COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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| APPLICATION OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC |) | |
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| COMPANY FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF ITS ELECTRIC |) | |
| AND GAS RATES, A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC |) | CASE NO. |
| CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY, APPROVAL OF |) | 2012-00222 |
| OWNERSHIP OF GAS SERVICE LINES AND RISERS, |) | |
| AND A GAS LINE SURCHARGE |) | |

COMMISSION STAFF'S INITIAL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO HESS CORPORATION

Hess Corporation ("Hess"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission its electronic responses, a paper original, and two copies of the following information, and serve all parties of record. The information requested herein is due no later than October 26, 2012. Paper responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed. Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided.

Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Hess 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

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made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which Hess fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, it shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request.

- 1. Refer to page 1 of Hess's Motion to Intervene. Explain Hess's efforts to become a "certified supplier" behind Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., Duke Energy Kentucky, Atmos Energy Corporation, and Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E"). The explanation should include the date Hess first contacted each local distribution company ("LDC"), and Hess's progress toward meeting the referenced specific certification requirements of each.
- 2. Refer to page 3 of Hess's Motion to Intervene. Describe the investment made by Hess in LG&E's service territory, including the activities represented by the investment. Compare the level of Hess's investment with the investment made in the service territories of each of the other Kentucky LDCs referenced in the previous question.
- 3. Refer to the Direct Testimony of John Mehling. Provide the following information for each state referenced in footnote 1 on page 2:
- a. The utility or utilities providing transportation service to Hess customers; and

The transportation threshold for each transportation service tariff b. offered by each utility, along with the associated rate(s) for each service. Garan. Grunnell for

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