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2017 Annual Meeting
Tuesday, May 30th
5:15 pm - 7:15 pm
The Olmsted
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Keynote Speaker: Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer

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Settlement in LG&E/KU Rate Cases Protects Vulnerable Residential Customers & Moderates the Amount & Impact of Rate Increases
by Tom Fitzgerald
Kentucky Resources Council
Legal Council for MHC

Significant Public Turnout At Hearings And Letters To Commission Helps Create Context For Settlement

A proposed settlement agreement in the Louisville Gas and Electric and Kentucky Utilities Rate Cases, filed with the Public Service Commission on April 17, 2017, includes a number of positive outcomes for residential customers in the LG&E and KU service areas, over what had been requested by the utilities.

The numerous intervenors in one or more of the cases, including the Office of the Attorney General, Metropolitan Housing Coalition (represented by KRC), Association of Community Ministries, JBS Swift, Sierra Club, Louisville Metro (represented by County Attorney Mike O’Connell), Lexington, Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers, and the Community Action Council, negotiated together in seeking to moderate the rate increases sought by LG&E and KU.

LG&E sought $94.1 million in new revenue for electricity and $13.4 million for gas operations, and KU sought a revenue increase of $103.1 million for electricity. Both sought to increase by more than double the basic customer charge, and to marginally reduce the volumetric rates for electricity. LG&E and KU also sought to fully roll-out advanced (“smart”) meters. Among the highlights of the settlement for LG&E and KU.
**LG&E and KU withdrew the request to roll out advanced meters on a mandatory basis, and will instead work in a collaborative with interested parties to review and make recommendations on how and when to deploy advanced meters and to protect customers from intrusive practices.**

* The overall revenue increases for LG&E would drop to $59.4 million for electricity and for KU, $54.9 million, and to $7.5 million for gas services, and the allocation of what classes of customers will pay what percentage of the increased revenue was made more fair than some proposals under consideration.

* The return on equity was reduced to single digits, at 9.75%.

* The customer charge will rise from $10.25 per month to $11.50 in July 2017 and to $12.25 in July 2018, instead of the $22.00 requested by LG&E and KU. For gas customers in the LG&E service area, the meter charge will rise to $16.35 for the next two years.

* The residential service charges will not be split into three components, which renewable advocates were concerned was a step towards decoupling and demand charges that would adversely affect distributed solar generators.

* LG&E and KU have agreed to fund a study on deployment of electric buses in Louisville.

* LG&E will increase low-income customer support from shareholder contributions by an additional $200,000 per year for utility assistance through the Association of Community Ministries until June 30, 2021, for a total shareholder contribution to 880,000 overall for utility and home energy assistance. KU will increase their shareholder contribution by $100,000, and an increase in the service charge of 5 cents (to .30) will help reduce the number of folks on the waiting list for heating assistance in the CAC service area. The total low-income assistance will rise from $1,150,000 to $1,450,000 and remain at least at that level until 2021.

KRC appreciates the support of other intervenors, and particularly of JBS Swift, for the concerns of Metro Housing Coalition and low-income customer advocates. KRC also appreciates LG&E and KU's willingness to take a step back on the advanced meter issue and to work collaboratively on it. And thanks to each of you who attended one of the public meetings or wrote comments to the PSC on the rate cases.

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**MHC cannot thank the Kentucky Resources Council enough for once again representing MHC in an LG&E case before the Public Service Commission. They are our heros!!!**

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The Comprehensive Plan: Stay Vigilant and Ensure Your Voice Is Heard
Throughout the Process!
by Michael Kolodziej

The Comprehensive Plan work groups (Mobility, Community Form, Community Facilities, Livability & Environment, Housing, and Marketplace) continue to meet monthly and have made great progress as groups are beginning to work on policies. Throughout the process, the Advisory Committee continues to hold meetings approximately once a month. As a reminder, the Advisory Committee acts as a "guide" for the Comprehensive Plan and is made up of 36 individuals from "neighborhood and community organizations as well as development and business interests." (click here for a list of the committee members).

All Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public and take place at 6 pm at the Department of Health & Wellness at 400 E. Gray Street. Here are the dates for the next Advisory Committee Meetings:
- June 27
- July 25
- August 22
- September 26

You can also find previous meetings' agendas, presentations, and minutes by clicking here.

When the work groups are finished, it is not the end of the process. The Advisory Committee will continue to "guide" the Comprehensive Plan which will then go to the Planning Commission and then to Metro Council. If we want to ensure the Comprehensive Plan reflects a diverse community's vision of the twenty year environment and not just the vision of a select few, we must remain vigilant by showing up to the Advisory Committee meetings and in the future, to Planning and Metro Council meetings. Accountability is paramount.

Congratulations to Louisville Metro Government on the New Fair Housing Assessment.

Now we must act to make sure it becomes an important part of our decisions

by Cathy Hinko

Enacting the 20-year Action Plan for Fair Housing, Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission completed the Fair Housing Assessment (FHA), a lens for ALL Metro government. This legacy of Carolyn Miller-Cooper is real and is now being taught to metro departments, but it is up to us to make the FHA an important part of decision-making.

Write the Mayor to congratulate him on implementing the FHA. Bring the FHA up in all your comments to Metro government. Always ask, "What is the FHA's take on this decision?". Make it a part of all our discussions- in the Comprehensive Plan, or as we comment on the budget or as we look at the plans to spend federal funds. We are the ones who
will ensure that fair housing is a normal part of decision-making.

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