

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

LOUISVILLE GAS & ELECTRIC)	
COMPANY)	
_____)	CASE NO. 2017-00119
)	
ALLEGED FAILURE TO COMPLY)	
WITH KRS 278.495, 807 KAR 5:022,)	
AND 49 C.F.R. PART 192)	

ORDER

On April 4, 2017, Louisville Gas & Electric Company ("LG&E") filed a motion to suspend the hearing scheduled for July 12, 2017, and to schedule an informal conference ("IC") for the purposes of discussing settlement and expediting resolution of this proceeding.

Having reviewed the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that LG&E has established good cause for the scheduling of an IC, but that LG&E should respond to certain requests for information in advance of the IC. The Commission also finds that LG&E's motion to suspend the scheduled hearing should be denied without prejudice.

THE COMMISSION HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. LG&E's motion for an informal conference is granted and shall be held on May 30, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of discussing the issues in this case.

2. LG&E's motion to suspend the hearing scheduled for July 12, 2017, is denied without prejudice.

3. LG&E shall file with the Commission, on or before May 25, 2017, its responses to all requests for information listed in the Appendix to this Order.

a. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided, with an original and ten copies to the Commission.

b. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

c. Any party shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect.

d. For any request to which a party refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, that party shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

e. A party filing a paper containing personal information shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

By the Commission

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ATTEST:


Executive Director

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APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2017-00119 DATED **MAY 18 2017**

1. Refer to the initiating Order, the Appendix, Attachment A, LG&E's Incident Report to Commission/ LG&E PHMSA Incident Report ("LG&E Incident Report") at Part C- Additional Facility Information. This report states that the incident that occurred on September 17, 2014, as a result of the unintentional release of gas was caused by the failure of a mechanical coupling system that was installed in 1998. State whether there are other mechanical coupling systems on the Ballardsville transmission pipeline ("Ballardsville Pipeline"). If so, provide the following information:

a. State the total number of mechanical coupling systems installed on the Ballardsville Pipeline, the manufacturer of each system, and the year each system was manufactured.

b. Identify who installed each mechanical coupling system on the Ballardsville Pipeline.

c. Provide the date each mechanical coupling system was installed on the Ballardsville Pipeline.

d. State whether any mechanical coupling system installed on the Ballardsville Pipeline has been removed or replaced, other than the one involved in the September 17, 2014 incident. If so, state the date of removal or replacement and describe the reason for the removal or replacement.

e. Provide the information LG&E has acquired or expects to acquire regarding mechanical coupling systems located on the Ballardsville Pipeline as a result of its recent reassessment using in-line inspection tools.

f. Describe what actions LG&E has taken or intends to take to safeguard other mechanical coupling systems located on the Ballardsville Pipeline.

2. Refer to the initiating Order, the Appendix, Attachment D, the Excel spreadsheet provided by LG&E, assembled October 15, 2015, showing pressure records for the Ballardsville Pipeline from May 1, 2011 through September 17, 2014. Provide an updated spreadsheet.

3. Refer to LG&E's response to the Commission's Order of March 15, 2017, and LG&E's motion to suspend hearing and schedule an informal conference, paragraph 3.b, which states, "32 customers remained un-lit as of the date of the filing of LG&E's 30-day report, October 17, 2014." Provide the following information:

- a. The customer class of each of these 32 customers.
- b. The dates when gas service was restored for each of these 32 customers.
- c. The efforts taken by LG&E to contact these 32 customers.
- d. The reasons for the delay in restoring gas service to each of these 32 customers.

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