

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND)	
ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR AN ORDER)	
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF)	CASE NO. 2006-00445
SECURITIES AND THE ASSUMPTION OF)	
OBLIGATIONS)	

INITIAL DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF
TO LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is requested to file with the Commission the original and 8 copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due within 10 days of the date of this request. 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 herein has been previously provided, in the format requested herein, reference may be made to the specific location of said information in responding to this information request.

1. Will LG&E be in compliance with KRS 278.2213(11) if it discloses to Fidelity the lowest interest rate quoted by another financial institution and then allows Fidelity to match that lowest-quoted interest rate? Explain in detail your response.

2. Assuming that Fidelia purchases LG&E's debt at an interest rate that is equal to the lowest rate available to LG&E from a non-affiliate, explain in detail any advantages to LG&E from issuing debt to Fidelia rather than to a non-affiliate.

3. For each note listed in LG&E's application, Exhibit 7, page 4 of 10, paragraph 6, explain why the interest rate would not have been lower if either: (a) the note had been secured by a first mortgage lien on LG&E's property; or (b) LG&E had issued a bond secured by a first mortgage lien in lieu of the note.

4. Refer to LG&E's application, Exhibit 5.

a. For each line, beginning January 1, 2007 through September 1, 2028, explain the derivation of the figure shown in the column labeled "net periodic (cost) or savings."

b. Explain why the Administrative Savings are only \$38,893 in the row for September 1, 2017.

c. LG&E uses a discount rate of 7 percent. Explain what the discount rate is based on.

5. Does LG&E anticipate issuing any new long-term debt within the next 5 years? If yes, provide an estimate of the total amount of new debt and the difference in the cost over the life of that debt if it is unsecured rather than secured by a first mortgage lien.



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cc: All parties