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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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### Via Hand Delivery

Gwen R. Pinson Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601

RE: <u>Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers, Inc., Complainant, v. Kentucky Utilities</u>
Company, Louisville Gas and Electric Company, Kentucky Power Company, and

Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc., Defendants

Case No. 2017-00477

Dear Ms. Pinson:

Enclosed please find, for filing, the original and ten copies of the Response of Kentucky Utilities Company and Louisville Gas and Electric Company to the Attorney General's *Motions to Consolidate, for Use of Electronic Filing Procedures, and for an Informal Conference Between All Parties* filed in the above-referenced matter.

Please also find enclosed for filing the original and ten copies of the *Joint Motion of Kentucky Utilities Company and Louisville Gas and Electric Company to Separate Complaint Proceeding.* 

Please confirm your receipt of this filing by placing the stamp of your Office with the date received on the enclosed additional copies and return them to me via our office courier. Should you have any questions, please contact us at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

Kendrick R. Riggs

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**Enclosures** 

cc:

Parties of Record in Case No. 2017-00477

Parties of Record in Case No. 2017-00481

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## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

KENTUCKY INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS, INC.	UTILITY	)
	COMPLAINANT	)
v.  KENTUCKY UTILITIES COLOUISVILLE GAS AND EL COMPANY, KENTUCKY PAND DUKE ENERGY KEN	ECTRIC OWER COMPANY,	) ) CASE NO. 2017-00477 ) ) )
	DEFENDANTS	)

### JOINT MOTION OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY AND LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY TO SEPARATE COMPLAINT PROCEEDING

Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") and Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E) (collectively, the "Companies"), by counsel, respectfully request the Commission separate this case into four separate, utility-specific proceedings. In support of their motion, the Companies state as follows:

1. The Complaint and Petition for the Establishment of a Regulatory Liability to Provide Consumers a Rate Reduction Because of Tax Expense Savings ("Complaint") filed by the Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers, Inc. ("Complainant") on December 20, 2017, lumped together four defendant companies that have very different facts and circumstances. Two of the parties to this case, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. and Kentucky Power Company, have pending base rate cases before the Commission. KU and LG&E do not. Thus, all the utilities are not

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In the Matter of: Application of Kentucky Power Company for (1) A General Adjustment of Its Rates for Electric Service; (2) An Order Approving Its 2017 Environmental Compliance Plant; (3) An Order Approving Its Tariffs and

similarly situated as the Complaint suggests. Using one complaint case to resolve the impacts of a new tax law on four different utilities will unnecessarily complicate the record and will lead to inefficiencies.

2. The use of the separate proceedings will be the most economical, efficient, and effective process for addressing the questions raised in the Complaint, and will create a clear and complete record for each of the Commission's decisions.

**WHEREFORE**, Kentucky Utilities Company and Louisville Gas and Electric Company respectfully request the Commission issue orders separating KIUC's complaint case into four separate, utility-specific proceedings.

Dated: January 4, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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Riders (4) An Order Approving Accounting Practices to Establish Regulatory Assets and Liabilities; and (5) An Order Granting All Other Required Approvals and Relief, Case No. 2017-00179, Application (Ky. Pub. Serv. Comm'n June 28, 2017); In the Matter of: Application of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. for: 1) An Adjustment of the Electric Rates; 2) Approval of an Environmental Compliance Plan and Surcharge Mechanism; 3) Approval of New Tariffs; 4) Approval of Accounting Practices to Establish Regulatory Assets and Liabilities; and 5) All Other Required Approvals and Relief, Case No. 2017-00321, Application (Ky. Pub. Serv. Comm'n Sept. 1, 2017);

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the above and foregoing Joint Motion of Kentucky Utilities Company and Louisville Gas and Electric Company was served upon the following persons by first class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the 4th day of January 2018.

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