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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Gwen R. Pinson Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601

RE: <u>Electronic Joint Application of Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky</u>
<u>Utilities Company for Review, Modification, and Continuation of Certain Existing</u>
<u>Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Programs</u>
Case No. 2017-00441

Dear Ms. Pinson:

Kentucky Utilities Company and Louisville Gas and Electric Company (collectively the "Companies") do not object to the proposal of Metropolitan Housing Coalition ("MHC") to amend the existing procedural schedule to add a single round of data requests directed to the Companies concerning only the Companies' rebuttal testimony, which would be followed by simultaneous briefs and simultaneous response briefs, all in lieu of holding an evidentiary hearing in this proceeding. The Companies believe this approach would afford the Commission Staff and intervenors the ability to inquire of the Companies concerning their rebuttal testimony and would allow the Companies and intervenors to make arguments to the Commission without incurring the cost and administrative burden of a hearing.

Obtaining the efficiencies of MHC's requested approach depends upon not holding a hearing. If the Commission determines to hold a hearing in this proceeding, the Companies respectfully request that the Commission deny MHC's request for additional discovery.

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In accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, this is to certify that this electronically filed letter is a true and accurate copy of the same document being filed in paper medium on April 30, 2018; that the electronic filing has been transmitted to the Commission on April 30, 2018; 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 this letter, in paper medium, are being mailed by first class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the Commission on April 30, 2018.

Sincerely,

W. Duncan Crosby III

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