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August 26, 2008

Mr. Geoffrey M. Young 454 Kimberly Place Lexington, Kentucky 40503

Dear Mr. Young:

On August 26, 2008, the Kentucky Public Service Commission received a copy of the enclosed letter dated August 25, 2008.

This letter has been filed into the records of Case No. 2008-00128, The Revision of Cogeneration and Small Power Purchase Rates of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.; Case No. 2008-00148, The 2008 Joint Integrated Resource Plan of Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company; Case No. 2008-00251, Application of Kentucky Utilities Company for an Adjustment of Electric Base Rates; and Case No. 2008-00252, Application of Louisville Gas and Electric Company, Inc. for an Adjustment of Its Electric and Gas Base Rates.

Please be advised that to avoid impermissible ex parte communications, all correspondence relating to the subject matter of a case that is sent to the Commission is filed of record as a matter of course. Accordingly, we will not be able to remove your August 14, 2008 letter to Governor Beshear (with copy to PSC Chairman David Armstrong) from the record of those cases, as requested in your August 25, 2008 letter.

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August 25, 2008

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Dear Ms. Stumbo:

I was quite astonished to read your letter of August 20, 2008. If I had been capable of imagining that my letter of 8/14/08 to Governor Steve Beshear might be interpreted as an attempt to influence the outcome of any specific Commission case, I would either have written it differently or not sent it at all.

My request to the Governor was solely at the level of broad public policy. My hope was that over time, the Commission would come to take a more positive and welcoming view of the information available from Kentucky's community of environmentalists. Unfortunately, it seems you have jumped to an interpretation that is much more negative.

The passing references to existing cases in the first paragraph of my letter were made in the interest of full disclosure, so the Governor would have a more complete context when reading the remainder of the letter. I have far too much respect for Governor Beshear to imagine that he would ever try to influence the outcome of an ongoing case in any way.

Similarly, I sent a copy of my letter to Chairman Armstrong with the aim of being as courteous as possible, in order to avoid a situation where he might be surprised by a communication from the Governor without knowing what might have given rise to it.

I respectfully request that you remove my 8/14/08 letter to Governor Beshear from the record of any and all cases before the Commission. It was directed at the broad policy level and has no relevance to any particular case.

Sincerely,

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