COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC JOINT APPLICATION OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND) ELECTRIC COMPANY AND KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY) FOR REVIEW, MODIFICATION, AND CONTINUATION OF)2 CERTAIN EXISTING DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT) AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS)

) CASE NO.) 2017-00441)

ORDER

On December 6, 2017, Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E") and Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") (collectively "the Companies") filed a joint application seeking approval of their 2019-2025 Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Program Plan ("DSM-EE Plan"). The application also requests approval of new electric rates for LG&E and KU, and new gas rates for LG&E, as set forth in the revised Demand-Side Management Cost Recovery Mechanism ("DSM Mechanism") tariffs, which are designed to recover the costs associated with the programs in their proposed DSM-EE. Plan The Companies proposed an effective date of January 5, 2018, for the DSM Mechanism tariffs.

Based on a review of the Companies' joint application and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that an investigation will be necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed DSM rates and that such an investigation cannot be completed by January 5, 2018. Therefore, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), the Commission will suspended the proposed effective date for five months, up to and including June 4, 2018.

The Commission further finds that a procedural schedule should be established to review the Companies' joint application. The procedural schedule is attached hereto as an Appendix to this Order and is incorporated herein.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The Companies' proposed tariffs are suspended for five months from January 5, 2018, up to and including June 4, 2018.

 The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed.

3. a. Responses to requests for information in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided, with an original and six copies in paper medium, and an electronic version to the Commission.

b. 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 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.

c. Any 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.

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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.

e. Careful attention should 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.

f. Any party filing a paper containing personal information shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:0001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that the personal information cannot be read.

4. Any party filing a paper with the Commission shall file an electronic copy in accordance with the electronic filing procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, and shall also file an original and six copies in paper medium. The original and copies in paper medium should be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed.

5. As set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11)(a), a person requesting permissive intervention in a Commission proceeding is required to demonstrate either (1) a special interest in the proceeding which is not adequately represented in the case, or (2) that the person requesting permissive intervention is likely to present issues or develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings. Further, KRS 278.040(2) requires that a person seeking intervention must have an interest in the rates or service of a utility, as those are the only matters that are subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Therefore, any person requesting to intervene in a Commission proceeding must state with

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specificity the person's special interest that is not otherwise adequately represented, or the issues and facts that the person will present that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter. A mere recitation of the quantity of utility service consumed by the movant or a general statement regarding a potential impact of possible modification of rates will not be deemed sufficient to establish a special interest. In addition, any motion to intervene filed after January 10, 2018, shall show good cause for being untimely. If the untimely motion is granted, the movant shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

6. The Companies shall give notice of any hearing in this matter in accordance with the provisions set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2)(b). In addition, the notice of hearing shall include the following statement: "This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov." At the time publication is requested, the Companies shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

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

8. Pursuant to KRS 278.360 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(9), a digital video transcript shall be made of the hearing.

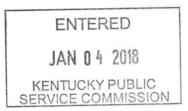
9. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions for continuance. Accordingly, motions for extension of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

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

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By the Commission



ATTEST:

Leven R. Punson

Executive Director

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APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2017-00441 JAN 0 4 2018

Requests for intervention shall be filed no later than01/10/18
Initial requests for information to Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company shall be filed no later than01/24/18
Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company shall file responses to initial requests for information no later than02/07/18
Supplemental requests for information to Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company shall be filed no later than02/21/18
Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than03/07/18
Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared form, shall be filed no later than03/21/18
If there are no intervenors or no intervenor testimony, Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company shall file a request for either an evidentiary hearing or that the matter be decided upon the record no later than
If intervenor testimony is filed, all requests for information to intervenors shall be filed no later than04/05/18
Intervenors shall file responses to requests for information no later than04/19/18
If there are intervenors, the parties shall file a request for either an evidentiary hearing or that the matter be decided upon the record no later than

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