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LG&E and KU Energy LLC  
Attention: Allyson Sturgeon  
220 West Main Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Re: Louisville Gas and Electric Company  
Petition for Confidential Treatment received 4/18/12  
PSC Reference – Case No. 2012-00031

Dear Ms. Sturgeon:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Treatment you filed on April 18, 2012 on behalf of Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E") and 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 LG&E and KU's Response to Commission's Data Request No. 1, dated April 13, 2012. The information is described as criteria for evaluating bids for "ITO" services, bid evaluation spreadsheet, and summary of confidential bid information received from vendors, containing internal decision making processes regarding evaluations.

Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information could result in an unfair commercial advantage to 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 LG&E and KU's competitors. Therefore, the information requested to be 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.

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If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company are required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Berouen", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Jeff Berouen  
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record