

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF)	
KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY FOR AN)	
ADJUSTMENT OF ITS ELECTRIC RATES, A)	CASE NO. 2020-00349
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE)	
AND NECESSITY TO DEPLOY ADVANCED)	
METERING INFRASTRUCTURE,)	
APPROVAL OF CERTAIN REGULATORY)	
AND ACCOUNTING TREATMENTS, AND)	
ESTABLISHMENT OF A ONE-YEAR)	
SURCREDIT)	

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF)	
LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC)	
COMPANY FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF ITS)	CASE NO. 2020-00350
ELECTRIC AND GAS RATES, A)	
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE)	
AND NECESSITY TO DEPLOY ADVANCED)	
METERING INFRASTRUCTURE,)	
APPROVAL OF CERTAIN REGULATORY)	
AND ACCOUNTING TREATMENTS, AND)	
ESTABLISHMENT OF A ONE-YEAR)	
SURCREDIT)	

JOINT PETITION OF
LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
AND KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY
FOR CONFIDENTIAL PROTECTION

Louisville Gas and Electric Company (“LG&E”) and Kentucky Utilities Company (“KU”) (collectively “Companies”) petition the Public Service Commission of Kentucky (“Commission”) pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001 Section 13 to grant confidential protection for fuel price projections the Companies are providing in Appendix A to Exhibit 2 of their 2022 RTO

Membership Analysis (the “Confidential Information”). In support of this Joint Petition, the Companies state as follows:

1. Under the Kentucky Open Records Act, the Commission is entitled to withhold from public disclosure commercially sensitive information to the extent that open disclosure would permit an unfair commercial advantage to competitors of the entity disclosing the information to the Commission. See KRS 61.878(1)(c). Public disclosure of the information identified herein would, in fact, prompt such a result for the reasons set forth below.

The Confidential Information consists of projected fuel costs that were developed internally by the Companies’ personnel, is not on file with any public agency, is not available from any commercial or other source outside the Companies, and is distributed within the Companies only to those employees who must have access for business reasons. The Companies provided the Confidential Information to the consultant (Guidehouse, Inc.) they retained to assist with energy and capacity modeling efforts in the Companies’ 2022 RTO Membership Analysis. Other than disclosure to Guidehouse and the Companies’ counsel, the Confidential Information has not been disclosed to any other party. If the Commission grants public access to this information, LG&E and KU could be disadvantaged in negotiating fuel contracts in the future. The Companies could also be disadvantaged in the wholesale energy market because fuel costs are important components of energy pricing. All such commercial harms would ultimately harm LG&E’s and KU’s customers, who would have to pay higher rates if the disclosed information resulted in higher fuel prices or adversely affected the Companies’ off-system energy sales.

2. The information for which the Companies are seeking confidential treatment is not known outside of LG&E and KU, their consultant Guidehouse, and the Companies’ counsel, is not disseminated within LG&E and KU except to those employees with a legitimate business

need to know and act upon the information, and is generally recognized as confidential and proprietary information in the energy industry.

3. The Commission has consistently given confidential treatment to similar information in previous cases.¹

4. If the Commission disagrees with this request for confidential protection, it must hold an evidentiary hearing (a) to protect the Companies' due process rights and (b) to supply the Commission with a complete record to enable it to reach a decision with regard to this matter.²

5. The Companies are filing with the Commission one electronic copy that identifies with redactions the information for which confidential protection is sought. Pursuant to the Commission's March 24, 2020 Order in Case No. 2020-00085, the Companies will upload an unredacted copy noting the confidential information with highlighting to an encrypted file-share site for the Commission's retrieval.

6. LG&E and KU request that the information be kept confidential for at least five years from the date of this filing as that is the amount of time necessary before the confidential information becomes dated to the point that the need for protection no longer exists.

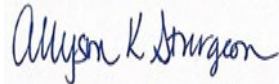
¹ See, e.g., Case Nos. 2020-00349 and 2020-00350, Order (PSC Ky. Dec. 7, 2021) (granting confidential protection for fuel prices and variable O&M data); *Electronic 2018 Joint Integrated Resource Plan of Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company*, Case No. 2018-00348, Order (Ky. PSC Nov. 16, 2018). See also *2014 Joint Integrated Resource Plan of Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company*, Case No. 2014-00131, Joint Petition of Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company for Confidential Protection (Ky. PSC April 21, 2014) (requesting confidential protection for similar information; petition not ruled upon); the Commission's letter to the Companies dated October 10, 2011, concerning the Companies' 2011 IRP case (Case No. 2011-00140); the Commission's letter to the Companies dated May 1, 2008, concerning the Companies' 2008 IRP case (Case No. 2008-00148); the Commission's letter to the Companies dated April 28, 2005, concerning the Companies' 2005 IRP case (Case No. 2005-00162); the Commission's letter to the Companies dated October 24, 2002, concerning the Companies' 2002 IRP case (Case No. 2002-00367); and the Commission's letter to the Companies dated March 6, 2000, concerning the Companies' 1999 IRP case (Case No. 99-430).

² *Utility Regulatory Commission v. Kentucky Water Service Company, Inc.*, 642 S.W.2d 591, 592-94 (Ky. App. 1982).

WHEREFORE, Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company respectfully request that the Commission grant confidential protection for all of the information described herein.

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Respectfully submitted,




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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

In accordance with the Commission's Order of July 22, 2021 in Case No. 2020-00085 (Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19), this is to certify that the electronic filing has been transmitted to the Commission on November 14, 2022, and that there are currently no parties in this proceeding that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means.



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