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Re: Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc.  
Petition for Confidential Treatment received 3/16/12  
PSC Reference – Case No. 2011-00442

Dear Mr. Hauser:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Treatment you filed on March 16, 2012 on behalf of Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc. ("CVE") to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.878. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in its Responses to Commission's 1<sup>st</sup> Data Requests Nos. 4(a) and 4(b). The information is described as: (4a) Appendix A consisting of the Communication Assessment Report prepared by Power System Engineering, Inc.; and (4b) – Appendix B containing the GIS Overview for the 2012-2015 Construction Work Plan or CWP Amendments.

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.

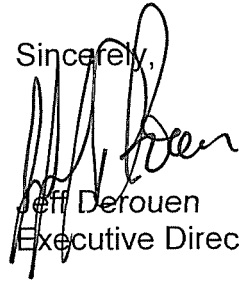
Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc.'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 Commission in its review became aware that you had provided to the Commission on two separate dates, a redacted version and an unredacted version of the materials described above. The Commission will file the redacted version in its public files, and maintain the unredacted version filed March 5, 2012 in its confidential

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files. 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, Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc. 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". The signature is stylized and overlaps the printed name below it.

Jeff Derouen  
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record