

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

JOINT PETITION BY APPLICATION OF LOUISVILLE)	
GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY AND KENTUCKY)	CASE NO.
UTILITIES COMPANY FOR ENLARGEMENT OF)	2006-00283
TIME TO FILE DEPRECIATION STUDIES)	

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

Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E") and Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, are requested to file with the Commission the original and 5 copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due within 10 days of the date of this data request. 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 witness 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. The Commission has pending before it two applications for approval of new depreciation studies performed for electric generating utilities.¹ Both depreciation studies are based upon plant in service as of December 31, 2005 and both applications were filed during June 2006. In this proceeding, LG&E and KU state that in their most recent base rate cases they were willing to file new depreciation studies by the earlier of their next general rate cases or June 30, 2007. LG&E and KU now request in this proceeding that this due date be moved to December 31, 2007. In addition, LG&E and KU note that they are currently performing asset life assessment studies for their generating fleets, which are expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2006.

a. Explain in detail what has changed since mid-year 2004 that now makes it necessary for LG&E and KU to seek a 6-month delay in the filing of their new depreciation studies.

b. If the asset life assessment studies are due to be completed by the end of the current calendar year, do LG&E and KU contend that these studies are impacting the ability of the utilities to perform and complete the new depreciation studies by June 30, 2007? Explain the response.

c. In the two applications pending before the Commission, the time between the plant in service date used in the depreciation study and the filing of the application is within 6 months. Explain in detail why LG&E and KU could not have their

¹ Case No. 2006-00172, An Adjustment of the Electric Rates of The Union Light, Heat and Power Company d/b/a Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. and Case No. 2006-00236, The Application of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. for Approval of a Depreciation Study.

new depreciation studies completed by June 30, 2007 based on plant in service as of December 31, 2006.

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DATED June 28, 2006

cc: All Parties