

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND)	
ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR AN ORDER)	CASE NO.
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SECURITIES)	2016-00083
AND ASSUMPTION OF OBLIGATIONS)	

ORDER

On April 18, 2016, Louisville Gas and Electric Company (“LG&E”) filed a motion for rehearing to reconsider and amend ordering paragraph 4 of the Commission’s final Order in this case, issued on April 6, 2016 (“Commission’s April 6, 2016 Order”). Ordering paragraph 4 directed LG&E to file, within 30 days of the issuance of the First Mortgage Bonds authorized therein, among other things, documentation showing the quotes upon which it relied to determine the lowest interest rate.

In support of is motion, LG&E states that it would have difficulty complying with the Commission’s directives regarding a demonstration that LG&E selected the lowest interest rate. LG&E maintains that it selects terms for its various debt issues with a range of maturities and interest rates that would mitigate its exposure to market volatility while maintaining a balanced capital structure and allowing for a favorable credit rating. LG&E notes that long-term debt will rarely have the lowest interest rates as compared to short-term debt instruments. Accordingly, LG&E requests the Commission to reconsider the last sentence of ordering paragraph 4 and replace it with the following: “LG&E shall include a detailed explanation as to how the interest rate alternative chosen represents the most reasonable interest rate available at the time of issuance.”

Having reviewed the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that LG&E has established good cause to grant rehearing to reconsider and amend ordering paragraph 4 of the Commission's April 6, 2016 Order. The refinancing approved by the Commission's April 6, 2016 Order may be undertaken by LG&E in one or more transactions involving multiple debt issuances with varying maturities and varying interest rates based on market conditions at the time the debt is issued. Thus, factors other than simply the lowest interest rate will be considered by LG&E. The Commission recognizes that by maintaining diversified debt portfolios, LG&E will be better able to lessen the adverse impacts from interest rate changes and unanticipated inflation. In addition, employing a combination of debt with different maturities and interest rate modes helps LG&E to achieve financial stability and mitigate exposure to market volatility, while maintaining a balanced capital structure and a favorable credit rating.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. LG&E's motion for rehearing is granted.
2. Ordering paragraph 4 of the Commission's April 6, 2016 Order is

amended to read as follows:

Within 30 days of the day of issuance, LG&E shall file with the Commission a statement setting forth the date or dates of issuance of the securities authorized herein, the price paid, the interest rate or rates, and all fees and expenses, including underwriting discounts or commissions, or other compensation, involved in the issuance and distribution thereof, and a net present value analysis of the savings, if any, from the refinancing. LG&E shall include a detailed explanation as to how the interest rate alternative chosen represents the most reasonable interest rate available at the time of issuance.

3. All other provisions of the Commission's April 6, 2016 Order that are not in conflict with the terms of this Order shall remain in full force and effect.

By the Commission



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