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RE: Louisville Gas & Electric Rate Increase; Case No. 2012-00222

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The threshold for usage to be eligible to transport should be lowered to around 2,000 Mcf/year so that commercial customers can participate in fixing their energy costs.

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