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PARTIES OF RECORD

Re: Case No. 2022-00402

Attached is a copy of a press release, which is being filed in the record of the above-referenced case. The press release contains the dates, times, and location for the four in-person public meetings and one virtual public meeting that have been scheduled for the purpose of receiving public comment on this proceeding. Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company (LG&E/KU) should ensure that a representative is present at the public meetings. Commission Staff will contact the parties with directions for participating in the virtual public meeting.

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 Nancy J. Vinsel, General Counsel, at 502-782-2582 or nancy.vinsel@ky.gov.

Sincerely,

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Public Meetings Planned and Comments Invited for LGE/KU Case, 2022-00402

FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 21, 2023) - The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) will provide several opportunities for the public to receive information and provide comments regarding Louisville Gas and Electric and Kentucky Utilities (LG&E/KU) companies' request to retire four coal-fired electric generating units and three natural gas simple cycle combustion turbine units.

LGE/KU's proposal includes replacing the current aging generation systems with two natural gas combined cycle facilities, two solar facilities, one battery storage facility, and four solar power purchase agreements. If approved, the replacement generation would be online between 2026 and 2028, at a cost of \$2.09 billion.

Five public informational meetings are planned in Louisville, Lexington, and Harlan, and in Hopkins County. Each will feature an information session followed by an opportunity for comments. A virtual meeting will be held on August 15.

In-person meetings:

- Monday, July 31, 2023, 5:30 p.m. Eastern time: Frederick Douglass High School, 2000 Winchester Road, Lexington, KY
- 2. **Thursday, August 3, 2023**, 5:30 p.m. Eastern time: Harlan County Judge's Office, 210 E. Central Street, #111, Harlan, KY
- 3. **Monday, August 14, 2023**, 5:30 p.m. Eastern time/4:30 p.m. Central time: Hopkins County Government Center, 56 N. Main Street, Madisonville, KY
- 4. **Wednesday, August 16, 2023**, 5:30 p.m. Eastern time: Louisville Free Public Library, Main Branch, 301 York St., Community Room 202, Louisville, KY

Virtual Meeting:

 Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 4:30 p.m. Eastern time. Directions to participate will be on the PSC website https://psc.ky.gov/prior to August 15, 2023.

The PSC will hold a public hearing on the proposal **Tuesday**, **August 22**, **2023**, at 9 a.m. Eastern time at 211 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, KY. Time is available before the hearing begins for public comments. The hearing will be streamed live on the commission's <u>YouTube channel</u>.

Comments can be submitted at any time at

https://psc.ky.gov/Case/SearchCasesPublicComments, emailed to PSC.comment@ky.gov, or by mail to P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602-0615. All comments should include the commenter's name, address and the case number.

Coal-fired units that the companies propose to retire include E.W. Brown Unit 3, Ghent Unit 2, Mill Creek Units 1 and 2. The natural gas-fired units include Haefling

Units 1 and 2, and Paddy's Run Unit 12. LG&E/KU proposes to retire the units between 2024 and 2027.

Additional information can be found at https://psc.ky.gov/Case/ViewCaseFilings/22-402

LG&E serves 29,000 electric customers in Louisville and 16 surrounding counties. KU serves 566,000 electric customers in 77 counties in Central, Northern, Southeastern, and Western Kentucky.

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