

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

JOINT APPLICATION OF LOUISVILLE)	
GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY AND)	
KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY FOR)	CASE NO. 97-300
APPROVAL OF MERGER)	

O R D E R

On August 6, 1997, the Metro Human Needs Alliance ("Metro"), People Organized and Working for Energy Reform ("POWER"), and Anna Shed filed a motion requesting an extension of time from August 6, 1997 to August 15, 1997 for filing supplemental data requests to the Joint Applicants. The grounds for the motion are that the Joint Applicants' responses to the initial data request of Metro/POWER/Shed are to be filed August 4, 1997, the movants' counsel has been involved in another proceeding before the Commission, and movants' technical expert is unavailable until August 11, 1997.

On August 12, 1997, the Joint Applicants filed a response objecting to the extension but suggesting that if Metro/POWER/Shed delivers copies of its supplemental data request to the Joint Applicants no later than August 12, 1997, the Joint Applicants will use their best efforts to file responses no later than August 14, 1997.

Based on the motion and the response, the Commission finds the proposal by the Joint Applicants to be a reasonable solution considering the procedural time constraints imposed under KRS 278.020(5).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Metro/POWER/Shed shall deliver to the Joint Applicants by August 12, 1997 and file with the Commission by August 13, 1997, any supplemental data request to the Joint Applicants.

2. The Joint Applicants shall use their best efforts to respond to all supplemental data requests from Metro/POWER/Shed no later than August 14, 1997, but in any event shall respond to all supplemental data requests by August 15, 1997.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 13th day of August, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director