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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

RE: <u>Application of Kentucky Utilities Company and Louisville Gas and Electric</u> <u>Company to Retain Southwest Power Pool, Inc. to Perform Independent</u> <u>Transmission Organization Functions</u> Case No. 2010-00237

Dear Mr. DeRouen:

On August 3, 2010, I and other representatives of Kentucky Utilities Company and Louisville Gas and Electric Company (collectively, the "Companies") met with the Commission Staff in an informal conference at the Commission to discuss the Companies' application in the above-referenced proceeding. In the informal conference, there was discussion concerning a possible waiver of a federal preemption defense to Commission jurisdiction over the additional cost of the proposed Independent Transmission Organization ("ITO") contract between the Companies and the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. ("SPP"), for the term of the proposed contract. Having fully considered the matter, the Companies hereby commit for the term of the proposed ITO agreement (as defined in Section 4 thereof) not to assert that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's ("FERC") jurisdiction legally preempts the Commission from disallowing recovery in retail rates of the compensation the Companies will pay to SPP under the proposed ITO agreement that exceeds \$4 million per year; however, the Companies shall retain the right to assert that the charges are reasonable and appropriate.

The Companies respectfully request an order from the Commission in this proceeding on or before October 8, 2010.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at your first convenience.

Very truly yours,

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