

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES)
COMPANY FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF ITS) CASE NO. 2016-00370
ELECTRIC RATES AND FOR CERTIFICATES)
OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY)

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND)
ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR AN) CASE NO. 2016-00371
ADJUSTMENT OF ITS ELECTRIC AND GAS)
RATES AND FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC)
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY)

JOINT MOTION OF
KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY AND
LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
FOR AN INFORMAL CONFERENCE

Kentucky Utilities Company (“KU”) and Louisville Gas and Electric Company (“LG&E”) (collectively, the “Companies”) respectfully move the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“Commission”) to schedule an informal conference in these proceedings on or before March 31, 2016 for the purpose of discussing with Commission Staff and Commissioners and all parties to the cases the procedures for conducting settlement discussions and the Commission’s review of any resulting settlement agreements or stipulations.

On January 27, 2017, at the Kentucky Chamber Energy Management Conference during the panel discussion titled “*Inside the Public Service Commission*” the Commissioners expressed to the audience their concerns with the settlement process and reviewing black-box types of settlement agreements. The Companies desire to understand those concerns more clearly and

discuss what if any procedures can be undertaken to more fully address the Commission's concerns.

The purpose of the requested informal conference is not to engage in any substantive discussion of or possible compromise on the issues in these cases. The Companies are in the process of preparing their rebuttal testimony due April 14, 2017.¹ The Companies may request the Commission to schedule a separate informal conference for a date after their rebuttal testimony is filed for the purpose of discussing the substantive issues and possible compromise and settlement with the parties to the cases and Commission Staff.

The Companies are willing to provide a conference call dial-in number for parties wishing to participate by telephone.

WHEREFORE, KU and LG&E respectfully ask the Commission to schedule an informal conference in these proceedings for the purpose of discussing procedures for settlement discussions and the review of any settlement or stipulation resulting from such discussions on or before March 31, 2016.

Dated: March 8, 2017

Respectfully submitted,



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¹ On March 6, 2017, testimony by 34 different witnesses was filed by the intervening parties in these cases.

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

This is to certify that Kentucky Utilities Company's and Louisville Gas and Electric Company's March 8, 2017 electronic filing of the Joint Motion for Informal Conference is a true and accurate copy of the same document being filed in paper medium; that the electronic filing has been transmitted to the Commission on March 8, 2017; that there are currently no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding; and that an original and six copies of the Joint Motion are being mailed by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the Commission on March 8, 2017.



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