COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

ALLEGED FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

CASE NO. 2002-00427

<u>order</u>

On February 10, 2003, the Commission issued an Order requiring the Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E) to appear at the Commission's offices on March 18, 2003 and show cause why it should not be subject to penalties pursuant to KRS 278.990(1) for its alleged failure to comply with 807 KAR 5:041, Section 3, and 807 KAR 5:006, Section 24.

On February 20, 2003, LG&E filed with the Commission a Request for Extension and Continuance of Hearing in this proceeding. LG&E asserts that, due to the unexpected ice storm that left more than 100,000 Kentucky residents without power, good cause exists to extend the procedural schedule previously established in the Commission s Order of February 10, 2003.

The Commission, having reviewed LG&E s request, finds that good cause exists to grant it, and having been sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. LG&E shall appear on April 2, 2003, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky to present evidence concerning the alleged violations of 807 KAR 5:041, Section 3, and 807 KAR 5:006, Section 24, and to show cause why it should not be subject to the penalties prescribed in KRS 278.990(1) for the alleged violations.

2. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, LG&E shall submit to the Commission a written response to the allegations described in the Utility Accident Investigation Report. In appearances before the Commission, corporations shall be represented by an attorney authorized to practice in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

3. Any motion requesting an informal conference with Commission Staff to consider matters which would aid in the handling or disposition of this proceeding shall be filed with the Commission no later than 20 days from the date of this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 4th day of March, 2003.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

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Executive Director