## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:		RECLIVE
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THE JOINT APPLICATION OF	)	PUBLIC SERVICE
PPL CORPORATION, E.ON AG,	)	COMMISSION
E.ON US INVESTMENTS CORP.,	)	Commo
E.ON U.S. LLC, LOUISVILLE GAS AND	)	CASE NO. 2010-00204
ELECTRIC COMPANY AND KENTUCKY	)	
UTILITIES COMPANY FOR APPROVAL	)	
OF AN ACQUISITION OF OWNERSHIP	)	
AND CONTROL OF UTILITIES	)	

## SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION FOR CONFIDENTIAL PROTECTION

PPL Corporation ("PPL"), E.ON AG, E.ON US Investments Corp., E.ON U.S. LLC ("E.ON U.S."), Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E") and Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") (collectively "Joint Applicants"), by counsel, petition the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001 Section 7 to grant confidential protection to certain information relating to the Joint Applicants' supplemental responses to the initial data requests of the Commission and the intervenors.

In support of this petition, Applicants state as follows:

- 1. On May 28, 2010, the Joint Applicants filed an application with the Commission pursuant to KRS 278.020(5) and (6).
- 2. On June 23, 2010, the Joint Applicants received initial data requests from the Commission and the intervenors.
- 3. On July 6, 2010, the Joint Applicants filed their responses to those initial data requests, and petitioned the Commission to grant confidential treatment to certain information included in those initial responses and in certain materials attached thereto.

- 4. On July 9, 2010, the Joint Applicants will file supplemental responses to those initial data requests. Certain attachments provided along with the Joint Applicants' supplemental responses will contain confidential commercial and proprietary information. In order to receive confidential treatment for the information contained in those attachments, the Joint Applicants are filing with the Commission a Supplemental Petition for Confidential Protection.
- 5. This information is not publicly disseminated, and public disclosure of the information would harm the Joint Applicants. In the event that the Commission does not approve the transaction, or in the event that the transaction otherwise does not close, E.ON AG and E.ON U.S. would suffer harm if this information were made public and therefore accessible to other potential purchasers, as it would lessen competition in a subsequent bidding process and allow other potential purchasers to bid down the price of E.ON U.S. Further, PPL, as a publicly traded company, would suffer harm if this non-public, confidential and proprietary commercial information were made public. Therefore, all parties to the proposed acquisition would suffer harm if this information were made public. The Commonwealth of Kentucky may also suffer harm if this information is made public and the transaction fails to close, as competition in any subsequent bidding process would be lessened.
- 6. Under KRS 61.878(1)(c), commercial information, generally recognized as confidential, is protected if disclosure would cause competitive injury and permit competitors an unfair commercial advantage. Public disclosure of this information may cause competitive injury to each of the Joint Applicants and cause a lessening of competition in a subsequent bidding process in the event the Commission denies the Joint Application or the proposed acquisition otherwise fails to close. Public disclosure of this information would also harm PPL and its shareholders.

- 7. The attachments to the Joint Applicants' supplemental data responses which contain confidential information are:
  - (a) Joint Applicants' Response to First Data Request of Commission Staff No. 2. This request asks for "all PPL presentations made to investment bankers, rating agencies and others relating to the proposed acquisition . . . along with any reports, opinions or analyses from such entities regarding the proposed acquisition." Some of the materials provided in response to this request contain earnings projections that have not been publicly disclosed and therefore are highly confidential market-sensitive information, the public disclosure of which would cause the Joint Applicants harm.
  - (b) Joint Applicants' Response to Attorney General's Initial Request for Information No. 22. This request asks for "a copy of any all due diligence report(s) conducted." The reports that reflect the due diligence studies conducted for purposes of the proposed acquisition contain confidential and proprietary commercial information as well as information protected by the attorney-client privilege and work-product doctrine. The public disclosure of this information would cause the Joint Applicants harm.
- 8. This information is treated as highly confidential by the Joint Applicants, and is not widely disseminated even among the Joint Applicants' employees. Only personnel with a business reason to use this confidential information are permitted to view it, including the senior management, directors, and those employees engaged in achieving the various regulatory approvals. The Joint Applicants have also entered into a Joint Defense and Confidentiality Agreement to protect the confidentiality of this information.
- 9. If the Commission disagrees with the Joint Applicants that this information is exempt from disclosure as confidential commercial information, however, it must hold an evidentiary hearing to protect the due process rights of the Joint Applicants and supply the Commission with a complete record to enable it to reach a decision with regard to this matter.

10. Applicants do not object to disclosure of the confidential information, pursuant to

a protective agreement, to intervenors with a legitimate interest in reviewing the confidential

information for the purpose of commenting on the Joint Application.

11. In accordance with the provisions of 807 KAR 5:001(7), the Joint Applicants are

filing with the Commission one (1) set of the confidential information provided as part of its data

responses with the information highlighted and marked confidential and ten (10) sets of the data

responses with the confidential information redacted.

WHEREFORE, PPL Corporation, E.ON AG, E.ON US Investments Corp., E.ON U.S.

LLC, Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company respectfully request

that the Commission grant confidential protection for the information at issue, or schedule an

evidentiary hearing on all factual issues while maintaining the confidentiality of the information

pending the outcome of the hearing.

Dated: July 9, 2010

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