

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC)	
COMPANY FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE)	CASE NO.
ISSUANCE OF SECURITIES AND ASSUMPTION OF)	2012-00233
OBLIGATIONS)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S INITIAL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO
LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission the original and eight copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due within 10 days of the date of this request. 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.

LG&E 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. For any request to which

LG&E 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 LG&E's application, page 3, paragraph 7. Describe LG&E's options for First Mortgage Bond prices, maturity dates, and fixed and variable interest rates under current market conditions.

2. Refer to LG&E's application, pages 5 and 6, paragraph 14, and Exhibit 3. Describe any communication between LG&E and current lenders regarding increasing the limit under the existing Revolving Line of Credit, and the likelihood that LG&E will have to incur the additional credit facility cost shown on Exhibit 3, page 2.

3. Refer to LG&E's application, Exhibit 2.

a. Provide any changes to projected expenditures due to LG&E's and Kentucky Utilities Company's recent decision not to purchase the gas-fired generating facility of Bluegrass Generation Company, L.L.C.

b. Explain whether LG&E has an estimated timetable for future financing related to the projected construction expenditures.

4. Refer to LG&E's application, Exhibit 5, pages 2 and 3, item (5). Explain when the 2003 Series A and the 2007 Series B bonds must be remarketed or bought

back by LG&E, the anticipated interest rate at the end of the intermediate term, and the relative advantage of remarketing the bonds at intermediate terms as opposed to some other arrangement.

5. Explain whether proceeds of the First Mortgage Bond debt or the increase in the Revolving Line of Credit will be used to retire short-term debt. The explanation should specifically address whether LG&E has considered rolling short-term debt into lower interest fixed or variable rate mortgage bonds considering the relatively low interest rates currently available for long-term financing.

6. Explain in detail LG&E's procedures for monitoring its variable rate debt and determining when and how much of that debt should be converted to a fixed rate. Provide any written procedures that address the use, monitoring and conversion of variable rate debt.



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