COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF ITS ELECTRIC AND GAS RATES, A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY, APPROVAL OF OWNERSHIP OF GAS SERVICE LINES AND RISERS, AND A GAS LINE SURCHARGE

CASE NO. 2012-00222

<u>order</u>

On June 29, 2012, Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E") tendered for filing an application for an adjustment of its electric rates based on a historical test period. The application proposed that the new rates become effective on August 1, 2012. By letter dated July 9, 2012, the Commission notified LG&E that its application was rejected as deficient. On July 10, 2012, LG&E filed supplemental information which cured the filing deficiency and its application was accepted for filing as of that date.

Pursuant to KRS 278.180(1), no change can be made by a utility in any rate except upon 30 days' notice to the Commission. Thus, based on a filing date of July 10, 2012, the earliest date that LG&E's new rates could become effective is August 9, 2012. Having reviewed LG&E's application, the Commission finds that an investigation will be necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that the investigation cannot be completed by August 9, 2012. Therefore, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), the Commission will suspend the effective date of the proposed rates for five months.

The Commission expects the parties to use their best efforts to informally resolve any discovery disputes or requests for extensions of time. Absent informal resolution, an objection or motion should be filed at least four business days prior to the established due date. If this deadline is not met, the filing party should include in the written objection or motion a full and complete explanation for such failure.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. LG&E's proposed rates are suspended for five months, up to and including January 8, 2013.

2. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix shall be followed.

3. All documents filed with the Commission shall comply with the provisions of the Commission's Order of June 22, 2012, unless the Commission directs otherwise.

4. a. Electronic responses to requests for information shall be appropriately indexed, and all paper responses shall be appropriately indexed, bound and tabbed. All responses shall include the name of the witness who will be responsible for responding to questions related to the information provided. When responding to Commission Staff requests for information, all parties shall file with the Commission electronically and shall also file a paper original and two paper copies.

b. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or an association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the

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response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

c. A party shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect.

d. For any request to which a party fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, that party shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

5. Any party filing testimony shall file with the Commission electronically and shall also file a paper original and five paper copies.

6. LG&E shall give notice of the hearing in accordance with the provisions set out in 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(5). At the time publication is requested, LG&E shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

7. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimony shall be permitted.

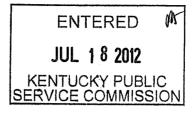
8. Any objections or motions relating to discovery or procedural dates shall be filed upon four business days' notice or the filing party shall explain, in writing, why such notice was not possible.

9. Motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

10. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

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By the Commission



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APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2012-00222 DATED JUL 1 8 2012

All requests for information to LG&E shall be filed no later than07/31/12
LG&E shall file responses to requests for information no later than08/14/12
All supplemental requests for information to LG&E shall be filed no later than08/28/12
LG&E shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than09/12/12
Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared form shall be filed no later than09/25/12
All requests for information to Intervenors shall be filed no later than
Intervenors shall file responses to requests for information no later than
LG&E shall file, in verified form, its rebuttal testimony no later than
Last day for LG&E to publish notice of hearing To be scheduled
Public Hearing to be held in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses of LG&E and Intervenors
Simultaneous Briefs, if any

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