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October 6, 2011

LG&E and KU Services Company  
Attention: Allyson Sturgeon  
220 West Main Street  
P.O. Box 32010  
Louisville, Kentucky 40232

Re: Louisville Gas and Electric Company  
Petition for Confidential Protection received 8/5/11  
PSC Reference #: 2011-00162

Dear Ms. Sturgeon:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Protection you filed on August 5, 2011 on behalf of Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E") to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.878. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in LG&E's Response to Environmental Group's 1<sup>st</sup> Production of Documents Nos. 3, 4, 10, 11, 16, 17 and 26. The information is more particularly described as: maintenance and outage plans; and analysis of transmission elements regarding future generating unit retirements, including infrastructure information.

Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information would compromise LG&E's competitive position in the industry, which would result in an unfair commercial advantage to its competitors, and disclosure of infrastructure information would present an unwarranted risk to LG&E, as well as the general public .

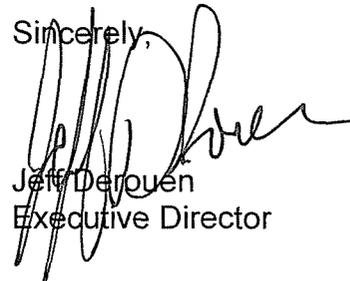
Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to LG&E's competitors, and infrastructure information would present an unwarranted risk to LG&E, as well as to the general public. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential**

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**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 is 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Derouen", written over the typed name and title.

Jeff Derouen  
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record