### **COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**

### **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2020 COMPLIANCE PLAN FOR RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE

CASE NO. 2020-00061

#### **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETED NOTICE**

To: The Public Service Commission, Frankfort, Kentucky

I hereby certify that I am Robert M. Conroy, Vice President, State Regulation and Rates for Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E" or "the Company"), a utility furnishing retail electric service within the Commonwealth of Kentucky which, on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 2020, filed an application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") requesting the Commission approve the Company's Environmental Compliance Plan for purposes of recovering the costs necessary to comply with the United States Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") 2015 Effluent Limitations Guidelines ("ELG") Rule and the proposed revisions to the 2015 ELG Rule ("2020 ECR Plan") through its Environmental Cost Recovery ("ECR") Surcharge tariff and requesting the Commission approve the Company's revised ECR Surcharge tariff.

Notice to the public of the filing of the application has been completed in substantial compliance with Section 8 of 807 KAR 5:011 as follows:

That more than twenty (20) customers will be affected by said change by way of an increase in their bills, and that on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, there was delivered to the Kentucky Press Service, Inc. ("Kentucky Press"), an agency that acts on behalf of newspapers of general circulation throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky in which customers affected reside, for publication in such newspapers once a week for three consecutive weeks beginning on March 24, 2020, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(2)(b)(3), a notice of the filing of LG&E's application in this case. Publication of this notice is now complete. Affidavits from Kentucky Press confirming this publication and a copy of said notice are attached as Exhibit A. Kentucky Press has presented to LG&E proof of this publication of notice in the form of "tear sheets," which LG&E will maintain in its files.

Due to the novel COVID-19 and Governor Beshear's Executive Order closing all non-life sustaining retail businesses,<sup>1</sup> LG&E's office at 820 West Broadway Street, Louisville, KY 40202 has been closed to foot traffic since March 23, 2020. Paper copies of the notice have been delivered to LG&E's office for inspection by the public once the office lobby is permitted to reopen. In the meantime, a copy of the notice will be provided to a customer upon request. Upon the reopening of the office to foot traffic, the notice will be kept open to public inspection in conformity with the requirements of 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8.

I further certify that LG&E included a general statement explaining the application in this case beginning with the bills issued after March 31, 2020 for all Kentucky retail customers during the course of their regular monthly billing cycle. An accurate copy of this general statement is marked as Exhibit B and attached hereto.

I further certify that, as an additional means of giving notice, LG&E has posted on its Internet website a copy of the newspaper notice, a complete copy of the application and supporting testimony, and a hyperlink to the location on the Commission's website where the case documents and tariff filings are available.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Executive Order No. 2020-246, State of Emergency, issued Mar. 22, 2020, by Gov. Andy Beshear.

Given under my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

Robert M. Conroy Vice President, State Regulation and Rates LG&E and KU Services Company 220 West Main Street Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said County and State,

this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

lythole (SEAL) Notary Public

Notary Public/ Notary/Commission Number: 603967

My Commission Expires:

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# Exhibit A

Affidavit Attesting to Publication of Notice to Customers

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## NOTARIZED PROOF OF PUBLICATION

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Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said county and state, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of pril, 2020, came blacker M=CANty

personally known to me, who, being duly sworn, states as follows: that she is the Advertising Assistant of the Kentucky Press Service, Inc.; that she has personal knowledge of the contents of this Affidavit; that the newspapers shown on Attachment No. 1 to this Affidavit published the Public Notice Case No. 2020-00061, on the dates shown thereon at the request of Kentucky Press Service, Inc. for Louisville Gas and Electric Company; that the form and content of the Notice submitted for publication to each paper is shown in Attachment No. 2 to this Affidavit; and that the Kentucky Press Service, Inc. has presented to Louisville Gas and Electric Company proof of these publications in the form of "tear sheets" for retention in its files.

A. Howard

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Notary Public My Commission Expires:\_

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Frankfort, KY 40601 FAX (502) 875-2624 **Rachel McCarty Advertising Dept.** 

List of newspapers running the Notice to Louisville Gas and Electric Company. Attached tearsheets provide proof of publication:

Bedford Trimble Banner 3-26, 4-2, 4-9 Brandenburg Meade Co. Messenger 3-26, 4-2, 4-9 Elizabethtown News Enterprise 3-25, 4-1, 4-8 Lagrange Oldham Era 3-26, 4-2, 4-9 Louisville Courier Journal 3-25, 4-1, 4-8 New Castle Henry Co Local 3-25, 4-1, 4-8 Shelbyville Sentinel News 3-25, 4-1, 4-8 Shepherdsville Pioneer News 3-25, 4-1, 4-8 Taylorsville Spencer Magnet 3-25, 4-1, 4-8

# Attachment 2

# NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

# RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S 2020 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that in a March 31, 2020 Application, Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E") is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") in Case No. 2020-00061, pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278.183 of an amended compliance plan ("2020 Plan"). Once approved, LG&E will begin recovering capital costs associated with new pollution control facilities in the 2020 Plan under LG&E's existing Electric Rate Schedule ECR (also known as the Environmental Surcharge tariff) through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers' bills beginning in late October 2020.

Federal, state, and local environmental regulations require LG&E to operate facilities that produce energy from burning coal in an environmentally compliant manner. To do so, LG&E is seeking Commission approval to construct certain water treatment systems at the Mill Creek and Trimble County generating stations and to install a wastewater diffuser in the Ohio River at the Mill Creek generating station. Each construction project is a component of the 2020 Plan.

LG&E is seeking an order approving the 2020 Plan to recover the costs of these new pollution control facilities through its Environmental Surcharge tariff. These projects are required for LG&E to comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2015 Effluent Limitations Guidelines Rule as amended. The estimated total capital cost of these new pollution control facilities is \$152.8 million. Additionally, LG&E is requesting recovery of operation and maintenance expenses associated with certain projects in the 2020 Plan.

Beginning in late October 2020, the initial bill impact for LG&E's Group 1 electric customers is estimated to be a 0.05% increase with a maximum increase of 1.90% in 2025. Group 1 includes Rate Schedules Residential Service (RS), Residential Time-of-Day Energy Service (RTODE), Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service (RTODD), Volunteer Fire Department Service (VFD), and all Lighting Rates (i.e., LS, RLS, LE, and TE).

RS, RTOD, and VFD customers using 917 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.05 up to \$1.91. LS and RLS customers could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$0.42. LE customers using 1,942 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.07 up to \$2.63. TE customers using 284 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$0.53.

Beginning in late October 2020, the initial bill impact for LG&E's Group 2 electric customers is estimated to be a 0.07% increase with a maximum increase of 2.56% in 2025. Group 2 includes Rate Schedules General Service (GS), Power Service (PS), Time-of-Day

Secondary Service (TODS), Time-of-Day Primary Service (TODP), Retail Transmission Service (RTS), Fluctuating Load Service (FLS), and pilot program Outdoor Sports Lighting Service (OSL).

GS customers using 2,322 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.16 up to \$5.87. PS-Secondary customers using 50,066 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$2.67 up to \$96.05. PS-Primary customers using 140,975 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$6.48 up \$232.70. TODS customers using 227,989 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$8.81 up to \$316.39. TODP customers using 1,326,570 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$42.92 up to \$1,541.35. RTS customers using 6,770,655 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$181.03 up to \$6,501.58. OSL-Secondary customers using 2,000 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.49 up to \$17.42.

The Application described in this Notice is proposed by LG&E. However, the Commission may issue an order modifying or denying LG&E's Application. Such action may result in an environmental surcharge for customers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

Comments regarding LG&E's 2020 Plan and Application may be submitted to the Commission through its Web site or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Any corporation, association, body politic or person may, by motion within thirty (30) days after publication, request leave to intervene in Case No. 2020-00061. That motion shall be submitted to the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Blvd., Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, and shall set forth the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. Intervention may be granted beyond the thirty (30) day period for good cause shown; however, if the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication, the Commission may take final action on the Application. Any person who has been granted intervention may obtain copies of the Application and testimony by contacting Louisville Gas and Electric Company at 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, Attention: State Regulation and Rates.

A copy of the Application and testimony is available for public inspection on LG&E's website (http://www.lge-ku.com), on the Commission's website (http://www.psc.ky.gov), and in paper medium, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the office of Louisville Gas and Electric Company, 820 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky or the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, after March 31, 2020.

# Exhibit B

Copy of the General Statement Included In Customers' Bills During the Course Of Their Regular Monthly Billing Cycle Beginning On or About March 31, 2020

# **Dear LG&E Customer:**

To comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2015 Effluent Limitations Guidelines Rule as amended, LG&E is seeking Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") approval to invest in additional pollution control facilities. Following Commission approval, the actual costs associated with the pollution control facilities would be passed on to retail electric customers through the existing Environmental Surcharge billing factor. LG&E estimates that the initial bill impact during 2020 would be an increase in the environmental surcharge of \$0.05 per month for a residential electric customer using 917 kWh/month. The announcement below is included to comply with Commission regulations regarding notice of tariff changes to customers. If approved as filed, the change in the Environmental Surcharge billing factor would be included on customer bills beginning in late October 2020.

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