COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY)UTILITIES COMPANY AND LOUISVILLE GAS)AND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR AN ORDER)APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF)REGULATORY ASSETS)

CASE NO. 2025-00196

<u>COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION</u> <u>TO KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY AND</u> <u>LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY</u>

Kentucky Utilities Company (KU) and Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E), (collectively, LG&E/KU), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, shall file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on July 29, 2025. The Commission directs LG&E/KU to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ regarding filings with the Commission. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the question to which the response is made and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a

¹ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

LG&E/KU shall make timely amendment to any prior response if LG&E/KU obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect or incomplete when made or, though correct or complete when made, is now incorrect or incomplete in any material respect.

For any request to which LG&E/KU fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, LG&E/KU shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall be given to copied and scanned material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, LG&E/KU shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to the Application, page 4-5, paragraph 14 which states that LG&E/KU experienced nearly 1,000 reports of wires down and over 200 broken poles. State whether LG&E/KU anticipates the actual number of broken poles and downed wires to

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differ from the amounts reported in the application. If so, provide an updated number of downed wires and broken poles that resulted from the May 2025 Storm.

2. Refer to the Application, page 5, paragraph 15. Provide the number of offsystem resources that assisted in restoration efforts.

3. Refer to the Application, pages 7-8, paragraph 24.

a. Provide the amount of storm-related costs built into KU's base rates.

b. Provide the amount of storm-related costs built into LG&E's base rates.

c. Provide the amount of storm damage expenses outside of the May 2025 Storm that KU has incurred since January 1, 2025, that have not been deferred.

d. Provide the amount of storm damage expenses outside of the May 2025 Storm that LG&E has incurred since January 1, 2025, that have not been deferred.

4. Refer to the Application, Exhibit 1. Provide support for the calculations of the Contingency amounts for both capital and Operation and Maintenance (O&M) costs in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas, columns, and rows unprotected and fully accessible.

5. Refer to the Application Exhibit 1. Provide the estimated timeline for the actual costs of the May 2025 Storm to be processed in LG&E/KU's respective accounting books.

6. Provide whether LG&E/KU anticipates the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will assist with any of the storm damage restoration costs. Provide also whether LG&E/KU anticipates assistance from insurance or other Federal or State programs.

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7. State how the deferral of the May 2025 Storm costs as regulatory assets impacts LG&E/KU's debt to equity ratio.

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