COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

| THE JOINT APPLICATION OF THE LOUISVILLE |) | |
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| GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY AND KENTUCKY |) | |
| UTILITIES COMPANY FOR THE REVIEW, |) | CASE NO. |
| MODIFICATION AND CONTINUATION OF DSM |) | 2000-459 |
| PROGRAMS AND COST RECOVERY |) | |
| MECHANISMS |) | |

FIRST DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF TO LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY AND KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E") and Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") are requested, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, to file with the Commission the original and seven copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due on or before January 18, 2001. Each copy of the data requested should be placed in a bound volume with each item tabbed. When a number of sheets are required for an item, each sheet should be appropriately indexed, for example, Item 1(a), Sheet 2 of 6. Include with each response the name of the person who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to the information provided. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. Where information requested herein has been provided, in the format requested herein, reference may be made to the specific location of said information in responding to this information request.

1. Refer to the application, page 18, specifically, the financing option available under the Residential Conservation Program.

- a. Provide a detailed description of the financing option. Include a discussion of LG&E's and KU's involvement with the financing.
- b. Explain how LG&E's and KU's involvement with the financing option will not require Commission approval under KRS 278.300.
- 2. Refer to the application, page 51, specifically, the financing option available under the Commercial Conservation Program.
- a. Provide a detailed description of the financing option. Include a discussion of LG&E's and KU's involvement with the financing.
- b. Explain how LG&E's and KU's involvement with the financing option will not require Commission approvals under KRS 278.300.
- 3. Refer to the handout provided at the December 18, 2000 informal conference, specifically, the page entitled "Benefit/Cost Ratios by Program." This shows that only two of the proposed programs, the residential and commercial load management programs, pass the Ratepayer Impact Measure ("RIM") test with a benefit/cost ratio of 1.0 or greater.
- a. Based on these RIM test results, explain whether ratepayers not participating in these two programs are expected to be affected positively or negatively by the implementation of these programs.
- b. For the proposed programs that do not pass the RIM test (with benefit/cost ratios less than 1.0), explain whether ratepayers not participating in such programs are expected to be affected positively or negatively by their implementation.
- 4. Refer to the handout provided at the December 18, 2000 informal conference, specifically, the page entitled "Expected Impact on 2001 LG&E Gas Rates."

Of the total rate impact shown for rate schedule RGS, provide a breakdown showing the rate impact of each of the proposed programs that will impact gas rates for residential

customers.

5. Refer to the handout provided at the December 18, 2000 informal

conference, specifically, the page entitled "Expected Impact on 2001 KU Electric Rates."

Of the total rate impacts shown for rate schedule RS and FERS, provide a breakdown

showing the rate impact of each of the proposed programs that will impact electric rates

for residential customers.

6. Refer to the program budget shown on page 13 of the Executive Summary

contained in Volume I of the application. For each company, by program, provide the

expected expenditures for each year showing a breakdown of such expenditures into

amounts that will be charged to expense and amounts that will be capitalized on the

books of the company.

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cc: All Parties