

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

JOINT APPLICATION OF)
LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC)
COMPANY AND KENTUCKY UTILITIES)
COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION) CASE NO. 2005-00467
OF TRANSMISSION FACILITIES IN)
JEFFERSON, BULLITT, MEADE, AND)
HARDIN COUNTIES, KENTUCKY)

JOINT APPLICATION OF)
LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC)
COMPANY AND KENTUCKY UTILITIES)
COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION) CASE NO. 2005-00472
OF ALTERNATIVE TRANSMISSION)
FACILITIES IN JEFFERSON,)
BULLITT, MEADE, AND HARDIN)
COUNTIES, KENTUCKY)

O R D E R

On December 22, 2005, Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E") and Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") jointly filed an application for approval of the construction of a transmission line in Jefferson, Bullitt, Meade, and Hardin counties, Kentucky; and, on the same date, they filed an application for approval of the construction of an alternative line in the same counties. LG&E and KU included with the applications a motion requesting that these cases, docketed as Case Nos. 2005-00467 and 2005-00472, respectively, be consolidated. Pursuant to KRS 278.020(8), "The commission shall issue its decision no later than ninety (90) days after the application is

filed, unless the commission extends this period for good cause, to one hundred twenty (120) days.”

The Commission finds that the extension authorized by KRS 278.020(8) is warranted in this case. These applications follow the application rejected in Case No. 2005-00142,¹ which generated significant opposition, and letters already filed with the Commission demonstrate that the opposition will continue in these certificate proceedings. For these reasons, the Commission finds that the time period in which it must issue a decision in these cases should be extended to 120 days.

The Commission further finds that these applications can be processed best by consolidating them for all administrative and procedural purposes, while retaining both case numbers. To that degree then, this Order grants the motion to consolidate.

Finally, the Commission issues a preliminary procedural schedule setting dates for certain events. The Commission reserves the right to amend this procedural schedule as needed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

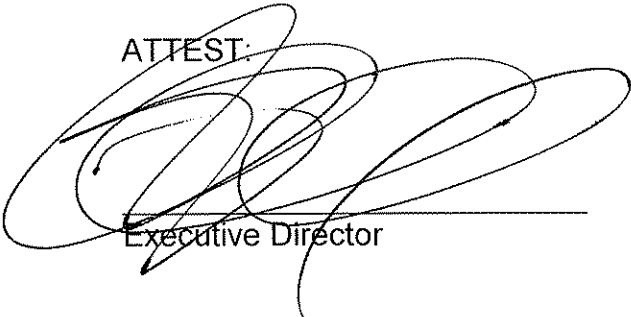
1. The time period in which the Commission must issue its decision in this case is extended to 120 days.
2. The motion to consolidate these two applications for all administrative and procedural purposes is granted.
3. The attached procedural schedule shall apply.

¹ Case No. 2005-00142, Joint Application of Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company For a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity For the Construction of Transmission Facilities in Jefferson, Bullitt, Meade, and Hardin Counties, Kentucky.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 6th day of January, 2006.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

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Executive Director

Case No. 2005-00467
Case No. 2005-00472

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NOS. 2005-00467 AND 2005-00472 DATED JANUARY 6, 2006

- Applications filed..... December 22, 2005
- Any motion to intervene shall be filed
with the Commission no later than..... January 23, 2006
- Any request for a public hearing
shall be filed no later than January 23, 2006
- Intervenors and Staff may file data
requests on the application no later thanFebruary 2, 2006
- Staff consultant shall file report on
application no later thanFebruary 6, 2006
- Applicant and Intervenors may file data
requests on consultant's report no later thanFebruary 10, 2006
- Responses to February 2, 2006 data
requests are due no later thanFebruary 10, 2006
- Responses to February 10, 2006 data
requests are due no later thanFebruary 15, 2006
- Parties shall file direct testimony, if any,
no later thanFebruary 20, 2006
- Public hearing shall be held at 6:00 p.m.,
Eastern Standard Time, in Pritchard
Community Center, 404 South Mulberry
Street in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, for the
purpose of hearing local public testimonyFebruary 1, 2006
- Public hearing shall be held at 9:00 a.m.,
Eastern Standard Time, in Hearing Room 1
of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower
Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, for the
purpose of cross-examination of witnessesFebruary 28, 2006
- Decision due no later thanApril 21, 2006