

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT)	CASE NO.
FILING OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC)	2018-00403
COMPANY)	

ORDER

On January 2, 2019, Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E) filed a petition, pursuant to KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1) and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, requesting that the Commission grant confidential protection to certain information in its summary of total purchased gas costs for the period of August 2018 through October 2018 in its quarterly Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA) filing for an indefinite period. The specific information is in Exhibit B-1, pages 6 and 7, and identifies LG&E's natural gas suppliers in a statement that sets forth the summary of the total purchased gas costs.

As the basis for its request, LG&E alleges that public disclosure of this information would damage LG&E's competitive position and business interests. LG&E states that disclosure of this sensitive commercial information would unfairly advantage LG&E's competitors for both gas supplies and retail gas load. LG&E states that the designated information is the same type of information contained in prior GCA filings and that the Commission has previously granted confidential protection to the designated information in the past.

Having considered the petition and the designated materials, the Commission finds that the designated information in Exhibit B-1, pages 6 and 7, is generally recognized as

confidential or proprietary, and therefore meets the criteria for confidential treatment and is exempted from public disclosure pursuant to KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1) and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. LG&E's petition for confidential protection for the designated information in Exhibit B-1, pages 6 and 7, of the GCA is granted.

2. The designated information shall not be placed in the public record or made available for public inspection for an indefinite period of time, or until further Orders of the Commission.

3. Use of the materials in question in any Commission proceeding shall comply with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(9).

4. LG&E shall inform the Commission if the materials in question become publicly available or no longer qualify for confidential treatment.

5. If a non-party to this proceeding requests to inspect materials granted confidential treatment by this Order, then LG&E shall have 30 days from receipt of written notice of the request to demonstrate that the materials still fall within the exclusions from disclosure requirements established in KRS 61.878. If LG&E is unable to make such demonstration, the designated materials shall be made available for inspection. Otherwise, the Commission shall deny the request for inspection.

6. The Commission shall not make the designated materials available for inspection for 30 days following an Order finding that the materials no longer qualify for confidential protection in order to allow LG&E to seek a remedy afforded by law.

By the Commission



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