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Re: Kentucky Utilities Company
Petition for Confidential Treatment received 10/14/11
PSC Reference – Case No. 2011-00161

Dear Counsel:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Treatment you filed on October 14, 2011 on behalf of Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.870. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in KU's 2nd Supplemental Responses to Commission's 1st Data Requests No. 20(b). The information is described as containing projected coal and gas base fuel costs, contracting decisions and environmental-compliance strategic decisions.

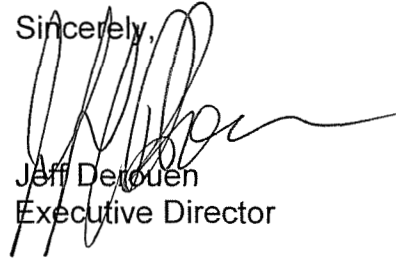
Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information could result in an unfair commercial advantage to competitors.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to KU's competitors. Therefore, the information requested to be

treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Kentucky Utilities Company is required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Derouen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff Derouen
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record