

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

REQUEST OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC)	
COMPANY TO CANCEL AND WITHDRAW THE)	CASE NO.
TARIFFS FOR ITS RESPONSIVE PRICING AND)	2011-00440
SMART METERING PILOT PROGRAM)	

ORDER

On July 12, 2007, the Commission issued an Order in Case No. 2007-00117¹ approving a three-year Smart Metering Pilot Program (“Smart Meter Pilot”) for Louisville Gas and Electric Company (“LG&E”). Two tariffs were approved for use under the Smart Meter Pilot--the Residential Responsive Pricing Service tariff (“Rate RRP”), and the General Responsive Pricing Service tariff (“Rate GRP”). The Commission’s Order was amended on October 7, 2008 to allow employees of the General Electric Company to participate in the Smart Meter Pilot.

On October 31, 2011, LG&E submitted a request to cancel and withdraw its Rate RRP and Rate GRP tariffs, effective January 1, 2012. According to LG&E’s request to cancel and withdraw, the Smart Meter Pilot was designed to provide residential and commercial customers a variable rate schedule for their energy usage and to determine whether customers would change their electric usage behavior if they were provided either economic incentives or additional information related to their energy costs. As required by the Commission, LG&E submitted interim reports on April 1, 2009, April 1,

¹ Case No. 2007-00117, Application of Louisville Gas and Electric Company for an Order Approving a Responsive Pricing and Smart Metering Pilot Program (Ky. PSC, Jul. 12, 2007).

2010, and April 1, 2011 (“Interim Reports”). Its final evaluation report (“Final Report”) was submitted on July 1, 2011.

Based on LG&E’s October 31, 2011 request and the Final Report, the Commission finds that an investigation is necessary to determine the reasonableness of LG&E’s request to cancel and withdraw the subject tariffs. Consequently, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), the Commission will suspend the effective date of the proposed tariffs for up to five months. Even though suspended, the Commission will process this case as expeditiously as possible. A procedural schedule for this case will be established at a later date.

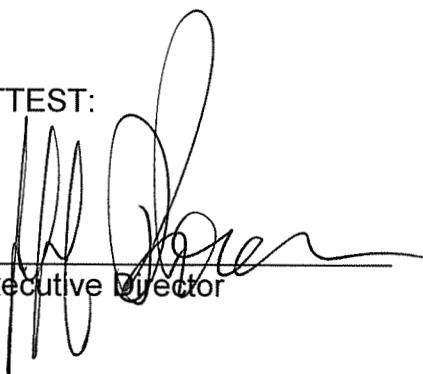
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. This proceeding is established to permit the Commission to consider the reasonableness of LG&E’s request to cancel and withdraw the Rate RRP and the Rate GRP tariffs.
2. LG&E’s proposed tariffs cancelling Rate RRP and Rate GRP tariffs are suspended for a period of five months, from January 1, 2012 up to and including May 31, 2012.
3. The Interim Reports and Final Report shall be incorporated into the record of this proceeding.

By the Commission

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ATTEST:



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