

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY)
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 _____) CASE NO. 97-174
)
 ALLEGED VIOLATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE)
 REGULATION 807 KAR 5:041)

O R D E R

Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E") has moved for an informal conference in this matter and an extension of time in which to respond to the Commission's Order of April 24, 1997. In support of its motion, LG&E states that an informal conference would permit LG&E and Commission Staff to identify contested facts, to stipulate undisputed facts and to narrow the issues for presentation to the Commission. LG&E further states that an extension of time in which to respond to the Order will permit it to incorporate into its response any matters discussed and agreed to at any informal conference.

Having considered the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that the motion should be granted in part and denied in part. The Commission finds that an informal conference between LG&E and Commission Staff may lead to a more efficient disposition of this proceeding and should be convened. For a productive conference, however, the conference participants must know each other's position on the issues. Unless LG&E responds to the Order of April 24, 1997 before any

informal conference, Commission Staff will have no knowledge of the utility's position on the issues. Accordingly, we find that LG&E should respond to the Commission's Order to Show Cause prior to any informal conference.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. LG&E's motion for an informal conference is granted.
2. LG&E's motion for an extension of time to respond to the Commission's Order of April 24, 1997 is denied.
3. An informal conference shall be held in this matter on June 27, 1997 at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in Conference Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 730 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky for the purpose of considering the possibility of settlement, the simplification of issues and any other matters which the participants determine may aid in the handling or disposition of this proceeding.
4. LG&E shall submit its written response to the Commission's Order of April 24, 1997 no later than June 6, 1997.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19th day of May, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director