

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT FILING)	CASE NO.
OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC)	2014-00475
COMPANY)	

ORDER REGARDING REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

On December 30, 2014, Louisville Gas and Electric Company (“LG&E”) filed a petition pursuant to KRS 61.878(1)(c) and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, for confidential treatment of certain information filed in its application in the above matter. Specifically, LG&E requests confidential treatment of a statement setting forth the summary of the total purchased gas costs for the period August 2014 through October 2014 (“Summary”) contained in Exhibit B-1, pages 5 and 6, which includes the names of LG&E’s natural gas suppliers and links those providers with specific gas volumes delivered and the costs thereof.

LG&E states that disclosure of the Summary would damage LG&E’s competitive position and business interests in two ways. First, disclosure would allow LG&E’s competitors to know the unit price and overall cost of the gas LG&E is purchasing from each supplier, which would alert LG&E’s competitors to the identity of LG&E’s low-cost suppliers; and if those supply agreements are more favorable than theirs, the competitors could attempt to outbid LG&E. Second, disclosure would provide LG&E’s competitors with information that would enable future gas bidding to be manipulated to LG&E’s competitive disadvantage.

LG&E states that information of the type described in Exhibit B-1, pages 5 and 6, has been granted confidential treatment in its prior Gas Supply Clause filings. LG&E also states that this information is not disseminated within LG&E except to those employees with a legitimate business need to know and act upon the information.

Having carefully considered the petition and the materials at issue, the Commission finds that:

1. The materials for which LG&E seeks confidential treatment meet the criteria for confidential treatment and are exempted from public disclosure pursuant to KRS 61.878(1)(c) and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13.

2. The materials for which LG&E seeks confidential treatment should not be placed in the public record or made available for public inspection for an indefinite period of time, due to the highly confidential and proprietary nature of the information requested to be held confidential, the disclosure of which could result in competitive injury.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. LG&E's petition for confidential protection is hereby granted.

2. The materials for which LG&E seeks confidential treatment shall not be placed in the public record or made available for public inspection for an indefinite period of time.

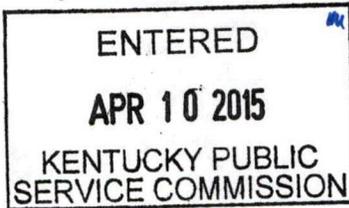
3. Use of the materials in question in any Commission proceeding shall be in compliance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(9).

4. LG&E shall inform the Commission if the materials in question become publicly available or no longer qualify for confidential treatment.

5. If a non-party to this proceeding requests to inspect materials granted confidential treatment by this Order, the Commission shall notify LG&E in writing and direct LG&E to demonstrate within 20 days of its receipt of the notice that the materials still fall within the exclusions from disclosure requirements established in KRS 61.878. If LG&E is unable to make such demonstration, the requested materials shall be made available for inspection. Otherwise, the Commission shall deny the request for inspection.

6. The Commission shall not make the requested materials available for inspection for 20 days following an order finding that the materials no longer qualify for confidential treatment in order to allow LG&E to seek a remedy afforded by law.

By the Commission



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