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Mr. Jeff Derouen, Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

Re: <u>Case No. 2011-00161 & 2011-00162</u>

Dear Mr. Derouen:

Via Overnight Mail

Please find enclosed the original and ten (10) copies each of the SECOND SET OF DATA REQUESTS OF KENTUCKY INDUSTRIAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS, INC. to KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY and LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY filed in the above-referenced matter. By copy of this letter, all parties listed on the Certificate of Service have been served.

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Very Truly Yours,
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Certificate of Service

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served by mailing a true and correct copy via electronic mail (when available) and by first-class postage prepaid mail, to all parties on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

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# COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In The Matter Of:

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Application Of Louisville Gas And Electric Company : Case No. 2011-00162

for an Amended Environmental Compliance Plan, a : Revised Surcharge to Recover Costs, and Certificates of : Public Convenience and Necessity for the Construction :

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**Dated:** August 18, 2011

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  - a. Please provide a copy of the Company's First Mortgage Bond Indenture.
  - b. Please identify all provisions that would preclude the Company from project (asset based) financing.
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- Q2-7. Refer to the Company's response to AG-1-14 and the statement that "a return on equity of 10.63% with respect to environmental compliance plans does not ensure that the Company will earn the <u>overall</u> authorized rate of return." Please confirm that unless the Commission disallows a cost incurred by the Company and included in the ECR under an approved compliance plan that the Company actually will earn the overall authorized rate of return on the costs of its environmental compliance plans included in the ECR. If the Company cannot confirm this, then please identify all other such circumstances and/or all reasons why the Company will or may not earn its overall authorized rate of return on these costs.
- Q2-8. Refer to the Company's response to Staff-1-4. Please provide the probable retirement dates and estimated remaining lives for each generating unit reflected in the currently authorized

- depreciation rates and provide a copy of the relevant pages from the depreciation study used to develop those depreciation rates. In addition, please provide the plant date used for the study.
- Q2-9. Refer to page 1 of the Attachment to the Company's response to Staff 1-10 and the lines labeled "less: Baseline in Base Rates."
  - a. Please explain why these amounts are not escalated each year by the growth in kWh sales to reflect the growth in revenues corresponding to the timing of recovery as recognized in the Commission's ECR base rate roll-in methodology.
  - b. Please provide the annual kWh sales for the test year used to compute the baseline amounts, each of the calendar years used in part for the test year (2008 and 2009), and each calendar year since the test year.
- Q2-10. Refer to the Company's response to Staff 1-13 and the statement that "The equity contributions are expected to be of a size to allow the Company to maintain a capital structure similar to the existing structure." Does that mean an equity ratio with or without short term debt included in the capitalization?
- Q2-11. Refer to page 2 of the Attachment to the Company's response to Staff 1-19 and the income tax rate of 38.90% shown near the bottom of that page. Please provide the derivation of that rate, including the effects of the Section 199 deduction, if any.
- Q2-12. Refer to the Company's response to Staff 1-65 regarding the impact on depreciation expense and rates from retirements of plant. In addition, refer to the Company's response to Staff 1-4 regarding the current assessment of the remaining lives of the Company's generating units.
  - a. Does the Company propose any revisions in depreciation rates to reflect the effects of the interim retirements and estimated remaining lives of the generating units? If not, why not?
  - **b.** Has the Company analyzed the effect on depreciation expense and depreciation rates of the interim retirements and the current assessment of the remaining lives of the Company's generating units? If so, then please provide a copy of all such analyses.
- Q2-13. Please provide the per books capital structure of Louisville Gas & Electric, LG&E and KU Energy LLC, and PPL Corp. at March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31, 2010, and March 31 and June, 2011. For the purposes of this data request, please provide the information as follows:
  - a. Long-term Debt (including that maturing within one year);
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  - e. Common Stock;
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h. Total Common Equity (total common equity as well as common equity attributable to unregulated operations, if any).

Please provide published balance sheet support for each of the above-requested capital structures, and, if the amounts provided in response to this interrogatory are different from those contained in the published balance sheets, please explain why.

- Q2-14. For the same time periods referenced in the preceding interrogatory, please provide the following information:
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Note: Schedules should include date of issue, maturity date, dollar amount, coupon rate, net proceeds, annual interest paid and balance of principal, where applicable.

- Q2-15. Please provide a consolidating (not consolidated) balance sheet for PPL Corp. at December 31, 2010, or the most recent date available.
- Q2-16. Please provide a copy of the most recent bond rating agency report (Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch) for Louisville Gas and Electric Company. [Note: Reports provided should be most recent, complete multi-page in-depth report, not a one or two-page update. Also, consider this an on-going data request so that, during the pendency of this proceeding, any new bond rating agency report related to LG&E will be provided in response to this data request.]
- Q2-17. Please provide a complete, detailed copies of Louisville Gas & Electric Company's most recent bond rating agency presentations (i.e., not a slide-show summary, but the volume that discusses in detail the Company's operations, generation, transmission assets, purchased power contracts (including debt imputation expected from such contracts, financial projections and service territory economics.)
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pension fund portfolio is comprised of 58% equity securities, 41% debt securities and 1% other investments.

- a) Please provide documentation supporting the expected 7.25% long-term pension fund portfolio return assessment, and identify the long-term return expectations for each class of asset in the portfolio (i.e., equities, debt and other).
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