

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY)
UTILITIES COMPANY FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF)
ITS ELECTRIC RATES, A CERTIFICATE OF)
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO)
DEPLOY ADVANCED METERING)
INFRASTRUCTURE, APPROVAL OF CERTAIN)
REGULATORY AND ACCOUNTING)
TREATMENTS, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A)
ONE-YEAR SURCREDIT)

CASE NO.
2020-00349

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF LOUISVILLE)
GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR AN)
ADJUSTMENT OF ITS ELECTRIC AND GAS)
RATES, A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC)
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO DEPLOY)
ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE,)
APPROVAL OF CERTAIN REGULATORY AND)
ACCOUNTING TREATMENTS, AND)
ESTABLISHMENT OF A ONE-YEAR SURCREDIT)

CASE NO.
2020-00350

ORDER

This matter arises upon motions to be excused from or to participate virtually in the August 17–18, 2021 hearing in this matter.

On August 11, 2021, Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government (Louisville Metro) and Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) filed a joint motion requesting that they and their counsel be excused from attending the August 17–18, 2021 hearing in this matter. As a basis for the request, Louisville Metro and LFUCG explained that they have not taken a position or filed testimony on the remaining issues to be

decided in this matter, and will not offer testimony or cross-examine any witnesses at the hearing.

On August 12, 2021, Mountain Association, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, Kentucky Solar Energy Society, and Metropolitan House Coalition (collectively, Joint Intervenors) filed a motion requesting that counsel for Joint Intervenors be allowed to participate virtually in the August 17–18, 2021 hearing. As a basis for the motion, Joint Intervenors explained that, due to potential health risks arising from the Delta variant of COVID-19, permitting the counsel to participate in the hearing by videoconference would minimize potential risks to the witnesses and to other participants.

Based upon the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that Louisville Metro and LFUCG’s joint motion should be granted. Both parties were active participants in this case prior to the June 30, 2021 Order, which addressed all issues for which Louisville Metro and LFUCG sponsored data requests. While the Commission typically does not excuse counsel from representing clients at a hearing, the Commission finds that Louisville Metro and LFUCG established good cause to be excused from attending the August 17–18, 2021 hearing given the unique facts presented here.

Based upon the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that Joint Intervenors established good cause to grant their motion in light of COVID-19 related health concerns raised in the motion.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Louisville Metro and LFUCG's joint motion to be excused from the August 17–18, 2021 hearing is granted.
2. Joint Intervenors motion for counsel to participate virtually in the August 17–18, 2021 hearing is granted.
3. Commission Staff shall contact Joint Intervenors with instructions for participating remotely.

By the Commission

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SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:



Executive Director

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