

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC JOINT APPLICATION OF	)	
LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY	)	CASE NO.
AND KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY FOR A	)	2018-00005
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE	)	
AND NECESSITY FOR FULL DEPLOYMENT OF	)	
ADVANCED METERING SYSTEMS	)	

ORDER

On February 22, 2018, Kentucky Utilities Company (“KU”) and Louisville Gas and Electric Company (“LG&E”) (collectively, “KU/LG&E”) filed a petition requesting a deviation from the notice requirements of 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(2)(b)(3). Those regulations require a utility to publish notice of a rate adjustment once a week, for three consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made no later than the date the application is submitted to the Commission.

KU/LG&E state that they filed a joint application for, among other things, approval of a proposed advanced metering system opt-out special charge on January 10, 2018. KU/LG&E further state that on December 27, 2017, they delivered to the Kentucky Press Association a notice of the filing of their application for publication in newspapers in KU/LG&E’s respective service areas in a manner consistent with the requirements set forth in 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(2)(b)(3). KU/LG&E explained that all 109 of the newspapers in their respective service areas published the notice correctly except for the following:

- The *Louisville Courier-Journal* published the first two LG&E notices as requested on January 3 and January 10, 2018, but failed to publish the third notice until January 23, 2018, rather than on January 17, 2018, as directed. The *Louisville Courier-Journal* published the KU notice as requested on January 3, January 10, and January 17, 2018.

- The *Central City Times-Argus*, a weekly newspaper that serves Muhlenberg County, failed to publish the first notice as requested, but did publish the notice on January 10 and January 17, 2018. The *Central City Leader News*, which also serves Muhlenberg County, published the notice as requested on January 9, 16, and 23, 2018.

- The *Lancaster Central Record*, a weekly newspaper that serves Garrard County, failed to publish the first notice as requested, but did publish the notice on January 11 and January 17, 2018.

- The *Stanford Interior Journal*, a weekly newspaper that serves Lincoln County, failed to publish the notice for three consecutive weeks as requested, but did publish the notice on January 4 and January 18, 2018.

- The *Liberty Casey County News*, published the first two notices as requested on January 3 and January 20, 2018, but failed to publish the third notice until January 31, 2018, rather than on January 17, 2018, as directed.

KU/LG&E seek permission to deviate from the notice requirements of 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(2)(b)(3). KU/LG&E contend that they have substantially complied with the notice regulations in that notice was published in newspapers of general circulation in all of its service areas, including the *Louisville Courier-Journal* and *Lexington Herald-Leader*, which are the newspapers with the largest circulation in the state. KU/LG&E also

state that the notice was further supplemented by posting at KU/LG&E's offices and on its website.

Having reviewed the pleading and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that KU/LG&E have demonstrated good cause to permit a deviation from the notice requirement.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that KU/LG&E's joint petition to deviate from the Commission's notice requirements set forth in 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(2)(b)(3) is granted.

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By the Commission

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