

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

LOUISVILLE GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY)	
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_____)	CASE NO.
)	2017-00119
ALLEGED FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH KRS)	
278.495, 807 KAR 5:022, AND 49 C.F.R. PART)	
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ORDER

This case was initiated to investigate Louisville Gas & Electric's (LG&E) alleged violations of federal pipeline safety regulations following the September 17, 2014 rupture of its Ballardsville natural gas transmission pipeline in Oldham County, Kentucky. Following a formal hearing, the Commission, on March 16, 2018, entered an Order finding that LG&E violated six pipeline safety regulations.

The Commission assessed a civil penalty against LG&E in the amount of \$395,000 pursuant to KRS 278.992. The Commission also ordered LG&E to provide reports on its implementation of an action plan that the utility developed in response to the September 17, 2014 incident. The plan provided for the removal of all remaining mechanical couplings on LG&E's transmission system and restrictions on the use of mechanical couplings on distribution lines. The Commission ordered LG&E to provide the Commission written notification when it had completed removal of all mechanical couplings on its transmission lines and to provide an annual written status report on

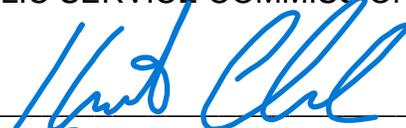
implementation of the action plan. The Commission ordered LG&E to submit annual reports for the years 2018-2022 by January 31 of the following year.

LG&E paid the assessed penalty on April 13, 2018.¹ On January 31, 2019, LG&E notified the Commission that it had completed removal of all remaining mechanical couplings on its transmission. LG&E also submitted annual written status reports on its implementation of the action plan in accordance with the Commission's March 16, 2018 Order. LG&E submitted the last required status report on January 31, 2023. Thus, the Commission finds that LG&E has satisfied the terms of the March 16, 2018 Order and that this matter should be closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this case is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

¹ See Receipt of Payment (filed Apr. 13, 2018), (in which the executive director of the Commission acknowledged receipt of the cashier's check for the penalty on April 13, 2018).

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