## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I	ln	th	9	N/	lat	tei	ر ا	f٠

ELECTRONIC JOINT APPLICATION OF	)	
KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY AND	)	
LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY	)	CASE NO.
FOR A SITE COMPATIBILITY CERTIFICATE FOR	)	2023-00361
THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SOLAR FACILITY IN	)	
MERCER COUNTY, KENTUCKY	)	

## ORDER

On November 13, 2023, Kentucky Utilities Company (KU) and Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E) (jointly, LG&E/KU) filed an application for a site compatibility certificate pursuant to KRS 278.216. The Commission established a procedural schedule by Order dated December 5, 2023, which specified that LG&E/KU shall respond to all requests for information propounded by Commission Staff, whether identified on the procedural schedule or otherwise. On April 23, 2024, Commission Staff issued its Second Request for Information (Staff's Second Request) to LG&E/KU with a response due on May 3, 2024. On April 30, 2024, LG&E/KU filed a motion requesting a one-week extension to respond to Staff's Second Request. As a basis for this motion, LG&E/KU stated that while the questions are fair and reasonable, some of the information is time-consuming to obtain and has required LG&E/KU to engage third-party consultants to develop the requested information.<sup>1</sup> LG&E/KU stated that it needs additional time to compile the requested information, confirm its accuracy, and then properly file it with the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> LG&E/KU's Motion for Extension of Time (filed April 30, 2024) at 2.

Commission to ensure that LG&E/KU's responses will be as thorough and accurate as possible.<sup>2</sup> LG&E/KU stated that there are no intervenors or public comments, so a one-week extension to file responses would have no effect on any other party's schedule or on the processing of this case. LG&E/KU cited previous precedent with similar circumstances.<sup>3</sup>

Having considered the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that LG&E/KU has established good cause to extend the due date for its response to Staff's Second Request one week, to May 10, 2024, given the need to develop a robust record upon which the Commission's decision will be based and the preparation, including third-party consultation and data compilation, required of LG&E/KU to respond to the questions. The Commission notes that the continuance will not result in prejudice to any party as there are no intervenors in this matter.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. LG&E/KU's April 30, 2024 motion is granted.
- LG&E/KU's responses to Staff's Second Request shall be filed on or before
   May 10, 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> LG&E/KU's Motion for Extension of Time (filed Apr. 30, 2024) at 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> LG&E/KU's Motion for Extension of Time (filed April 30, 2024) at 3 citing Case No. 2023-00220, *Electronic Application of East Casey County Water District for a Rate Adjustment Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076* (Ky. PSC Oct. 6, 2023).

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

**ENTERED** 

MAY 03 2024

rcs

SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:

Executive Director

\*Honorable Allyson K Sturgeon Managing Senior Counsel - Regulatory & LG&E and KU Energy LLC 220 West Main Street Louisville, KENTUCKY 40202

\*Honorable Kendrick R Riggs Attorney at Law Stoll Keenon Ogden, PLLC 2000 PNC Plaza 500 W Jefferson Street Louisville, KENTUCKY 40202-2828

\*Rick E Lovekamp Manager - Regulatory Affairs LG&E and KU Energy LLC 220 West Main Street Louisville, KENTUCKY 40202

\*Robert Conroy Vice President, State Regulation and Rates LG&E and KU Energy LLC 220 West Main Street Louisville, KENTUCKY 40202

\*Kentucky Utilities Company 220 W. Main Street P. O. Box 32010 Louisville, KY 40232-2010

\*Louisville Gas and Electric Company 220 W. Main Street P. O. Box 32010 Louisville, KY 40232-2010

\*Sara Judd Senior Corporate Attorney LG&E and KU Energy LLC 220 West Main Street Louisville, KENTUCKY 40202