sheehan

Subject: RE: Public response to proposed increases

Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 11:51:00 AM

Case No. 2025-00114

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: Spencer Sheehan

Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 5:04 AM

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

Subject: Public response to proposed increases



An increase will look different from customer to customer. For the average ratepayer, the total bills would go up by the following amounts:

• LG&E Electric: \$11.04/month (a 10.1 % increase)

• LG&E Natural Gas: \$11.12/month (a 14.9 % increase)

• KU Electric: \$18.15/month

If your rate increases are simply due to keep the power grid to a modern standard, then it is something that is more than likely avoidable.

However, I wonder, how much is this increase being utilized for proposed data centers and new investments from companies shoring and restoring investment in America?

Would these rate increases be going into effect in 2026 were it not for companies like Apple coming to Kentucky?

However, were these companies to all of a sudden decide to move investment elsewhere, would LG&E / KU go back and unwind those increases? I do not believe that would be the case.

My family is financially sound, but for low income families, this will be a significant impact. This will force tough decisions between things like food, groceries, and medicines.

-Spencer Sheehan

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From: PSC Public Comment
To:
Subject: RE: ridiculous rate hike

Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 11:50:00 AM

Case No. 2025-00114

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From:

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 10, 2025 12:45 AM **To:** PSC Public Comment < PSC.Comment@ky.gov>

Subject: ridiculous rate hike



So in response to President Stupid's tariff nonsense, the German owned LGE proposes to raise rates 10%? That's bull man, man!!!

From: PSC Public Comment

To: May, Sara

Subject: RE: Opposition to LG&E/KU Proposed Rate Hikes
Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 11:49:00 AM

Case No. 2025-00114

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: May, Sara

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 9, 2025 10:51 PM **To:** PSC Public Comment < PSC.Comment@ky.gov> **Subject:** Opposition to LG&E/KU Proposed Rate Hikes



I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed LG\&E/KU utility rate hikes.

Kentuckians are already facing rising costs of housing, food, and healthcare. For many of us, utility bills are one of the most significant monthly expenses. Increasing rates now would place an even greater burden on households who are already forced to make impossible choices between paying for basic needs. This hike will especially harm low- and fixed-income residents, people with disabilities, and working families who are stretched thin.

Utility services are not luxuries—they are necessities. Safe, reliable access to electricity and heat should remain affordable for every Kentuckian. LG&E/KU has a responsibility to its ratepayers, not just its shareholders. Profiting from rate hikes at the expense of our communities is unacceptable.

Furthermore, Kentuckians deserve energy policy that looks to the future. Instead of passing costs onto customers, LG&E/KU should prioritize investment in renewable energy, energy efficiency programs, and infrastructure that lowers long-term costs while reducing environmental impact. Rate hikes that simply sustain outdated systems are short-sighted and do not serve Kentucky families or our environment.

I urge the Commission to deny these proposed increases and instead encourage LG&E/KU to focus on affordable, sustainable, and forward-looking solutions that benefit all Kentuckians.

Sincerely,

Sara May M.A, LPCA, LCADC-S Louisville Ky Clinical Mental Health Counselor From: PSC Public Comment
To: Jeremy Bischoff
Subject: RE: LGE Rate hike

Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 11:48:00 AM

#### Case No. 2025-00114

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: Jeremy Bischoff

Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 6:20 PM

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

Subject: LGE Rate hike



I have NO desire to fund infrastructure upgrades to support data centers with an increased rate in our communities. This should not fall on the backs of tax payers while the state provides tax incentives to out of state companies. Enough.

Vote no on the proposed increase.

Regards,

Jeremy Bischoff

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From: PSC Public Comment
To: Wegenast, Scott

Cc: Broussard, Troy; Roe, Daniel; Adkins, Gary (VOL-SP)

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

Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 11:48:00 AM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: Wegenast, Scott		
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 202	5 4:55 PM	
To: PSC Public Comment < PSC.Co	mment@ky.gov>	
Cc: Broussard, Troy	; Roe, Daniel	; Adkins, Gary (VOL-SP)
Subject: AARP Kentucky commen	ts - Cases KU 2025-00113 and LG	6&E 2025-00114
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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

) in the AARP Kentucky Office if any questions or needs.

Respectfully,	
Scott Wegenast	

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Book time with Wegenast, Scott



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September 9, 2025

Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LGE" or the "Company") Electronic Application of Louisville Gas and Electric Company for An Adjustment Of Its Electric and Gas Rates, And Approval Of Certain Regulatory And Accounting Treatments The Public Service Commission of Kentucky Case No. 2025-00114

#### **COMMENTS OF AARP Kentucky**

AARP hereby submits comments on LGE's electric and natural gas 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 \$11.04, or 10.1%, average monthly increase for residential electric customer bills, appears excessive. An approximately \$11.12, or 14.9%, average monthly increase for residential natural gas customer bills, also 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 \$579 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 rate increase of \$579 million of 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 15.6% increase in electric customer daily fixed charges will create additional financial difficulties for residential customers, especially those with lower or fixed incomes.

The Company has proposed to increase the residential electric basic service charge from its current level of \$0.45 per day to \$0.52 per day, or a 15.6% increase. This increase in the daily fixed charge for customers will reduce the price signal for customers to conserve electricity and manage their monthly bills.

Similarly, the Company's proposed 24.6% increase in natural gas customer fixed daily charges will create additional financial difficulties for residential customers, especially those with lower or fixed incomes.

LGE has proposed to increase the residential electric basic service charge from its current level of \$0.65 per day to \$0.81 per day, or a 24.6% increase. Similarly, this increase in the daily fixed

charge for customers will reduce the price signal for customers to conserve natural gas and manage their monthly bills.

## 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,

Troy J. Broussard

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State Director

AARP Kentucky



From: PSC Public Comment

To:

Subject: RE: Public Comment Case #2025-00114 and Case # 2025-00113

Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 11:46:00 AM

#### Case No. 2025-00114

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: Michelle Castro

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 9, 2025 11:30 AM **To:** PSC Public Comment < PSC.Comment@ky.gov>

**Subject:** Public Comment Case #2025-00114 and Case # 2025-00113



Dear Public Service Commission,

We can't afford to pay more. Especially when LG&E-KU aren't seriously working towards improving energy efficiency and other programs that actually help people lower their bills, while also cutting our ability to invest in low-cost, rooftop solar that would reduce the need to build expensive power plants in the future.

Michelle Castro
, Lexington, KY, US, 40514

From: PSC Public Comment

To:

RE: LGE KU Proposed Rate Hike

Subject: Date:

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 11:45:00 AM

Case No. 2025-00114

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: kdunn@iglou.com

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 9, 2025 11:21 AM **To:** PSC Public Comment < PSC.Comment@ky.gov>

Subject: LGE KU Proposed Rate Hike



To the PSC,

I am writing to state my opposition to amount requested by LGE/KU for a rate hike. The amount requested is not reasonable for many residential customers who can barely make ends meet right now and also for small business owners who struggle to remain open. LGE/KU needs to look at their outdated view on profits in today's economy and tighten their belts like everyone else. I certainly hope that the PSC requires a detailed accounting of how the additional funds will be spend. LGE/KU should be required to submit a revised proposal with fewer new costs.

Thanks for taking my comments. Kate Dunn Louisville, KY \*Angela M Goad Assistant Attorney General Office of the Attorney General Office of Rate 700 Capitol Avenue Suite 20 Frankfort, KY 40601-8204 \*Tom Fitzgerald Kentucky Resources Council, Inc. Post Office Box 1070 Frankfort, KY 40602 \*John Horne
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