### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

### In the Matter of:

UTILITIES COMPANY FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF ITS ELECTRIC RATES, A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO DEPLOY ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE, APPROVAL OF CERTAIN REGULATORY AND ACCOUNTING TREATMENTS, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A ONE-YEAR SURCREDIT	) ) ) ) ) )	CASE NO. 2020-00349
ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF ITS ELECTRIC AND GAS RATES, A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO DEPLOY ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE, APPROVAL OF CERTAIN REGULATORY AND ACCOUNTING TREATMENTS, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A ONE-YEAR SURCREDIT	) ) ) ) ) ) )	CASE NO. 2020-00350

## ORDER

This matter arises upon the motion of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky (Attorney General), through his Office of Rate Intervention, and Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers (KIUC) request that Expert Witness Stephen J. Baron be excused from appearing at the hearing scheduled for August 17, 2021, and August 18, 2021, or that the Commission allow Mr. Baron to testify virtually at the upcoming hearing.

According to the Attorney General and KIUC, Mr. Baron is an out-of-state witness with medical conditions putting him at increased risk of adverse outcomes resulting from exposure to COVID-19. The Attorney General and KIUC further note that Mr. Baron has

ample experience testifying virtually, having done so several times throughout the

pandemic.

On August 9, 2021, Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities

Company filed a joint response, requesting that the Commission deny Mr. Baron's request

to be excused, and did not object to Mr. Baron's request to testify virtually.

The Commission, being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that Attorney General

and KIUC established good cause to permit Mr. Baron to testify virtually based on the

potential health risks from exposure to COVID-19. The Commission further finds that

Attorney General and KIUC's request to excuse Mr. Baron from testifying should be

denied because Mr. Baron's testimony is necessary to develop the case record and

because Mr. Baron can testify virtually.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The motion of the Attorney General and KIUC is granted in part and denied

in part.

2. The request for Mr. Baron to testify virtually is granted.

3. The request for Mr. Baron to be excused from testifying is denied.

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