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RE: PPL/Louisville Gas & Electric Company/Kentucky Utilities Company

Case No. 2010-00204

## Gentlemen:

The Commission acknowledges receipt of your letter to the Attorney General on September 20, 2010. Your letter has been filed in the record of the above-referenced case. Additionally, your letter received May 19, 2010 is now being placed into the record of the above-referenced case. When this letter was initially received, the above-referenced case had not been filed with the Commission.

You may view all documents filed in this case on the Commission's website at <a href="http://psc.ky.gov">http://psc.ky.gov</a>.

Thank you for your letters of interest and concern in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeff Derouen

**Executive Director** 



## KENTUCKY COUNCIL FOR DIX DAM SAFETY



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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Mr. Jeff R. Derouen Executive Director, Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601 May 18, 2010

## Dear Mr. Derouen:

In recent weeks it was announced that Pennsylvania Power and Light is in the process of acquiring Kentucky Utilities, which includes the E. W. Brown station/Dix Dam. The Kentucky Council for Dix Dam Safety met with officials of KU, E.On US, the Kentucky Division of Water, and Arcadis in February 2010 to discuss several safety concerns regarding Dix Dam. KU officials indicated that prior to E.On's purchase of LG&E in 2003 that no independent pre-purchase inspection of Dix Dam took place. In fact, the last comprehensive independent professional third party inspection was performed by the Corp of Engineers in 1978.

The KCDDS believes that, as a precondition for the proposed transfer of ownership, an independent third party inspection of the eighty five year old Dix Dam should be preformed. This is long over-due, as well as being necessary to protect public safety and rate payer's financial interests. The KCCDS strongly urges the PSC to require an inspection by an experienced, FERC certified, independent Professional Engineer with expertise in large dams used in the generation of electrical power.

The KCDDS will be glad to discuss this concern with PSC staff in order to address any questions. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Kentucky Council for Dix Dam Safety

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