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Elizabeth O'Donnell Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 RECEIVED

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## RE: <u>The 2005 Joint Integrated Resource Plan of Louisville Gas and Electric</u> <u>Company and Kentucky Utilities Company</u> *Case No: 2005-00162*

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

As John Malloy and I discussed with Commission Staff on September 23, 2005, Kentucky Utilities Company's ("KU") Power Supply Agreement ("PSA") with Electric Energy Inc. ("EEI") is scheduled to expire at the end of 2005. EEI's position on renewing the PSA continues to be one based on market indices (defined generally as the applicable locational marginal pricing ("MISO LMP")) with a capacity payment, as opposed to the cost-based rate structure under which the contract has historically operated and which KU requested during the contract negotiations.

After extensive negotiations, we have received and reviewed EEI's final proposed new PSA for this 200 MWs from EEI's Joppa plant located in Joppa, Illinois. KU has evaluated EEI's proposed renewal of the PSA in the context of its Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") based upon a least-cost reasonable resource analysis.

Based on the proposed PSA by EEI, KU has determined that continuation of the PSA would not be a least-cost option for KU's customers. The results from the evaluation of the proposed EEI contract were presented to the Company's Operating Committee established pursuant to the Power Supply System Agreement on December 16, 2005. After consideration of the supporting analysis, the Operating Committee approved the recommendation not to renew the PSA with EEI. We notified EEI of KU's decision on December 22, 2005. Enclosed is a copy of our notification letter to EEI. Elizabeth O'Donnell Page 2 December 22, 2005

As such, the PSA will expire December 31, 2005, and KU will no longer purchase the 200 MW of capacity and energy from EEI. There is no near term (2006-2007) impact on KU's capacity plans. KU and Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E") will continue to review their capacity and energy needs in the context of their on-going IRP process.

Should you have any questions concerning the enclosed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: Elizabeth E. Blackford Michael L. Kurtz



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SENT by email and overnight mail

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## Re: Draft Power Purchase Agreement (the "Draft PPA") between Electric Energy, Inc. ("EEI") and Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU")

Dear Bob:

I send this letter in response to the draft PPA Jim Helm circulated to me on December 6, 2005. KU has understood that the Draft PPA, including the pricing provisions therein, constitutes EEI's best and final offer to KU of power from the Joppa plant after the end of calendar year 2005.

As you know, KU had hoped to negotiate a cost-based agreement to replace the present Power Supply Agreement that expires on December 31, 2005, and we had been working toward that goal for much of the past year. While the PPA draft that you forwarded may achieve EEI's goal of pursing market-based sales, it unfortunately, as confirmed through KU's generation planning analysis, is not be a least cost resource for KU and its customers. Accordingly, KU is confirming by this letter that it must decline EEI's offer of power on these terms. If EEI should have power available on better terms in the future or at a later time, KU certainly remains interested in considering such availability, and does not intend by this letter to waive any right or claim that it may otherwise have to be notified and have an opportunity to acquire that power.

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Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

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