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Re:

Louisville Gas and Electric Company

Petition for Confidential Treatment received 8/14/12

PSC Reference - Case No. 2012-00222

Dear Mr. Riggs:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Treatment you filed on August 14, 2012 on behalf of Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E") to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.870. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in LG&E's Responses to Attorney General Data Requests dated July 31, 2012 Nos. 65, 67, 89, 96, 130, 132, 133, 134, 135, 138, 140, 141, 147, 158, 205, 210, 217, 222, 227 and 244. The Information is described as reports of 3<sup>rd</sup> party; detailed cost analyses and assumptions, 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendors, invoices and contracts; formulas to compute dues; credit card numbers; settlement information; fees for lines of credit; bank account and routing information; customer names and account information; and total compensation packages for 3 non-officer employees.

Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information would compromise LG&E's competitive position in the industry, which would result in an unfair commercial advantage to LG&E's competitors.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined as follows:



- (1) Response to Attorney General D.R. 222 containing fees for lines of credit does not meet the criteria for confidential protection and is hereby DENIED. Fees for lines of credit have previously been filed with the Commission without confidential protection. See LG&E filing on November 18, 2011 in Case No. 2011-00307 (post case filing)
- (2) Response to Attorney General D.R. 210 containing a 13 page list of Attachment 1 organizations to which LG&E pays dues, the amount of dues, accounts recorded, and the method of calculation does not met the criteria for confidential protection and is hereby **DENIED**. The Commission's reasoning is based on LG&E having failed to provide any reason for treating as confidential any of the information in Attachment 1, other than the method of calculating the dues. As for the method of calculating the dues, LG&E has failed to support its claim that the organization's method of calculating dues contains confidential information and LG&E has not shown that the calculation method is subject to a confidentiality agreement with each listed organization.
- (3) Response to Attorney General D.R. 210 Attachment 2 containing invoices, does meet the criteria for confidential protection and therefore confidentiality is hereby GRANTED.
- (4) Responses to Attorney General D.R.s 65, 67, 89, 96, 130, 132, 133, 134, 135, 138, 140, 141, 147, 158, 205, 217, 227 and 244 contain information that does meet the criteria for confidential protection and therefore confidentiality is hereby GRANTED.

The information listed above that has been granted confidential protection will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E") is required by Section 8(9)(a)

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of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

The information denied confidentiality will be withheld from public inspection for 20 days from the date of this letter. If you disagree with the Commission's decision, you may seek rehearing with the Commission within 20 days of the date of this letter under the

provisions of KRS 278.400

Jeff Derouen

Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record