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

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Re:

In the Matter of Louisville Gas and Electric Company

Alleged Failure to Comply with KRS 278.042

Case No. 2006-00353

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

Enclosed please find and accept for filing the original and ten (10) copies of Louisville Gas and Electric Company's Response to the Commission's Order of September 29, 2006 and Motion to Suspend Hearing and Schedule Informal Conference in the above-referenced matter. Please confirm your receipt of this filing by placing the stamp of your Office with the date received on the two additional copies provided and return them to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

J. Gregory Cornett

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In the Matter of:	PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY)) CASE NO: 2006-00353
ALLEGED FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH KRS 278.042)))

RESPONSE OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY TO THE COMMISSION'S ORDER OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2006 AND MOTION TO SUSPEND HEARING AND SCHEDULE INFORMAL CONFERENCE

On September 29, 2006, the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") issued an Order directing Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E") to file a written response to the allegations contained in the Electric Utility Personal Injury Accident Report ("Report") prepared by the Commission Staff and dated June 2, 2006. For its Response to the Commission's Order, LG&E states as follows:

- 1. LG&E admits that the information contained in the sections of the Report titled "Utility", "Reported By", "Accident Occurred", "Utility Notified", "PSC Notified", "PSC Investigated", "Report Received" and "Accident Location" is accurate.
- 2. With regard to the information contained in the section of the Report titled "Accident Description", LG&E admits, based on its investigation, that the information is accurate, but also affirmatively states that the pole and roller attachment being used by Mr. Durbin was approximately five feet and ten inches in length.

- 3. LG&E admits that the information contained in the sections of the Report titled "Victim(s)", "Witness(es)" and "Information From" is accurate.
- 4. With regard to the section of the Report titled "Probable Violations", LG&E denies that it committed any willful violation of KRS 278.042 or the National Electrical Safety Code.
- 5. With regard to the section of the Report titled "Line Clearances at Point of Accident", LG&E denies that the 2002 version of the National Electrical Safety Code is the version applicable to the line in question. LG&E otherwise admits that the information contained in that section is accurate, but denies that said information establishes any willful violation of KRS 278.042 or the National Electrical Safety Code.
- 6. LG&E admits that the information contained in the sections of the Report titled "Date of Measurement", "Temp & Weather", "Measurements Made By" and "Investigated By" is accurate.

NOW, THEREFORE, LG&E requests that this case be dismissed or, in the alternative, that the hearing date set for November 15, 2006 be suspended and that an informal conference be scheduled with the Commission Staff for the purpose of discussing settlement and expediting resolution of this proceeding. LG&E's willingness to discuss settlement is not, and should not be construed as, an admission of any liability or fault on its part.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Response was served by first class mail, postage prepaid, on the following person this 19th day of October, 2006.

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