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September 11, 2008

RE: Application of Louisville Gas and Electric Company for an Adjustment of Its Electric and Gas Base Rates – Case No. 2008-00252

Application of Louisville Gas and Electric Company to File Depreciation Study - Case No. 2007-00564

Dear Ms. Stumbo:

Please find enclosed and accept for filing the original and ten (10) copies of the Response of Louisville Gas and Electric Company to The Kroger Company's (Kroger) First Set of Data Requests dated August 27, 2008, in the above-referenced matters.

Should you have any questions regarding the enclosed, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Lonnie E. Bellar

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

| APPLICATION OF LOUISVILLE GAS) AND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR AN) ADJUSTMENT OF ITS ELECTRIC) | CASE NO. 2008-00252 |
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| AND GAS BASE RATES) | |
| APPLICATION OF LOUISVILLE GAS) | CASE NO. |
| AND ELECTRIC COMPANY TO FILE) | 2007-00564 |
| DEPRECIATION STUDY) | |

RESPONSE OF
LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
TO THE
FIRST DATA REQUEST OF KROGER COMPANY
DATED AUGUST 27, 2008

FILED: September 11, 2008

VERIFICATION

STATE OF KENTUCKY)
) SS:
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)

The undersigned, William Steven Seelye, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Senior Consultant and Principal, for The Prime Group, LLC, that he has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the responses for which he is identified as the witness, and the answers contained therein are true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM STEVEN SEELYE

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said County and State, this $\underline{G^{\underline{U}}}$ day of September, 2008.

Notary Public (SEAL

My Commission Expires:

November 9, 2010

VERIFICATION

STATE OF KENTUCKY)) SS: COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)

The undersigned, **Robert M. Conroy**, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Director, Rates for Louisville Gas and Electric Company, that he has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the responses for which he is identified as the witness, and the answers contained therein are true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge and belief.

ROBERT M. CONROY

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said County and State, this ______ day of September, 2008.

Notary Public (SEAL)

My Commission Expires:

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Response to First Data Request of Kroger Company Dated August 27, 2008

Question No. 1.1

- Q-1.1. Please provide an electronic copy of Mr. Seelye's LG&E cost-of-service model (Filing Requirement Tab 40) with all formulas intact. If the model cannot be provided to outside parties, please provide an electronic copy of the model output (preferably in MS Excel format).
- A-1.1. See response to Question No. 48 of the Second Data Request of the Commission Staff to Louisville Gas and Electric Company.

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Question No. 1.2

- Q-1.2. Please provide an electronic copy with formulas intact, preferably in MS Excel format, of all LG&E electric rate design work papers.
- A-1.2. See response to Question No. 48 of the Second Data Request of the Commission Staff to Louisville Gas and Electric Company.

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Question No. 1.3

Responding Witness: William Steven Seelye

- Q-1.3. Please explain how LG&E derived its proposed demand charges for the proposed CTOD primary and secondary rates. Include any electronic workpapers with formulas intact, if necessary.
- A-1.3. LG&E is proposing to transfer customers currently served under Rate STOD to Rate CTOD, which is an existing rate schedule (currently called Rate LCTOD.). The rate structure for Rate CTOD, which was implemented in connection with Administrative Case No. 203, has been in place for over 20 years. Rate LC-TOD was originally developed based on results from LG&E's time-differentiated cost of service study, which relied on the modified BIP methodology for time differentiating production fixed costs. Energy costs were not time-differentiated because LG&E's average energy costs did not vary significantly by pricing period.

See the response to Question No. 48 of the Second Data Request of Commission Staff for electronic workpapers.

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Question No. 1.4

- Q-1.4. Please explain why LG&E has chosen to design its proposed CTOD rates by price-differentiating only the demand charge with respect to peak and off-peak usage and not the energy charge?
- A-1.4. Because LG&E's generation is produced predominantly by coal-fired steam generating facilities, LG&E's average energy costs do not vary significantly by time of day. Also, see response to Kroger's Question No. 1.3.

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Question No. 1.5

- Q-1.5. Please provide the LG&E Test Period kWh for CTOD (primary and secondary) in the following categories:
 - a. Summer On-Peak
 - b. Winter On-Peak
 - c. Off-Peak
- A-1.5. LG&E has not performed an analysis breaking out the test period kWh for Rate CTOD by pricing period. The hourly loads for Rate CTOD (formerly Rate LC-TOD) and Rate STOD are included in the response to Question No. 123 of the Initial Requests for Information of the Attorney General to Louisville Gas and Electric Company.

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Question No. 1.6

- Q-1.6. Please provide LG&E Test Period system average energy costs for the following categories:
 - a. Summer On-Peak
 - b. Winter On-Peak
 - c. Off-Peak
- A-1.6. LG&E has not performed an analysis breaking out the test period system average energy costs by pricing period. The hourly system average energy costs are provided in response to Question No. 120 of the Initial Requests for Information of the Attorney General to Louisville Gas and Electric Company.

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Question No. 1.7

- Q-1.7. If the information requested in #1.6 above is not readily available and LG&E is not willing to make the calculations necessary to answer the question, please provide the data necessary to make the calculation.
- A-1.7. The requested information can be calculated by analyzing the hourly system average energy costs provided in response to Question No. 120 of the Initial Requests for Information of the Attorney General to Louisville Gas and Electric Company.

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Question No. 1.8

- Q-1.8. Please provide LG&E Test Period system marginal energy costs for the following categories:
 - a. Summer On-Peak
 - b. Winter On-Peak
 - c. Off-Peak
- A-.1.8. LG&E has not performed an analysis breaking out the test period system marginal energy costs. The hourly system marginal energy costs are provided in response to Question No. 120 of the Initial Requests for Information of the Attorney General to Louisville Gas and Electric Company.

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Question No. 1.9

- Q-1.9. If the information requested in #1.8 above is not readily available and LG&E is not willing to make the calculations necessary to answer the question, please provide the data necessary to make the calculation.
- A-1.9. The requested information is provided in the response to Question No. 120 of the Initial Requests for Information of the Attorney General to Louisville Gas and Electric Company.

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Question No. 1.10

- Q-1.10. For any of Mr. Seelye's exhibits (other than the cost-of-service study or rate design workpapers previously requested) that include calculated values for LG&E's electric business, please provide an electronic copy with all formulas intact (and any supporting workpapers with formulas intact) for LG&E's electric business only.
- A-1.10. See response to Question No. 48 of the Second Data Request of the Commission Staff to Louisville Gas and Electric Company.

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Question No. 1.11

Responding Witness: Robert M. Conroy

- Q-1.11. For any of Mr. Conway's exhibits that include calculated values for LG&E's electric business, please provide an electronic copy with all formulas intact (and any supporting workpapers with formulas intact) for LG&E's electric business only.
- A-1.11. The Company assumes the request is for Mr. Conroy's exhibits. The requested information is being provided on CD.