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In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF BASE RATES

CASE NO. 2009-00548

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MOTION TO COMPEL RESPONSES TO DATA REQUESTS, AND TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE COMMISSION RULES ON KENTUCKY UTILITY'S OBJECTIONS AND THIS MOTION TO COMPEL

Comes now the intervenor, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and through his Office of Rate Intervention, and herby moves the Commission to compel petitioner Kentucky Utilities Co. ["KU"] to fully respond to the Attorney General's Initial Data Requests, which the Attorney General filed into the record on March 1, 2010 in compliance with the procedural schedule pertaining hereto.

In support of this motion, the Attorney General states that just a few days prior to the date that KU's responses to the intervenors' data requests were due to be filed with the Commission, counsel from Kentucky Utilities filed written objections to certain data requests of the Attorney General. With regard to some of these requests, KU posits an objection, but provides a response without waiving its objection. However, KU is apparently insisting that with regard to AG 1-30, it will not provide any documents in response to that request. KU likewise fails to disclose exactly why any such documents would be covered by the attorney-client privilege.

Specifically, AG 1-30 requests as follows:

AG 1-30: "List each proposed pro forma entry which was considered in this filing but not made and state the reason(s) why the entry was not made."

Well-settled precedents too numerous to mention clearly and unambiguously establish the <u>universally recognized principle</u> that privilege does not automatically attach simply because legal counsel has reviewed a matter. If such were the case, KU need only ship case after case of responses to counsel and ask him to read the matters, thus cloaking any potential responses with privilege. Apparently, KU has something to hide, and the ratepayers and public at large have a right to know the information requested. The Attorney General is not interested in learning or disclosing the advice, counsel, thought or impressions of counsel for KU. Rather, the Attorney General is seeking only the items requested. KU has failed to indicate why it cannot provide a list of the items requested, while redacting any written comments from counsel.

WHEREFORE, the Attorney General respectfully requests that the Commission compel KU to fully respond to the requested materials, and provide redactions where necessary to protect the thoughts, impressions and advice of legal counsel.

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