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To:

Subject: Case No. 2019-00274 - Protect Bernheim Forest"s Conservation Land

Date: Monday, October 19, 2020 4:50:00 PM

Thank you for your comments on the Louisville Gas and Electric Company case. Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. Please cite the case number in this matter, 2019-00274, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at http://psc.kv.gov/PSC WebNet/ViewCaseFilings.aspx?Case=2019-00274.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Kimberly Huston

Sent: Friday, October 16, 2020 1:58 PM

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Subject: Protect Bernheim Forest's Conservation Land

I am opposed to the construction of the LG&E natural gas pipeline through Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest. Bernheim protects endangered species, provides clean air, water, scenic beauty and brings joy to thousands of visitors each year. The pipeline threatens this pristine and protected conservation land.

The route of the proposed pipeline cuts directly through an area that is home to federally endangered Indiana bats, northern long-eared bats, Kentucky glade cress, bluff vertigo snail, and the recently discovered hidden spring snail. This project will negatively impact cave systems, springs, streams, mature forests, knobs, and rock outcroppings on which these species depend.

As such, LG&E needs to conduct a thorough terrestrial and aquatic biological assessment along the chosen route. LG&E must obtain an individual permit with a full environmental assessment.

I stand with large forests, abundant wildlife, clean streams, clean air, wild places, kids in nature, vibrant rural communities, and Bernheim Forest.

Thank you!

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