#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

#### In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY	)	
UTILITIES COMPANY FOR AN	)	CASE NO. 2012-00221
ADJUSTMENT OF ITS ELECTRIC	)	
RATES	)	

# KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO ADJUST ELECTRIC RATES

Applicant, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU"), pursuant to KRS Chapter 278 and the applicable sections of 807 KAR Chapter 5, hereby applies to the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") for authority to adjust its electric rates effective August 1, 2012. KU's Notice of Intent to File a Rate Application, required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 10(2) and 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(1), was filed with the Commission on June 1, 2012, and is attached hereto at Tab 10 of the Filing Requirements.

In support of its Application, KU states as follows:

1. The full name and mailing address of KU are: Kentucky Utilities Company, Post Office Box 32010, 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40232. KU is a Kentucky corporation authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The stated effective date for the changes in rates is August 1, 2012, greater than thirty days from the date of filing, pursuant to KRS 278.180 and 807 KAR 5:011. Said effective date is subject to Article I.1.1 of the Settlement Agreement attached to and approved in the September 30, 2010 Order of this Commission in Case No. 2010-00204. Article I.1.1 of the Settlement Agreement expressly permits filing of a base rate case during 2012, but prescribes that no new base rates can take effect before January 1, 2013. KU files its application and provides this notice with the expectation that the Commission will subsequently order the customary five-month suspension of the proposed rates pursuant to KRS 278.190. KU therefore requests that the Commission conduct its review during this suspension period and issue an order permitting new rates to take effect for service rendered on and after January 1, 2013.

2. KU is a utility engaged in the electric business. KU generates and purchases electricity, and distributes and sells electricity at retail in the following counties in Central, Northern, Southeastern and Western Kentucky:

Adair Edmonson Jessamine Ohio Anderson Estill Knox Oldham Ballard Fayette Larue Owen Barren Fleming Laurel Pendleton Franklin Bath Lee Pulaski Fulton Bell Lincoln Robertson Bourbon Gallatin Livingston Rockcastle Boyle Garrard Lyon Rowan Bracken Grant Madison Russell Bullitt Marion Scott Grayson Caldwell Green Mason Shelby Campbell Hardin Spencer McCracken Carlisle Harlan **Taylor** McCreary Carroll Trimble Harrison McLean Casev Hart Mercer Union Christian Washington Henderson Montgomery Clark Henry Muhlenberg Webster Hickman Nelson Whitley Clay Crittenden **Hopkins Nicholas** Woodford **Daviess** 

- 3. A certified copy of KU's Articles of Incorporation is on file with the Commission in Case No. 2010-00204, *In the Matter of: The Joint Application of PPL Corporation, E.ON AG, E.ON U.S. LLC, Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company for Approval of an Acquisition of Ownership and Control of Utilities, filed on May 28, 2010, and is incorporated by reference herein pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8(3).*
- 4. This Application constitutes notice to the Commission pursuant to KRS 278.180(1) of the changes proposed to be made to KU's electric rates. KU's Statutory Notice is attached to this Application. KU is filing its Certificate of Notice to the public of

the changes in its tariffs that result in increased rates, which Certificate is attached hereto at Tab 9 of the Filing Requirements.

5. Copies of all orders, pleadings and other communications related to this proceeding should be directed to:

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#### **Adjustment of Electric Rates**

- 6. KU requests Commission approval of a change in existing rates and tariffs for electric service. KU proposes to change its existing rates and tariffs to those rates and charges set forth in the proposed tariff attached hereto at Tab 7 of the Filing Requirements. A comparison of the present and proposed rates and charges is attached hereto at Tab 8 of the Filing Requirements. KU does not currently have any special contracts for retail electric service. The proposed adjustments in electric rates will result in an increase in operating revenues of approximately \$82.4 million or 6.5% per year based on adjusted consumption during the 12 months ended March 31, 2012.
- 7. The monthly residential electric bill increase due to the proposed electric base rates will be 8.03%, or approximately \$7.41, for a customer using 1,178 kWh of electricity (the average monthly consumption of a KU residential customer).

## **Support for Change in Existing Rates and Tariffs**

- 8. KU supports its request for a change in its existing rates and tariffs for electric service with the verified testimony and exhibits of the following persons:
  - Victor A. Staffieri, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President
  - Paul W. Thompson, Senior Vice President Energy Services
  - Chris Hermann, Senior Vice President Energy Delivery
  - Kent W. Blake, Chief Financial Officer

- Valerie L. Scott, Controller
- Shannon L. Charnas, Director Utility Accounting and Reporting
- John J. Spanos, Senior Vice President, Gannett Fleming, Inc.
- Daniel K. Arbough, Treasurer
- William E. Avera, President, FINCAP, Inc.
- Lonnie E. Bellar, Vice President State Regulation and Rates
- Robert M. Conroy, Director Rates
- 9. KU further supports its request for a change in its existing rates and tariffs for electric service with the following exhibits complying with the requirements of 807 KAR 5:001, Section 10:

Tab	Filing Requirement	Description
1	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(1)(a)1	Reason for Rate Adjustment
2	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(1)(a)2	Most Recent Annual Reports
3	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(1)(a)3	Articles of Incorporation
4	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(1)(a)4	Limited Partnership Agreement
5	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(1)(a)5	Certificate of Good Standing
6	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(1)(a)6	Certificate of Assumed Name
7	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(1)(a)7	Proposed Tariff
8	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(1)(a)8	Proposed Tariff Changes
9	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(1)(a)9	Statement about Customer Notice
10	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(2)	Notice of Intent
11	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(3)	Customer Notice Information
12	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(4)(a)	Sewer Utility Notices
13	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(4)(b)	Typewritten Notices by Mail
14	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(4)(c)	Other Customer Notices
15	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(4)(d)	Publisher's Affidavit
16	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(4)(e)	Verification - Mailed Notices
<b>17</b>	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(4)(f)	Sample Notices Posted
18	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(4)(g)	Comply w/ 807 KAR 5:051, Section 2
19	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(5)	Hearing Notice Published
20	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(6)(a)	Describe and Explain Adjustments

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21	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(6)(b)	Testimony (Revenues > \$1.0 mm)
22	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(6)(c)	Testimony (Revenues < \$1.0 mm)
23	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(6)(d)	New Rates Effect - Overall Revenues
24	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(6)(e)	Average Customer Class Bill Impact
25	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(6)(f)	Local Telephone Exchange Companies
26	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(6)(g)	Analysis of Customer Bills
<b>27</b>	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(6)(h)	Revenue Requirements Determination
28	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(6)(i)	Reconcile Rate Base & Capitalization
29	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(6)(j)	Current Chart of Accounts
30	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(6)(k)	Annual Auditor's Opinion(s)
31	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(6)(1)	FERC Audit Reports
32	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(6)(m)	FERC Form 1s
33	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(6)(n)	Depreciation Study
34	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(6)(o)	Computer Software, Hardware, etc.
35	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(6)(p)	Stock or Bond Prospectuses
36	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(6)(q)	Annual Reports to Shareholders
<b>37</b>	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(6)(r)	Monthly Management Reports
38	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(6)(s)	SEC Reports (10Ks, 10Qs, and 8Ks)
39	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(6)(t)	Affiliate, et. al., Allocations/Charges
40	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(6)(u)	Cost-of-Service Study
41	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(6)(v)	Local Telephone Exchange Companies
42	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(7)(a)	Financial Statements w/ Adjustments
43	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(7)(b)	Capital Construction Budget
44	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(7)(c)	Pro Forma Adjustments - Plant
45	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(7)(d)	Pro Forma Adjustments - Operating
<b>46</b>	807 KAR 5:001 Section 10(7)(e)	Period-End Customer Additions, etc.

- 10. The Application for a general adjustment of electric rates is supported by a twelve month historical test year in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 10(1)(a) with the test period ending March 31, 2012. KU's financial exhibit, prescribed in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 6, is attached hereto as the "Financial Exhibit."
- 11. The testimony and exhibits to the application demonstrate the rates, terms and conditions proposed for electric service are fair, just, and reasonable under KRS 278.030.

WHEREFORE, Kentucky Utilities Company respectfully requests the Kentucky Public Service Commission, consistent with Article I.1.1 of the Settlement Agreement attached to and incorporated into the Commission's Order in Case No. 2010-00204, to enter an order:

- 1. Approving the revised tariff sheets for gas and electric service at Tab 7 of the Filing Requirements, as applicable: (a) for service rendered on and after January 1, 2013; and (b) for purposes of KU's fuel adjustment clause and environmental surcharge, beginning with the January 2013 expense month for billings in March 2013; and
- 2. Granting all other relief to which Kentucky Utilities Company may be entitled.

Dated: June 29, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

In accordance with Ordering Paragraph No. 10 of the Commission's June 22, 2012 Order, this is to certify that Kentucky Utilities Company's June 29, 2012 electronic filing is a true and accurate copy of the documents being filed in paper medium; that the electronic filing has been transmitted to the Commission on June 29, 2012; that there are currently no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding; that an original and one copy of the filing is being hand-delivered to the Commission on June 29, 2012; and that, on June 29, 2012, electronic mail notification of the electronic filing will be provided to the following:

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