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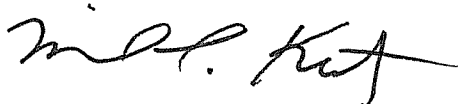
Re: Case No. 2006-00172

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

Please find enclosed the original and twelve (12) copies of the Petition to Intervene of the Kroger Co. in the above-referenced matter. By copy of this letter, all parties listed on the Certificate of Service have been served.

Please place this document of file.

Very Truly Yours,



Michael L. Kurtz, Esq.
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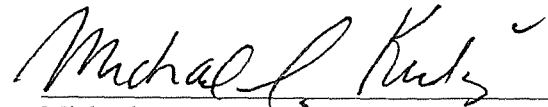
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served by mailing a true and correct copy, by first-class postage prepaid mail, unless otherwise noted, to all parties on the 31st day of May, 2006.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In The Matter Of Notice of ULH&P Company dba Duke Energy :
Kentucky's Intent to File A General Electric Rate Case : Case No.2006-00172

PETITION TO INTERVENE OF
THE KROGER CO.

Pursuant to K.R.S. §278.310 and 807 KAR 5:001 Section 3(8), The Kroger Co. ("Kroger") requests that it be granted full intervenor status in the above-captioned proceeding and states in support thereof as follows:

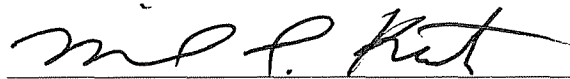
1. Kroger is one of the 20 largest electric customers of Union Light Heat & Power Company dba Duke Energy Kentucky ("Duke"). Kroger operates approximately 11 grocery stores and one computer center in the service territory of Duke, has an aggregate load of approximately 6-7 MW, and operates at a 70-75% load factor.
2. The matters being decided by the Commission in this case may have a significant impact on the rates paid by Kroger for electricity. Electricity represents a significant cost of doing business for Kroger. The attorneys for Kroger authorized to represent them in this proceeding and to take service of all documents are:

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3. The position of Kroger cannot be adequately represented by any existing party. Kroger intends to play a constructive role in the Commission's decision making process herein and Kroger's participation will not unduly prejudice any party.

WHEREFORE, Kroger requests that it be granted full intervenor status in the above captioned proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



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