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July 10, 2018

**PARTIES OF RECORD**

Re: Case No. 2018-00005

Attached is a copy of the memorandum summarizing the informational session and public meeting held July 9, 2018 in Louisville, Kentucky, which is being filed in the record of the above-referenced case.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy J. Vinsel, Assistant General Counsel, at 502-782-2582.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gwen R. Pinson".

Gwen R. Pinson  
Executive Director

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Attachment

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	)	

MINUTES OF THE INFORMATION SESSION AND PUBLIC MEETING HELD IN  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, ON JULY 9, 2018 AT 5:30 P.M.

An information session and public meeting was held at University of Louisville ShelbyHurst Campus, in Louisville, Kentucky on July 9, 2018. Andrew Melnykovych, Director of Communications for the Public Service Commission, conducted the information session. Mr. Melnykovych presented an overview of Kentucky Utilities Company's (KU) and Louisville Gas and Electric Company's (LG&E) (jointly, KU/LG&E) application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for an advanced metering system, and the legal basis, criteria and review process for the Commission's consideration of application. The presentation concluded with a question-and-answer session. Attendees were also instructed how to submit a public comment in writing if they wished to do so in addition to or in lieu of a comment at the public meeting.

At the conclusion of the information session and after a short intermission, Chairman Michael Schmidt, along with Vice Chairman Robert Cicero and Commissioner Talina Mathews, initiated the public meeting portion of the event and invited the public to make comments. The following individuals spoke at the public meeting:

State Representative Attica Scott: Rep. Scott, who, along with Representative McKenzie Cantrell, requested that the Commission hold a public comment meeting in Louisville, thanked the Commission for holding the meeting and thanked the residents who attended the meeting.

James Haswell: Mr. Haswell lives in Louisville. He stated that he owns a three-plex with multiple meters and would pay up to \$150 per month in opt out fees. Mr. Haswell expressed concern that the opt out fee adversely affects low-income customers and customers on a fixed income. Mr. Haswell stated that he sees no advantage to smart meters, questioned the reliability of smart meters, and indicated that this matter should be included in a rate case so that customers could see the impact on rates.

Donald Newman: Mr. Newman lives in Louisville. Mr. Newman questioned why the Commission does not follow the “federal mandate,” which he said requires that customers opt in for smart meters rather than opt out. Mr. Newman noted that New Hampshire requires opt in rather than opt out for smart meters. Mr. Newman asserted that smart meters benefit LG&E and not customers of LG&E.

Jennifer Lockhart: Ms. Lockhart lives in Louisville. Ms. Lockhart relayed her concern whether Wi-Fi is safe and related an anecdote where Ms. Lockhart attributed a serious injury to Wi-Fi. Ms. Lockhart expressed concern regarding the risk of shock and burn from the meters. Ms. Lockhart discussed “Kill A Watt” which measures electric consumption and a computer program a customer uses to take a picture of the meter.

Carol Raskin: Ms. Raskin lives in Louisville. Ms. Raskin expressed concern that the smart meters and opt out fees will adversely impact on low income, the elderly, and persons on a fixed income. Ms. Raskin stated that it is doubtful that customers will find

information on their electric consumption helpful, in terms of accessing the information or understanding the information presented. Ms. Raskin also expressed concern regarding the lack of data privacy.

Greg Zahraduik: Mr. Zahraduik lives in Louisville. Mr. Zahraduik stated that he had an engineering background and that the “old meters” are reliable but smart meters are not reliable. Mr. Zahraduik questioned the benefits and costs of the smart meters. Mr. Zahraduik asked who would be held accountable when smart meters failed and asked that the process be slowed down.

Mary Bryan: Ms. Bryan lives in Louisville. Ms. Bryan stated that she serves on two boards for low income persons. Ms. Bryan noted that many low-income customers are renters who cannot make changes to weatherize their homes or purchase new appliances that are more energy efficient. Ms. Bryan stated that the opt out fee is too high for low-income customers. Ms. Bryan asserted that the cost/benefit analysis of the smart meters is too speculative and that the Commission should wait for others to prove the benefit of smart meters through experience.

Sarah Lyn Cunningham: Ms. Cunningham lives in Louisville. Ms. Cunningham stated that she is representing Louisville Climate Action Network, which does not currently oppose smart meters but believes the project is “too nebulous.” She recommended that the money for the smart meters be spent on energy efficiency, grid hardening, and renewable energy projects. Ms. Cunningham indicated that customer data usage should be available to customers in real time, rather than the next day, in order for customers to change their energy consumption behavior. Ms. Cunningham stated that she is concerned that approving smart meters will lead to an increase in the basic service

charge, which she argues is regressive. Ms. Cunningham contended that the smart meter case should be in a rate case with more data.

Joshua White: Mr. White lives in Louisville. Mr. White is on the board of the Sierra Club. Mr. White stated that he currently has a smart meter and that the usage data is not beneficial to customers. Mr. White indicated that user-friendly features should be implemented, such as real time data available via an app on one's phone. Mr. White expressed his concern that, because this is not a rate case, that LG&E will not be "sworn in" and therefore may be untruthful, and requested that this be made part of a rate case. Mr. White also expressed national security concerns, arguing that hackers could turn off power to the entire city.

Lisa Lee Williams: Ms. Williams lives in Louisville. Ms. Williams expressed concern that the home energy assistance program benefit would be negatively impacted. Ms. Williams asked what the Commission has done to gain knowledge regarding meter technology.

Sharon Lear: Ms. Lear questioned why other renewable energy programs, such as wind "turbine trees," were not being pursued instead of the smart meters.

Other members of the public not mentioned above indicated a desire to comment on a sign-in sheet, but they did not come forward when called by the Commission during the public meeting because they had left the meeting before being called. After calling the names of all those who indicated a desire to speak on the sign-in sheet, Chairman Schmidt asked if anyone else would like the opportunity to speak. Ms. Williams and Ms. Lear, whose comments are summarized above, came forward to speak, but no other member of the public indicated a desire to speak. Chairman Schmidt indicated that the Commissioners could not take questions but invited the public to question Commission

staff in attendance as well as representatives from the Attorney General's office and KU/LG&E after the public meeting adjourned. The public meeting was then adjourned.

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO A PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC  
SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2018-00005

# PUBLIC MEETING - SIGN-IN SHEET

Case No. 2018-00005- Kentucky Utilities Co./Louisville Gas & Electric Co.  
Application for a CPCN to Deploy System-wide Advanced Metering Infrastructure  
Louisville, KY - July 9, 2018

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name	Address	DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK?
1 Ray Brandize	1718 Edge land Ave 40204	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
2 Cathy Hinkley	MHC P.O. Box 4533 Lou 40204	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
3 Tony Curtis	MHC P.O. Box 4533, Louisville 40204	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
4 David Milly	820 W. Broad Way Louisville, KY	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
5 James Haswell	1332 Hepburn Ave Louisville KY 40204	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
6 Larry Cook		YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
7 Scott Wegenast	AARP Kentucky 1040 Linn Station Rd. suite 121 <sup>40223</sup>	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
8 Kate Cunningham	8606 Whipps Bend Rd, 40332	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO



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1 Robert Bottom		YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
2 Donald Newman		<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	NO
3 Chris Whelan		YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
4 RICHARD SMITH		YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
5 Cheryl Williams		YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
6 JENNIFER LOCKHART		<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	NO
7 Carol Raskin		<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	NO
8 Greg Zahradnik		<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	NO

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1 <u>Mary Bryan</u>	<u>1463 S. 1<sup>st</sup> St</u>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
2 <u>Sarah Lynn Cunningham</u>	<u>1711 Edgeland Ave</u>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
3 <u>Wendy Wagener</u>	<u>1123 Peppermint St</u>	<input type="radio"/> YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
4 <u>Joshua White</u>	<u>2134 Woodbourne Ave</u>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
5 <u>Lisa Lee Williams,</u>	<u>104 Stoll Ave.</u>	<input type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
6 _____	_____	<input type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
7 _____	_____	<input type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
8 _____	_____	<input type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO

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