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BEFORE THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (PSC)

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RESPONSE TO PSC's Nov. 2, 2011 Letter

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In the Matter of:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

MOTION FOR HEARING ON THE APPLICATION)
OF LOUISVILLE GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY) CASE NO
FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2011 COMPLIANCE PLAN) Noven
FOR RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL) Enclosure
SURCHARGE (Rate Hikes) Pa

) CASE NO. 2011-00162

November 9, 2011

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COMMON LAW ALLOWS COBBLE AS INTERVENOR

- 1. COMES Petitioner and longtime ratepayer, Daniel Cobble (Mr. Cobble), to respond to PSC Director Jeff DeRouen's Nov. 2, 2011 letter specifying PSC cannot accept Mr. Cobble's Oct. 29, 2011 Motion for Hearing (10-29-2011 Motion) as a Motion. Mr. Cobble's 10-29-2011 Motion challenges validity of Louisville Gas & Electric Company's (LG&E) June 1, 2011 application for rate hikes, and thereby requests a public hearing on the matter. Mr. DeRouen specifies Mr. Cobble's Motion will be accepted as a protest, because Mr. Cobble is not formally recognized as an Intervener. Whereby, the hereby Response requests Mr. Cobble to be recognized formally as an intervener in the instant case, and thus, that the 10-29-2011 Motion be granted.
- 2. PSC and LG&E are required under common law to answer Mr. Cobble's allegations of the material inequities specified in the 10-29-2011 Motion. Otherwise, they are in legal admission of the allegations, that would legally prevent implementation of KRS 283.178. Wherefore, justification for intervener status is setout in paragraphs 5 thru 7, below.
- 3. <u>OTHER FIRST REQUEST</u>: Mr. DeRouen's letter identifies Mr. Cobble's 10-29-2011 Motion as "On Motion," but in-fact the Motion is specified and purposed as **Motion for Hearing** for PSC to publically hear the critical and material issues in the 10-29-2011 Motion. Whereby, Mr. Cobble hereby

requests PSC to formally identify Mr. Cobble's 10-29-2011 Motion as "Motion for Hearing" on the PSC website and all other PSC records.

- 4. OTHER SECOND REQUEST: For ease of public access to pending papers filed in PSC's Cases, Mr. Cobble further requests that a website button be placed at the Main Menu of PSC's Homepage, www.psc.ky.gov, to link directly to a page entitled Directory of PSC Cases. This Directory of listed pending and closed cases should accompany each Case Number with a brief description (synopsis) of the respective cases. Of course, the Case Numbers should link to all papers filed in the respective cases.
- 5. **For Intervener status**, Cobble argues that PSC is required under common law, from the injuries and potential injuries cited in the 10-29-2011 Motion, to allow a public hearing, thereof. **First**, the 10-29-2011 Motion alleges how the public (as ratepayers) is being harmed by the transactional inequities of KRS 283.178, to materially affect Mr. Cobble as a ratepayer. Furthermore, the issues cited in KRS 283.178 have not been challenged for the public's benefit since its inception in 1992. Hence, PSC has a legal mandate to protect the public from such harm. Therefore, the issues in the 10-29-2011 Motion legally justifies granting for a public hearing by the PSC.
- 6. **Second**, Mr. Cobble has requested specific information from PSC regarding LG&E's financial condition. The 10-29-2011 Motion alleges that **LG&E** is already in ample financial condition to conduct the structural improvements for the Clean Air Act without undue financial burden. Thus, the applied-for rate hikes <u>are not</u> justified for further "taxing" of ratepayers. In the interest of protecting his equity by avoiding unreasonable payments to LG&E, Mr. Cobble has an inherent right to acquire this information, and to have that information clarified by experts for layman comprehension. Whereby, a public hearing is warranted for addressing this matter.

- 7. **It is demonstrated here** that Mr. Cobble has a materially inherent right to PSC and LG&E responding to the critically damning issues of his 10-29-2011 Motion. Again, a non-response to these allegations therein are legal admissions by PSC and LG&G. Wherefore, as stated, under common law, PSC and LG&E are required to respond to the allegations, and as a hearing on these matters is obviously justified for the public's interest. Wherefore, Mr. Cobble should be accepted as an Intervener in this matter, and the 10-29-2011 Motion should be granted.
- 8. Enclosed with the herein Response please accept the signed petitions in support of a Hearing on the 10-29-2011 Motion, comprising 100 signatures.

This Response respectfully submitted for Reply,

Daniel Cobble, Petitioner & Ratepayer

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