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# **RE:** Application of Louisville Gas and Electric Company for an Adjustment of Electric and Gas Base Rates - Case No. 2008-00252 and Application of Louisville Gas and Electric Company to file Depreciation Study - Case No. 2007-00564

Dear Ms. Stumbo:

Please find enclosed and accept for filing the Supplemental Response of Louisville Gas and Electric Company to Question No. 26(a)(8) of the Commission Staff's First Set of Data Requests dated July 16, 2008, in the above-referenced matters.

Also, enclosed are an original and ten (10) copies of a Petition for Confidential Protection regarding the contens of this Supplemental Response of Louisville Gas and Electric Company to Question No. 26(a)(8).

Should you have any questions regarding the enclosed, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Conroy

## VERIFICATION

# STATE OF KENTUCKY ) ) SS: COUNTY OF JEFFERSON )

The undersigned, Valerie L. Scott, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the Controller, for Louisville Gas and Electric Company, that she has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the responses for which she is identified as the witness, and the answers contained therein are true and correct to the best of her information, knowledge and belief

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said County and State, this  $//\underline{f}$  day of September, 2008.

Notary Public (SEAL)

My Commission Expires:

November 9, 2010

# LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

## CASE NO. 2008-00252

# Response to First Data Request of Commission Staff Dated July 16, 2008

## **Question No. 26**

## **Responding Witness: Valerie L. Scott**

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# A-26. a. Income Taxes:

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|---|---|--|--|
| (2) Federal operating income taxes defer  | rred – other:   |  |  |
| Account 410101  | \$9,785,281   |  |  |
| Account 411101  | (\$2,675,050)   |  |  |
| Total   | \$7,110,231   |  |  |
| The \$7,110,231 represents taxes on all temporary differences other than depreciation-related items (e.g. employee benefits differences, regulatory adjustments, cash basis adjustments, etc.). |   |  |  |
| (3) Federal income taxes — operating:   | Account 409101 \$32,975,343   |  |  |

| <ul><li>(4) Income credits:</li><li>From A-26 (a)(1) a</li><li>From A-26 (a)(2) a</li><li>Total</li></ul>        |                | Account 411101<br>Account 411101 | (\$20,397,452)<br>( <u>\$2,675,050)</u><br>(\$23,072,502)         |
|--|----------------|----------------------------------|---|
| (5) Investment tax cred  | lit:           |                                  |   |
| (i) Realized:  |                |                                  | \$7,679,626   |
| (ii) Amortized – Pr  | e-Revenue Ac   | t of 1971:                       | (\$219)   |
| (iii) Amortized – R  | evenue Act of  | 1971:                            | (\$3,931,393)   |
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| State operating income taxes deferred – other: |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| Account 410102                                 | \$1,994,779          |
| Account 411102                                 | <u>(\$1,175,570)</u> |
| Total  | \$819,209            |

The \$819,209 represents taxes on all temporary differences other than depreciation-related items (e.g. employee benefits differences, regulatory adjustments, cash basis adjustments, etc.).

| State income taxes — operating:   | Account 409102                   | \$6,784,324  |
|---|----------------------------------|--|
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- (7) See attached.
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#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of: APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY ) UTILITIES COMPANY FOR AN CASE NO. 2008-00251 ) ADJUSTMENT OF BASE RATES ) In the Matter of: APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY ) CASE NO. 2007-00565 UTILITIES COMPANY TO FILE ) DEPRECIATION STUDY In the Matter of: AN ADJUSTMENT OF THE ELECTRIC) AND GAS RATES, TERMS AND CASE NO. 2008-00252 **CONDITIONS OF LOUISVILLE GAS** ) AND ELECTRIC COMPANY In the Matter of: **APPLICATION OF LOUISVILLE GAS** ) AND ELECTRIC COMPANY TO FILE ) CASE NO. 2007-00564 DEPRECIATION STUDY )

# JOINT PETITION OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY AND LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR CONFIDENTIAL PROTECTION FOR RESPONSES TO CERTAIN DATA REQUESTS OF THE COMMISSION STAFF

Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") and Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E") (collectively "Applicants") hereby petition the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, and KRS 61.878(1)(k) to grant confidential protection for the items described herein, which the Applicants seek to provide as supplemental responses to First Request of Commission Staff to KU No. 26(a)(8) and First Request of Commission Staff to LG&E No. 26(a)(8) ("Commission Staff DRs"). In support of this Petition, the Applicants state as follows:

1. The Commission Staff DRs asked the Applicants to provide a copy of their federal and state income tax returns for the taxable year ended during the test year, including supporting schedules. In their responses to the Commission Staff DRs, the Applicants stated that their 2007 federal and state income tax returns were being prepared for filing by September 15, 2008 (federal), and October 15, 2008 (state). The Applicants are now providing their federal income tax returns through supplemental responses to the Commission Staff DRs. (The Applicants anticipate filing additional supplemental responses to provide their state income tax returns in approximately one month.)

2. The Commission Staff DRs ask the Applicants to provide federal income tax returns and supporting schedules for 2007. These tax-related documents and information merit confidential protection. KRS 61.878(1)(k) exempts from public disclosure "all public records or information the disclosure of which is prohibited by federal law or regulation." Under 26 U.S.C.A. § 6103(a), state officials are prohibited from publicly disclosing any federal income tax return or its contents. Therefore, the Applicants' federal income tax returns and supporting schedules fall within the exemption provided by KRS 61.878(1)(k) and are exempt from disclosure.

3. If the Commission disagrees with this request for confidential protection, it must hold an evidentiary hearing (a) to protect the Applicants' due process rights and (b) to supply the Commission with a complete record to enable it to reach a decision with regard to this matter. <u>Utility Regulatory Commission v. Kentucky Water Service Company, Inc.</u>, Ky. App., 642 S.W.2d 591, 592-94 (1982).

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4. The Applicants will disclose the confidential information, pursuant to a protective agreement, to intervenors and others with a legitimate interest in this information and as required by the Commission. In accordance with the provisions of 807 KAR 5:001 Section 7, the Applicants herewith file with the Commission one copy of the above-discussed responses with the confidential information highlighted and ten (10) copies of its response without the confidential information.

WHEREFORE, Kentucky Utilities Company and Louisville Gas and Electric Company respectfully request that the Commission grant confidential protection for the information at issue, or in the alternative, schedule an evidentiary hearing on all factual issues while maintaining the confidentiality of the information pending the outcome of the hearing.

Dated: September 11, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Joint Petition for Confidential Protection was served via U.S. mail, first-class, postage prepaid, this 11th day of September 2008 upon the following persons:

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