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Beth A. O'Donnell, Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
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Re: Case No. 2006-00509 and 2006-00510

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

Please find enclosed the original and twelve (12) copies of the BRIEF OF KENTUCKY INDUSTRIAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS, INC. PURSUANT TO THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S ORDER OF AUGUST 21, 2007 to be filed in the above-referenced matters. By copy of this letter, all parties listed on the Certificate of Service have been served.

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Very Truly Yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF:

AN EXAMINATION OF THE APPLICATION)
THE FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE OF)
LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY)
FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2004 TO OCTOBER 31, 2006)

CASE NO:
2006-00510

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FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2004 TO OCTOBER 31, 2006)

CASE NO:
2006-00509

**BRIEF OF KENTUCKY INDUSTRIAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS, INC.
PURSUANT TO THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S
ORDER OF AUGUST 21, 2007**

On August 21, 2007 the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("the Commission") issued an Order requiring the Interveners in the above-captioned matters to submit a Memorandum of Law regarding the lawfulness of the relief sought by Louisville Gas & Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company given the August 1, 2007 Opinion and Order entered by the Franklin Circuit Court in the matter of *Commonwealth of Kentucky, ex rel. Gregory D. Stumbo, Attorney General, v. Public Service Commission and Union Light, Heat and Power Company*, Civil Action 06-CI-269. In accordance with this Order, the Kentucky Industrial Utility Companies, Inc. ("KIUC") submits the below Memorandum of Law.

MEMORANDUM OF LAW

The Franklin Circuit Court's decision has no immediate impact on the validity of the Fuel Adjustment Clause ("FAC") and is not relevant to this FAC review case. While the Franklin Circuit Court states that there is no inherent authority to perform interim single-issue rate adjustments without statutory authorization¹ this language is editorializing by the Court and is not a necessary part of the its decision. The Circuit Court's opinion held that (1) KRS 278.509 is unconstitutional and (2) the Commission does not otherwise possess the authority to authorize an AMRP for Duke Energy Kentucky. Any statements in the opinion broader than those holdings are not binding on the Commission.

The Circuit Court's decision is also an unpublished opinion. CR 76.28(4)(c) prohibits unpublished decisions from being "*cited or used as authority in any other case in any court of this state.*" The Commission should not undertake a review of Kentucky's various surcharges and surcredits on the basis that an unpublished opinion of the Franklin Circuit Court contains *obiter dicta* questioning the validity of single-issue rate adjustments.

KIUC believes that LG&E and KU's FACs can and should continue unless and until their lawfulness is brought before a Court or this Commission for consideration. KIUC does not render an opinion regarding the merits of the Court's decision or its ultimate fate on further appeal.

Respectfully submitted,



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¹ *Commonwealth of Kentucky, ex rel. Gregory D. Stumbo, Attorney General, v. Public Service Commission and Union Light, Heat and Power Company*, Civil Action 06-CI-269, p. 6.

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