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LG&E and KU Services Company
Attention: Allyson Sturgeon
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Re: Kentucky Utilities Company
Petition for Confidential Protection received 7/25/11
PSC Reference #: 2011-00161

Dear Ms. Sturgeon:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Protection you filed on July 25, 2011 on behalf of Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.878. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in KU's Responses to the Commission's 1st Data Requests Nos. 12, 28(a), 32(f), 32(i), 37, 44 and 46(b). The information is more particularly described as (DR 12): a chart showing estimated out of service time; (DR 28a): a contract with Black & Veatch which includes employee labor rates; (DR 32f): reveals strategic decision making with regard to planned outages; (DR 32i): reveals business model; (DR 37): projected fuel costs; (DR 44): fuel forecasts for coal and natural gas; and (DR 46b): inputs for all units and parameters used in Strategist and PROSYM models.

Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information would compromise KU's competitive position in the industry and result in an unfair commercial advantage to its competitors.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to KU's competitors. Therefore, the information requested to be

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treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Kentucky Utilities Company is required by Section 8(9)(a) of KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,



Jeff Derouen
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record