

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF LOUISVILLE GAS)
AND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF) CASE NO.
STATE WAIVER OF THE REASSESSMENT) 2016-00386
INTERVAL REQUIRED BY 49 C.F.R. § 192.939)

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission the original in paper medium and an electronic version of the following information. The information requested herein is due within 14 days of the date of this request. Responses to requests for information in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed. Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided.

Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

LG&E shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which LG&E fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, it shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When filling a paper containing personal information, LG&E shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Provide the following information regarding the Ballardsville Pipeline located in high consequence areas (“HCA”), as described in 49 C.F.R. § 192.903:

a. Describe the number of miles, or portion thereof, of the Ballardsville Pipeline located in HCAs.

b. Describe the total number of non-contiguous segments of the Ballardsville Pipeline located in HCAs. For each such segment, provide the total length in miles, or portion thereof.

c. Describe the total number of non-contiguous 12-inch segments of the Ballardsville Pipeline located in HCAs.

d. Describe the total number of non-contiguous 16-inch segments of the Ballardsville Pipeline located in HCAs.

2. Provide the following information regarding integrity reassessment of the Ballardsville Pipeline using an in-line inspection (“ILI”) tool, as described in 49 C.F.R. § 192.939:

a. State whether LG&E has received any written assurance from the Rosen Group (“Rosen”) or from any other vendor, that an ILI tool capable of performing the integrity reassessment of the entire Ballardsville Pipeline will be available to LG&E by a specific date.

i. If so, provide all such documentation.

ii. If not, describe why LG&E is confident that an ILI tool will be available for the reassessment of the entire Ballardsville Pipeline no later than 2018.

iii. Describe LG&E’s costs incurred to date to Rosen, or to any other vendor for the development or use of an ILI tool capable of reassessing the entire Ballardsville Pipeline. Provide documentation of these costs.

iv. Describe any additional expected cost to Rosen, or to any other vendor, for the development or use of an ILI tool capable of reassessing the entire Ballardsville Pipeline. Provide the basis of LG&E’s expected cost.

v. Describe the current availability of an ILI tool capable of reassessing the Ballardsville Pipeline located in HCAs, from Rosen or from any other vendor.

b. If it is determined that the ILI tool would not be available in time to perform the inspection by August 2018, explain whether LG&E would consider proceeding with alternative assessment methods to comply with the regulation, or would continue to postpone the assessment until an ILI tool was available. Explain

what length of time that LG&E would consider it reasonable to continue to postpone the assessment.

3. Provide the following information regarding integrity reassessment of the Ballardsville Pipeline using direct assessment, as described in 49 C.F.R. § 192.939:

a. Describe the expected cost to reassess the entire Ballardsville Pipeline using direct assessment.

b. Describe the expected length of time required to reassess the entire Ballardsville Pipeline using direct assessment.

c. Describe the earliest date that reassessment of the entire Ballardsville Pipeline could begin. Using this same start date, describe when this reassessment using direct assessment could be completed.

d. Describe the total expected cost to reassess the Ballardsville Pipeline located in HCAs using direct reassessment.

e. Describe the expected length of time required to reassess the Ballardsville Pipeline located in HCAs using direct assessment.

f. Describe the earliest date that reassessment of the Ballardsville Pipeline located in HCAs using direct assessment could begin. Using this same start date, describe when reassessment using direct reassessment could be completed.

4. Provide the following information regarding integrity reassessment of the Ballardsville Pipeline using pressure testing as described in 49 C.F.R. § 192.939:

a. Describe the expected cost to reassess the entire Ballardsville Pipeline using pressure testing.

b. Describe the expected length of time to reassess the entire Ballardsville Pipeline using pressure testing.

c. Describe the earliest date that reassessment of the entire Ballardsville Pipeline using pressure testing could begin. Using this same start date, describe when the reassessment using pressure testing could be completed.

d. Describe the expected cost to reassess the Ballardsville Pipeline located in HCAs using pressure testing.

e. Describe the expected length of time to reassess the Ballardsville Pipeline located in HCAs using pressure testing.

f. Describe the earliest date that reassessment of the Ballardsville Pipeline located in HCAs using pressure testing could begin. Using this same start date, describe when the reassessment using pressure testing could be completed.



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