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LG&E and KU Services Company Attention: Allyson K. Sturgeon 220 West Main Street Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Re: Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company

Petition for Confidential Treatment received 9/15/11 and

Corrected Petition for Confidential Treatment received 11/09/11

PSC Reference - Case No. 2011-00375

Dear Ms. Sturgeon:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Treatment you filed on September 15, 2011 and Corrected Petition you filed on November 9, 2011 on behalf of Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company (the "Companies") to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.870. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in the Companies Exhibits and Corrected Exhibits to David Sinclair's Direct Testimony. The information is described as the Resource Assessment, including entire set of Responses to RFP process, projected costs of labor, projected fuel costs, identity of bidders and the amount and ranking of bids and the Corrected Resource Assessment filed in Response to Commission's Data Request No. 17(b). The information also contains Response to Commission's Data Request No. 17(a) – summary of Responses to Request for Proposal; and Response to Commission's Data Request Nos. 8(d), 19(b), 22(b) and 30 (#22(b) and 30 submitted on a CD) containing projected fuel costs.

Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information could result in an unfair commercial advantage to the Companies competitors.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held



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confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to LG&E's and KU's competitors. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company are required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Jeff Derouen

**Executive Director** 

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cc: Parties of Record