

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF LOUISVILLE GAS)	
AND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL)	CASE NO.
OF A PERMANENT STATISTICAL METER)	2000-278
SAMPLING PLAN)	

FIRST DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF
TO LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

Louisville Gas and Electric Company (“LG&E”) is requested, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, to file with the Commission the original and 10 copies of the following information within 10 days of this request, with a copy to all parties of record. Each copy of the data requested should be placed in a bound volume with each item tabbed. When a number of sheets are required for an item, each sheet should be appropriately indexed, for example, Item 1(a), Sheet 2 of 6. Include with each response the name of the person who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to the information provided. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. Where information requested herein has been provided, in the format requested herein, reference may be made to the specific location of said information in responding to this information request.

1. Refer to the Gas Meter Performance Control Program (“Program”) filed with the Commission on March 23, 2001. The section numbers in the Program do not run sequentially, i.e. there is no Section 54.10.6. Explain.

2. Refer to “Tightened Sampling” under Section 54.10.5 of the Program. Define the term “non-acceptable” and give examples. Include any non-acceptable groups in the 5-year pilot plan.

3. Refer to “Reduced Sampling” under Section 54.10.5 of the Program.

a. Define “strong performing meters” and provide examples of strong performing meter groups in the pilot plan.

b. Explain the phrase “10 control groups of like meters.” If the phrase means more than one group of meters, explain why the wording of the definition of “Reduced Inspection” should not be changed to comply with ANSI/ASQC standard Z1.4-1993 section 8.3.3.

4. Confirm that the minimum sample size for all inspection tables will be 32 meters or the total number of meters in the group.

5. Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:006, Section 25(5)(b), provides that all residential customer service regulators, vents and relief valve vents shall be checked for satisfactory operation at intervals not to exceed the periodic meter test intervals. LG&E proposes in Section 54.10.10 of its Program to check gas regulators for proper delivery pressure and proper lock off when a customer’s meter is changed under the sample testing.

a. Explain how this proposal does not violate 807 KAR 5:006, Section 25(5)(b).

b. If LG&E is requesting a deviation from 807 KAR 5:006, Section 25(5)(b), set forth in detail any and all reasons LG&E has to support its request.

6. Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:006, Section 25(5)(c), provides that curb boxes and valves on the service line shall be inspected for operable conditions at intervals not to exceed the periodic meter testing intervals. The Program does not mention curb boxes and valves. Does LG&E plan to continue to check the curb boxes and valves at the periodic meter test intervals prescribed by 807 KAR 5:022, Section 8(5)? Explain.



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