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LG&E and KU Services Company  
Attention: Allyson K. Sturgeon  
220 West Main Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Re: Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company  
Petition for Confidential Treatment received 12/19/11  
PSC Reference – Case No. 2011-00375

Dear Ms. Sturgeon:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Treatment you filed on December 19, 2011 on behalf of Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company (the "Companies") to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.870. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in the Companies Responses to Environmental Groups 1<sup>st</sup> Data Requests Nos. 9, 16, 17 and 18. The information is described as projections of future fuel prices and forecast information obtained from vendors concerning projected fuel prices. Your request was for the entirety of Response Nos. 16 and 17, and included a request for deviation to file Response Nos. 9 and 18 on Compac Discs.

Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information could result in an unfair commercial advantage to the Companies competitors.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to LG&E's and KU's competitors. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The

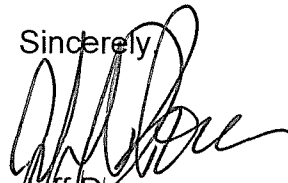
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procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

The Commission further grants your deviation request to file Response Nos. 9 and 18 on Compac Discs.

If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company are required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,



Jeff Derouen  
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record