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October 24, 2016

**PARTIES OF RECORD**

Re: Case No. 2016-00274

Attached is a copy of a memorandum which is being filed in the record of the above-referenced cases. If you have any comments you would like to make regarding the contents of the memorandum please do so within five days of receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Marybeth Purvis at 502-782-2591.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Talina Mathews".

Talina Mathews  
Executive Director

Attachments

## INTRA-AGENCY MEMORANDUM

### KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**TO:** Case File

**FROM:** Mary Beth Purvis *MBP*

**DATE:** October 24, 2016

**RE:** Case No. 2016-00274  
Electronic Joint Application of Kentucky Utilities Company and Louisville Gas and Electric Company for Approval of an Optional Solar Share Program Rider

Pursuant to a Commission Staff Notice issued on October 18, 2016, a telephonic informal conference ("IC") was held on October 19, 2016, at the Commission's offices in Frankfort, Kentucky. A list of the attendees is attached hereto.

The purpose of the IC was to allow Commission Staff ("Staff") an opportunity to discuss certain outstanding issues related to the joint application of Kentucky Utilities Company and Louisville Gas and Electric Company (jointly "Companies").

Staff asked about the status of the Historic Structures and Archaeological Study. The Companies stated it had not yet been performed and that the Historical Preservation Office noted in a September 20, 2016 letter to the Companies that the project would not impact any previously recorded sites but that the area had not been investigated by a professional. The Companies plan to retain a professional archeologist to strip plow the property and file a follow-up report. All other studies, permits, permissions, and land rights listed in Exhibit 1 of the application have been performed and submitted to the proper authority, and are waiting approvals. Specific questions were asked concerning any conditions imposed by Kentucky's Energy and Environment Cabinet. The Companies said that the Cabinet has not yet issued a ruling on the Companies' Cumulative Environmental Assessment. Staff then requested the Companies provide a copy of the assessment that was submitted to the Cabinet. The Companies agreed to do so as a follow up to this IC.

Staff referred the Companies to the August 30, 2016 IC Memorandum in this matter, which lists the factors considered by the Companies in selecting a site for the Solar Share Facilities and asked the Companies to provide the location of all other sites considered and the reason(s) why each of those other sites were not selected. The Companies stated that they considered company owned sites, externally owned sites, and existing "for sale" sites. As a follow up to this IC, the Companies will provide specific information related to the other sites considered.

Staff asked for the Companies to provide some specific details concerning the landscaping at the proposed site, specifically whether the landscaping will entirely block the view of the Solar Share Facilities at ground level. The Companies stated that the existing four board wood plank fence will remain. Behind the fence, six foot evergreen trees will be planted in a staggered pattern and behind the evergreens a six foot black chain link fence will be installed. The Companies stated that there would be approximately 100 feet between Conner Station Road and the proposed facilities. Additionally, no outdoor lighting will be installed. The Companies stated that the tallest height of the solar panels would be approximately nine feet tall and that the natural north to south downward sloping terrain will further buffer the view. The Companies noted that the Solar Share Facility will not emit noise nor will it have any large overhead structures. The Companies also stated that they will consider building the first Solar Share Facility on the southeast corner of the property because it would be less visible.

Commission Staff inquired if there were any concerns raised by property owners who are in close proximity to or adjacent to the proposed Solar Share Facilities at the public meeting conducted by the Companies. The Companies responded that questions were raised about construction. The Companies explained that the site was chosen for easy access and that it will take approximately four months to construct the first section and a month for each subsequent section and there will be minimal construction traffic. Additionally, the Companies noted that the site allows for very little earth moving so dust issues will be minimal but will be addressed by the construction logistics and regulations. Although jurisdictional utilities are exempt from local planning and zoning requirements in Kentucky, the Companies indicated that they will make efforts to ensure that the proposed Solar Share Facilities blend in with the existing surroundings. The Companies noted that they held conversations with local public authorities prior to filing with the Commission for approval of the Solar Share Facility Rider. Lastly, the Companies pointed out that they have created a dedicated email address and telephone number so that anyone could contact the Companies regarding this project.

Lastly, the Commission inquired as to the last date that the Companies must submit information for inclusion in upcoming publications and resources used for economic development purposes. The Companies responded that that they would follow up with the dates. The Companies also agreed to file a copy of the September 20, 2016 letter from the Historical Preservation Office.

There being no further discussions, the informal conference was adjourned.

Attachments:

Sign-in sheet

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC JOINT APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY	)	CASE NO.
UTILITIES COMPANY AND LOUISVILLE GAS AND	)	2016-00274
ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN	)	
OPTIONAL SOLAR SHARE PROGRAM RIDER	)	

Informal Conference – October 19, 2016

Please sign in:

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