

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC 2021 JOINT INTEGRATED)	
RESOURCE PLAN OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND)	CASE NO.
ELECTRIC COMPANY AND KENTUCKY)	2021-00393
UTILITIES COMPANY)	

ORDER

On July 1, 2022, Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company (LG&E/KU) moved the Commission to allow certain witnesses to adopt the responses to requests for information sponsored by other witnesses and to testify on behalf of those witnesses at the hearing in this matter. Specifically, LG&E/KU moved that Lonnie E. Bellar, their Chief Operating Officer, be permitted to adopt all the responses to requests for information sponsored by Christopher D. Balmer, Michael P. Drake, and John K. Wolfe, and the responses to requests for information sponsored by Daniel K. Arbough, regarding Ohio Valley Electric Corp. (OVEC), and that Christopher M. Garrett, their Controller, be allowed to adopt the responses sponsored by Daniel K. Arbough that do not relate to OVEC. LG&E/KU also moved that the adopting witnesses be permitted to testify at the hearing in place of the witnesses whose responses they adopted.

LG&E/KU argued that allowing the proposed adoptions and testimony substitutions are necessary in part due to recent retirement and role change events and that they will increase the administrative efficiency of the hearing by reducing the number of witnesses. LG&E also noted that on June 24, 2022, it notified counsel for intervenors of the proposed substitutions and that it is not aware of any opposition to the proposal.

LG&E/KU also stated that the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, through his Office of Rate Intervention, indicated that he had no objection to the proposed substitutions. Further, no objections have been filed in response to the motion.

The Commission finds that good cause exists for allowing the responses sponsored by Christopher D. Balmer, Michael P. Drake, John K. Wolfe, and Daniel Arbough to be adopted as proposed and allowing those witnesses to be excused from attending the hearing based on, among other things, the nature of the information they provided, the likelihood that those adopting their responses are familiar with the subject matter, and the unique nature of IRP proceedings, including specifically the fact that no substantive order from the Commission is required in this matter. However, the Commission is excusing those witnesses on the condition that the witnesses adopting their responses will be able to respond to questions relating to the responses of excused witnesses, including questions regarding the bases of such responses or requesting further detail or clarification regarding such responses. Further, the Commission notes that a party should expect that any person who provides testimony or sponsors responses to request for information will be subject to cross examination at any hearing and that the Commission will be reluctant to grant such motions in the future without specific reasons justifying excusing each witness.

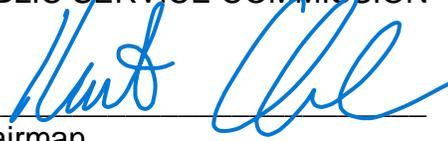
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. LG&E/KU's motion that certain witnesses be allowed to adopt the responses to requests for information filed by other witnesses and to testify on behalf of those witnesses at the hearing in this matter is granted.

2. Lonnie E. Bellar and Christopher M. Garrett shall be permitted to adopt the responses to request for information sponsored by Christopher D. Balmer, Michael P. Drake, John K. Wolfe, and Daniel K. Arbough and to testify in their place as proposed on the condition that the witnesses adopting the responses to requests for information will be able to respond to questions relating to the responses.

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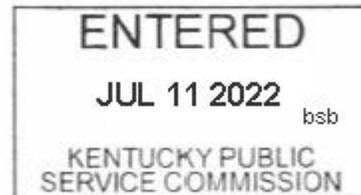
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