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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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**In the Matter of:**

**AN EXAMINATION OF THE APPLICATION OF )**  
**THE FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE OF )**  
**LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY ) CASE NO. 2004-00466**  
**FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2002 TO OCTOBER 31, 2004 )**

**MOTION OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**  
**FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT**

Louisville Gas and Electric Company (“LG&E”), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, respectfully moves the Commission to classify as confidential and protect from public disclosure certain information provided by LG&E in response to Question Nos. 6, 9 and 24 of the Commission’s data requests, as contained in Appendix B of the Commission’s Order dated December 13, 2004. The information for which LG&E requests confidential treatment (“Confidential Information”) pertains to forecasted sales revenues (No. 6), planned maintenance schedules (No. 9) and bid analysis information (No. 24).

In support of this Motion, LG&E states as follows:

1. Under the Kentucky Open Records Act, the Commission is entitled to withhold from public disclosure information confidentially disclosed to it to the extent that open disclosure would permit an unfair commercial advantage to competitors of the entity disclosing the information to the Commission. *See* KRS 61.878(1)(c). Public disclosure of the information identified herein would, in fact, prompt such a result for the reasons set forth below.

2. Public disclosure of projected sales revenues, which are driven by and based on projected power prices, would afford LG&E’s competitors a distinct competitive advantage in bidding for and securing new bulk power loads, as competitors could use LG&E’s projected prices to outbid LG&E for these loads. Similarly, disclosure would afford an undue preference

to LG&E's wholesale power purchasers and sellers, as the latter would enjoy an obvious advantage in any contractual negotiation to the extent they knew the Company's forward price projections.

3. Similarly, public disclosure of information regarding LG&E's plant maintenance schedules would lay bare critical "down time" information, an essential factor in determining LG&E's generating costs and need for power and energy during those periods. Such disclosure thus would necessarily impair LG&E's ability to negotiate with prospective contractors and vendors -- now equipped to manipulate the price of power bid to LG&E to maximize revenues -- and would likewise arm LG&E's competitors with information with which they could erode LG&E's competitive position in the wholesale power market.

4. Disclosure of the factors underlying LG&E's bid analysis/selection process would likewise damage LG&E's competitive position and business interests. This information reveals the business model the Company uses -- the procedure it follows and the factors/inputs it considers -- in evaluating bids for coal supply. If afforded access to such information via the public arena, potential bidders could manipulate the bid solicitation process to the detriment of LG&E and its ratepayers by tailoring bids to correspond to and comport with LG&E's bidding criteria and process.

5. The information for which LG&E is seeking confidential treatment is not known outside of LG&E, is not disseminated within LG&E except to those employees with a legitimate business need to know and act upon the information, and is generally recognized as confidential and proprietary information in the energy industry.

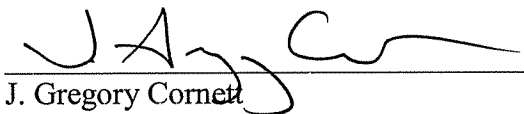
6. LG&E does not object to limited disclosure of the confidential information described herein, pursuant to an acceptable protective agreement, to intervenors with legitimate interests in reviewing the same for the purpose of participating in this case.

7. In accordance with the provisions of 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, LG&E is filing with the Commission one copy of the Confidential Information highlighted and ten (10) copies without the Confidential Information.

**WHEREFORE**, Louisville Gas and Electric Company respectfully requests that the Commission grant confidential protection to the information designated as confidential for a period of five years from the date of filing the same.

Dated: January 21, 2005

Respectfully submitted,



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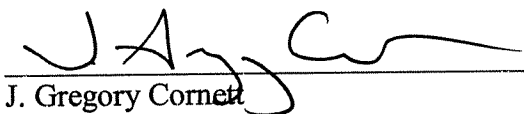
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