# **COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**

## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of:

AN EXAMINATION BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE	)
COMMISSION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL	)
SURCHARGE MECHANISM OF KENTUCKY	) CASE NO.
UTILITIES COMPANY FOR THE TWO-YEAR	) 2013-00242
<b>BILLING PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 2013</b>	)

## RESPONSE OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY TO COMMISSION STAFF'S QUESTIONS RAISED AT THE AUGUST 30, 2013 TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

FILED: September 6, 2013

### VERIFICATION

## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY ) ) SS: COUNTY OF JEFFERSON )

The undersigned, **Robert M. Conroy**, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Director - Rates for LG&E and KU Services Company, and that he has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the responses for which he is identified as the witness, and the answers contained therein are true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge and belief.

Robert M. Conroy

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires:

## KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

## Response to Commission Staff's Questions Raised at the August 30, 2013 Technical Conference

### Case No. 2013-00242

### **Question No. 1**

### Witness: Robert M. Conroy

- Q-1. Please refer to pages 3 through 5 of the attachment to the response to Question No. 1 of the Commission Staff's First Request for Information in Appendix B of the Commission's Order Dated July 12, 2013. Provide the support for the calculation of the Jurisdictional Rate Base Percentage contained in Column 7.
- A-1. Please see the attached. The calculation of the Jurisdictional Rate Base Percentage is performed annually at the beginning of the year based on the prior year ending rate base statements.

### KENTUCKY UTILITIES

### Net Original Cost Kentucky Jurisdictional Rate Base <u>At December 31, 2012</u>

Title of Account (1)	Kentucky Jurisdictional Rate Base (2)	Other Jurisdictional Rate Base (3)	Total Company Rate Base (4)	
1. Utility Plant at Original Cost	\$ 6,304,348,250	\$ 927,423,745	\$ 7,231,771,995	
2. Deduct:				
3. Reserve for Depreciation	2,180,909,018	338,691,354	2,519,600,372	
4. Net Utility Plant	4,123,439,232	588,732,391	4,712,171,623	
5. Deduct:				
6. Customer Advances for Construction	2,985,264	-	2,985,264	
7. Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes	518,781,088	72,204,312	590,985,400	
8. Asset Retirement Obligation-Net Assets	50,579,607	7,761,059	58,340,666	
9. Asset Retirement Obligation-Regulatory Liabilities	3,232,477	495,999	3,728,476	
10. Investment Tax Credit (a)	84,680,119	13,927,538	98,607,657	
11. Total Deductions	660,258,555	94,388,908	754,647,463	
12. Net Plant Deductions	3,463,180,677	494,343,483	3,957,524,160	
13. Add:				
14. Materials and Supplies (b)	118,682,151	17,586,930	136,269,081	
15. Prepayments (b)(c)	6,597,893	393,127	6,991,020	
16. Emission Allowances (b)	334,579	51,339	385,918	
17. Cash Working Capital (page 2)	96,595,258	7,811,814	104,407,072	
18. Total Additions	222,209,881	25,843,210	248,053,091	
19. Total Net Original Cost Rate Base	\$ 3,685,390,558	\$ 520,186,693	\$ 4,205,577,251	
20. Percentage of Rate Base to Total Company Rate Base	87.63%	12.37%	100.00%	
21. Net Operating Income	\$ 196,756,904	\$ 24,378,278	\$ 221,135,182	
22. Net Operating Income / Net Original Cost Rate Base	5.34%	4.69%	5.26%	

(a) Reflects investment tax credit treatment per Case No. 2007-00178.

(b) Average for 13 months.

(c) Excludes PSC fees.

### KENTUCKY UTILITIES

#### Calculation of Cash Working Capital <u>At December 31, 2012</u>

Title of Account (1)	Kentucky Jurisdictional Rate Base (2)		Other Jurisdictional Rate Base (3)		Total Company Rate Base (4)	
1. Operating and maintenance expense for the						
12 months ended December 31, 2012	\$	864,409,370	\$	119,186,399	\$	983,595,769
2. Deduct:						
3. Electric Power Purchased		91,647,309		13,399,586		105,046,895
4. Total Deductions	\$	91,647,309	\$	13,399,586	\$	105,046,895
5. Remainder (Line 1 - Line 4)	\$	772,762,061	\$	105,786,813	\$	878,548,874
6. Cash Working Capital	\$	96,595,258	\$	7,811,814	\$	104,407,072

Kentucky Jurisdictional (12 1/2% of Line 5) Other Jurisdictional comprised of FERC, Tennessee, and Virginia Jurisdictional methodologies.