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Doug, Lonnie,

I know we're still waiting to hear if we are going to file this, but I went ahead and drafted a release in the event this occurs. I would appreciate any feedback on the release and please keep me posted as developments occur.

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**LG&E, KU File to Add Renewable Energy to Portfolio,
Wind Energy to Come from Northern Illinois**

LOUISVILLE, Ky., -- If the winds of change are favorable, customers' of Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company may receive part of their energy from wind energy in the near future.

In filings today with the Kentucky Public Service Commission the state's two largest utilities requested that they be allowed to incorporate clean renewable energy into their portfolio of energy sources.

"If we are going to have an impact on the environment for the future, we must act now," said Victor A. Staffieri, Chairman, CEO and President of E.ON U.S., the utilities' parent company. "State and federal plans are pushing for cleaner energy standards, but in Kentucky, we are limited to serving the lowest cost energy, which, in Kentucky, is coal. Today, we are requesting that we be able to adjust that mindset and realize that even though coal may be the cheapest fuel source, over time, it may be more expensive."

The two utilities issued an RFP for renewable energy in 2007 and narrowed the field of applicants to less than five viable proposals before reaching an agreement with Grand Ridge LLP, a counterparty of Invenergy LLP.

According to the agreement, Grand Ridge will provide 99 megawatts of wind energy for 20 years.

"Already, we have invested in clean coal research, carbon sequestration studies and improved energy efficiency programs," Staffieri said. "Today's request is an additional tool to help us address climate change and be better prepared for the new environmental regulations that are sure to come."



E.ON U.S., headquartered in Louisville, Ky., is a subsidiary of E.ON A.G., the world's largest investor-owned energy services provider. E.ON U.S. is a diversified energy services company that owns and operates Louisville Gas and Electric Company, a regulated utility that serves 326,000 natural gas and 401,000 electric customers in Louisville and 16 surrounding counties, and Kentucky Utilities Company, a regulated electric utility in Lexington, Ky., that serves 536,000 customers in 77 Kentucky counties and five counties in Virginia.

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