

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

JOINT APPLICATION OF POWERGEN PLC,)	
LG&E ENERGY CORP., LOUISVILLE GAS AND)	CASE NO.
ELECTRIC COMPANY, AND KENTUCKY)	2000-095
UTILITIES COMPANY FOR APPROVAL)	
OF A MERGER)	

O R D E R

On April 14, 2000, Metro Human Needs Alliance and POWER filed a motion requesting that the April 19, 2000 public hearing be delayed for 20 days and that the Commission extend the time to adjudicate the pending application beyond the 60-day limit set forth in KRS 278.020(5). While the motion alleges that the complex nature of the transaction requires additional time for review and analysis, there is no specific discussion of why the review and analysis could not have been completed within the 34 days from the filing of the application to the date of hearing. Under these circumstances and in recognition of the applicants' statement at the March 20, 2000 informal conference that they were unwilling to consent to an extension of the 60-day review period established in KRS 278.020(5), the Commission finds that the motion should be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the motion to delay the public hearing for 20 days is denied.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 18th day of April, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director