Docket No. 13-00096

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James M. Allison, Chairman Tennessee Regulatory Authority c/o Sharla Dillon Dockets and Records Manager 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37219

RE: The Petition of Kentucky Utilities Company for an Order Amending and Extending Existing Authority with Respect to Revolving Line of Credit

Dear Chairman Allison,

Enclosed are the original and 4 copies of the above referenced Petition of Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") seeking an order amending and extending the authority that was granted to KU with respect to the revolving line of credit arrangements that were previously approved in the dockets referenced in the Petition. KU respectfully requests that this matter be placed on the TRA's July Conference docket for consideration. This Petition is also being filed electronically. A check for the \$25 filing fee is enclosed.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

D. Billye Sanders

Attorney for Kentucky Utilities Company

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**Enclosures** 

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# BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

In the Matter of:			
PETITION OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES	)		
COMPANY FOR AN ORDER AMENDING AND	)		
EXTENDING EXISTING AUTHORITY WITH	)		
RESPECT TO REVOLVING LINE OF CREDIT	Ó	DOCKET NO. 13-	

### <u>PETITION FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT</u> <u>TO REVOLVING CREDIT</u>

Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") hereby requests pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §65-4-109 that the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA" or "Authority") amend and extend KU's existing authority to allow for extending the term of its multi-year revolving credit line. In support of this Petition, KU states as follows:

- 1. KU's full name is Kentucky Utilities Company. The post office address of KU is One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507. KU is a Kentucky and a Virginia corporation, and a public utility as defined by Tenn. Code Ann. §65-4-101(6), which provides retail electric service to five (5) residential customers in Tennessee, approximately 509,000 customers in seventy-seven counties in Kentucky, and approximately 29,000 customers in southwest Virginia.
- 2. KU was first granted authority to enter into multi-year revolving credit facilities in No. 07-00156<sup>1</sup> by Order dated September 13, 2007.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Petition of Kentucky Utilities Company for an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Securities and Assumption of Obligations.

- 3. By Order dated October 29, 2012, in Docket No. 12-00108,<sup>2</sup> the Authority authorized KU to extend the term of its existing revolving credit line, which had a term ending October 19, 2016, through December 31, 2017. Subsequently, KU entered into an Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement, with a term that now ends November 6, 2017.
- 4. In Docket No. 12-00108, KU stated that based upon its discussions with providers of credit facilities, KU believed that it was likely that in the future changing market conditions and interest rates would mean that revolving credit facilities would no longer be available on terms as favorable as found in KU's current facility. In part, this was due to the new Basel III regulations, which will be phased in starting in 2013 and fully implemented in 2019. Basel III is a new regulatory framework created by the Bank for International Settlements, and adopted by the Federal Reserve. These regulations are intended to prevent another banking crisis and establish more stringent requirements for banks with respect to capitalization, leverage and liquidity. As a result, not only are revolving lines of credit likely to be less readily available, but the current historically low commitment fees and interest spreads on actual borrowings are likely to be higher in the future.
- 5. These same conditions and market expectations remain in effect today. KU therefore seeks authorization to replace, extend, or extend authority for, in one or more installments from time to time, its existing, or previously authorized but not yet entered, revolving credit arrangements through December 31, 2018. KU is seeking authority for an approximately five-year term because this is the maximum term that lenders are willing to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Petition of Kentucky Utilities Company for an Order Amending and Extending Existing Authority with Respect to Revolving Line of Credit. In addition to the current extension granted in Docket No. 12-00108, KU's authority was previously extended by Order dated October 12, 2011, in Docket No.11-00156, (Petition of Kentucky Utilities Company for an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Securities and Assumption of Obligations), which extended authority granted by Order dated October 21, 2010, in Docket No. 10-00119, (Petition of Kentucky Utilities Company for an Order Authorizing the Restructure and Refinancing of Unsecured Debt and the Assumption of Obligations and for Amendment of Existing Authority).

provide. KU also seeks to maintain the previously authorized total aggregate limit on its revolving credit facilities of \$500 million.<sup>3</sup>

- 6. The extended credit facilities would be on substantially the same terms as KU's existing revolving credit and would be available for the same purposes for which revolving credit is currently available. Loan proceeds could be used to provide short-term financing for KU's general financing needs, for example, general costs of operation or costs of KU's various construction programs or other obligations, until permanent or long-term financing can be arranged. In addition, the extended credit facilities could be used to provide liquidity or credit support for KU's other debt, for example, ensuring that KU has readily available funds with which to make payments with respect to variable rate bonds that could be tendered for purchase and not remarketed. However, KU does not assign specific financing to any particular capital project or operating or fiscal use and does not project finance projects. Thus, these are general reasons that KU might need short-term financing, rather than uses to which such financing would be assigned.
- 7. By replacing or extending, and extending the authority for, its existing or previously authorized but not presently entered into, credit facilities, KU will be able to ensure that the current, favorable terms for such facilities are available for as long as possible. While KU believes that the conditions and fees on similar credit facilities are likely to be less favorable to the borrower in 2017 than today, KU is not able to quantify such differences. However, KU believes that the costs of a one-year extension of its existing revolving credit line would be approximately 10 basis points.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> By Amended Order dated September 27, 2012, in Docket No. 12-0067(Petition of Kentucky Utilities Company for an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Securities and the Assumption of Obligations), KU was authorized to increase the total aggregate amount of its revolving credit facilities to \$500 million. While KU's current revolving credit agreement remains in an amount of \$400 million, KU continues to anticipate adding \$100 million in additional amended or new revolving credit capacity subject to company needs, market conditions and cost considerations.

8. Attached as Exhibits 1 and 2, respectively, are a Description of KU's Property and a Financial Exhibit.

**THEREFORE**, Kentucky Utilities Company respectfully requests that the Authority enter its Order authorizing KU to enter into such agreements and amendments as are necessary for KU to replace, extend, or extend authority for, its existing or previously authorized but not presently entered into, multi-year revolving credit facilities, in the previously authorized total aggregate amount not to exceed \$500 million, for a term through December 31, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

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### VERIFICATION

### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

### COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

Daniel K. Arbough being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Treasurer for Kentucky Utilities Company, that he has read the foregoing Petition and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to matters which are therein stated on information or belief, and that as to these matters, he believes them to be true.

DANIEL K. ARBOUGH

Subscribed and sworn before me this \_\_\_\_\_\_ that day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

My Commission Expires: August 31, 2015

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE AT LARGE

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition was served on the following entity on the <u>25<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>feene</u> 2013, U.S. mail, postage prepaid:

Office of Attorney General & Reporter Consumer Advocate and Protection Division P.O. Box 20207 Nashville, Tennessee 37202

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Counsel for Kentucky Utilities Company

### Exhibit 1

#### KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

## A DESCRIPTION OF PETITIONER'S PROPERTY, INCLUDING A STATEMENT OF THE NET ORIGINAL COST OF THE PROPERTY AND THE COST THEREOF TO PETITIONER

### April 30, 2013

The Petitioner's generating, transmission and distribution systems described herein are calculated annually. As of December 31, 2012, the Petitioner owned 13 and operated 11 coal fired steam electric generating units having a total capacity of 3,355 Mw; a hydroelectric generating station having a total capacity of 24 Mw; and 17 gas/oil peaking units having a total capacity of 1,454 Mw.

The Petitioner's owned electric transmission system included 134 substations (55 of which are shared with the distribution system) with a total capacity of 13 million kVA and 4,079 miles of lines. The electric distribution system included 480 substations (55 of which are shared with the transmission system) with a transformer capacity of 7 million kVA, 14,134 miles of overhead lines, and 2,299 miles of underground conduit.

KU's service area includes an additional 11 miles of gas transmission pipeline providing gas supply to natural gas combustion turbine electrical generating units.

Other properties include office buildings, service centers, warehouses, garages and other structures and equipment.

The net original cost of the property and cost thereof to the Petitioner at April 30, 2013, was:

	<b>Utility Plant</b>	
Original Cost		
Production Plant	\$ 4,362,752,294	
Distribution Plant	1,498,625,770	
Transmission Plant	694,629,427	
General Plant	147,139,815	
Intangible Plant	62,545,063	
Construction Work in Progress	621,890,696	
Total Plant at Original Cost	\$ 7,387,583,065	
Less Reserve for Depreciation	2,163,462,957	
Net Original Cost	\$ 5,224,120,108	

<sup>\*</sup> Excludes \$384,694,558 related to cost of removal reserves that is not included in the reserve in the Financial Statements and Additional Information, but instead is included as a regulatory liability.

### Exhibit 2

### KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

#### FINANCIAL EXHIBIT

### April 30, 2013

(1) Amount and kinds of stock authorized.

80,000,000 shares of Common Stock, without par value 5,300,000 shares of Cumulative Preferred Stock, without par value -- authorized, but unissued 2,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, without par value -- authorized, but unissued

(2) Amount and kinds of stock issued and outstanding.

#### Common Stock:

37,817,878 shares issued and outstanding, without par value, recorded at \$307,818,689.

(3) Terms of preference of preferred stock whether cumulative or participating, or on dividends or assets otherwise.

None

(4) Brief description of each mortgage on property of Petitioner, giving date of execution name of mortgagor, name of mortgagee, or trustee, amount of indebtedness authorized to be secured thereby, and the amount of the indebtedness actually secured, together with any sinking fund provisions.

Date of Execution: As of October 1, 2010 (Supplemental Indentures were executed on October

15, 2010 and November 1, 2010.)

Mortgagor: Kentucky Utilities Company Trustee: The Bank of New York Mellon

Amount of Authorized Debt: One quintillion dollars

Amount of Debt Secured: \$1,850,779,405

Sinking Fund Provisions: None

Pledged Assets: Substantially all assets of Kentucky Utilities located in Kentucky

(5) Amount of bonds authorized, and amount issued giving the name of the public utility which issued the same, describing each class separately, and giving date of issue, face value, rate of interest, date of maturity and how secured, together with an amount of interest paid thereon during the last 12-month period.

Secured by first mortgage lien on substantially all assets in Kentucky.

### Kentucky Utilities Company

			Principal Amount Outstanding at		Interest Expense Year Ended	
Date of	Date of	Rate of		April 30,	April 30,	
Issue	Maturity	Interest	Authorized	2013	2013	
Pollution Co						
05/01/00	05/01/23	Variable	\$ 12,900,000	\$ 12,900,000	\$ 21,346	
02/01/02	02/01/32	Variable	20,930,000	20,930,000	92,769	
02/01/02	02/01/32	Variable	2,400,000	2,400,000	10,543	
02/01/02	02/01/32	Variable	7,200,000	2,400,000	10,619	
02/01/02	02/01/32	Variable	7,400,000	7,400,000	32,548	
07/01/02	10/01/32	Variable	96,000,000	96,000,000	243,147	
10/01/04	10/01/34	Variable	50,000,000	50,000,000	84,376	
02/23/07	10/01/34	Variable	54,000,000	54,000,000	89,560	
05/24/07	02/01/26	5.75%	17,875,000	17,875,000	1,027,812	
05/24/07	03/01/37	6.00%	8,927,000	8,927,000	535,620	
10/17/08	02/01/32	Variable	77,947,405	77,947,405	129,513	
			\$ 355,579,405	\$ 350,779,405	\$ 2,277,853	
First Mortgag	ge Bonds					
11/16/10	11/01/15	1.63%	\$ 250,000,000	\$ 250,000,000	\$ 4,062,500	
11/16/10	11/01/20	3.25%	500,000,000	500,000,000	16,250,000	
11/16/10	11/01/40	5.13%	750,000,000	750,000,000	38,437,500	
			\$ 1,500,000,000	\$ 1,500,000,000	\$ 58,750,000	

(6) Each note outstanding, giving date of issue, amount, date of maturity, rate of interest in whose favor, together with amount of interest paid thereon during the last 12-month period.

There are no notes outstanding as of April 30, 2013.

(7) Other indebtedness, giving same by classes and describing security, if any with a brief statement of the devolution or assumption of any portion of such indebtedness upon or by person or corporation if the original liability has been transferred, together with amount of interest paid thereon during the last fiscal year.

None, other than current and accrued liabilities.

(8) Rate and amount of dividends paid during the five previous fiscal years, and amount of capital stock on which dividends were paid. (1)

Dividends on Common Stock, without par value (not based on rate per share)

2008	-
2009	-
2010	\$ 50,000,000
2011	123,500,000
2012	99,500,000

- (1) On November 1, 2010, PPL Corporation completed its acquisition of E.ON U.S. LLC, the Company's parent. Upon completion of the acquisition, E.ON U.S. LLC was renamed LG&E and KU Energy LLC. The 37,817,878 shares are currently owned by LG&E and KU Energy LLC. From May 1998 to October 31, 2010, the 37,817,878 shares were all owned by E.ON U.S. LLC (formerly LG&E Energy LLC) and all dividends declared by KU's Board of Directors were paid to E.ON U.S. LLC. Subsequent to October 31, 2010, all dividends declared by KU's Board of Directors were paid to LG&E and KU Energy LLC. During the 1st quarter of 2013, KU declared and paid a dividend on common stock of \$13,000,000.
- (9) Detailed Income Statement, Balance Sheet and Statement of Retained Earnings

Attached are detailed Statements of Income, Balance Sheets and Retained Earnings for the Company for the period ending April 30, 2013.

# Kentucky Utilities Company Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2013

Liabilities and Proprietary Capital

Assets

365,858,083.00 (846,655.63) 1,612,863,811.89 25,318,274.26 15,971,580.78 30,222,020.60 781,275,027.95 97,991,946.82 107,182,629.13 2,285,693,927.95 4,127,132,489.20 30,115,224.19 24,228,195.40 412,906,638.75 2,942,056.19 70,610,739.22 16,985,803.27 104,343,611.13 1,183.661,893.02 5,723,701,020.97 308,139,977.56 321,288.87 350,779,405.00 490,659,156.25 1,841,438,561.25 124,982,620.82 162,068,722,70 2,330,079.31 ST Notes Payable to Associated Companies...... Unappropriated Undistributed Subsidiary Earnings...... LT Notes Payable to Associated Companies...... Miscellaneous Current and Accrued Liabilities.. Accum Provision for Postretirement Benefits.... Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes...... Accounts Payable to Associated Companies.. Miscellaneous Long-Term Liabilities...... Total Liabilities and Stockholders Equity... Customer Advances for Construction. Asset Retirement Obligations..... Less: Common Stock Expense. Taxes Accrued..... Other Comprehensive Income. Current and Accrued Liabilities Other Deferred Credits..... Total Proprietary Capital. Investment Tax Credit.... Pollution Control Bonds. Deferred Credits and Other Customer Deposits...... Regulatory Liabilities.... Total Long-Term Debt. First Mortgage Bonds. Dividends Declared. Total Capitalization, Retained Earnings. Accounts Payable. Common Stock... Interest Accrued. Paid-In Capital... Proprietary Capital Notes Payable. Total Total 250,000.00 10,543,549.74 10,999,668.74 295,954.95 284,111,343.92 45,919,169.60 4,839,970,954,22 1,221,720.15 417,008.19 35,969,389.97 360,034,829.25 10,972,301.85 5,723,701,020.97 7,387,583,064,54 2,547,612,110.32 6,458,502.56 17,103,958.02 188,388,863.92 83,537,775.43 6,320,157.73 18,680,730.57 162,789,971.41 522,473,517.35 69 Less: Reserves for Depreciation and Amortization....... Accounts Receivable from Associated Companies Miscellaneous Current and Accrued Assets. Plant Materials and Operating Supplies. Materials and Supplies-At Average Cost Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes. Accounts Receivable-Less Reserve... Nonutility Property-Less Reserve. Ohio Valley Electric Company.... Utility Plant at Original Cost., Temporary Cash Investments. Unamortized Loss on Bonds. Unamortized Debt Expense. Deferred Regulatory Assets. Current and Accrued Assets Deferred Debits and Other Other Deferred Debits... Electric Energy, Inc..... Emission Allowances. Stores Expense.... Total Assets ..... Special Deposits. Total Total... Total. Total.

### Kentucky Utilities Company Statement of Income April 30, 2013

	Year Ended 4/30/2013
Electric Operating Revenues	\$ 1,588,692,083.27 -
Total Operating Revenues	1,588,692,083.27
Fuel for Electric Generation	525,980,572.28
Power Purchased	98,591,024.29
Other Operation Expenses	247,693,273.76
Maintenance	132,337,527.02
Depreciation	187,076,181.33
Amortization Expense	7,831,024.57
Regulatory Credits	(7,118,372,28)
Taxes	
Federal Income	(12,712,818,07)
State Income	1,048,059.73
Deferred Federal Income - Net	110,708,955.75
Deferred State Income - Net	12,881,339.98
Property and Other	31,826,977,14
Investment Tax Credit	-
Loss (Gain) from Disposition of Allowances	(359.80)
Accretion Expense	3,186,929.19
Total Operating Expenses	1,339,330,314.89
Net Operating Income	249,361,768.38
Other Income Less Deductions	
Amortization of Investment Tax Credit	2,482,450.76
Other Income Less Deductions	(7,846,275.40)
AFUDC - Equity	121,887.23
Total Other Income Less Deductions	(5,241,937.41)
Income Before Interest Charges	244,119,830.97
Interest on Long-Term Debt	61,027,852.16
Amortization of Debt Expense - Net	3,767,148.06
Other Interest Expenses	3,678,112.00
AFUDC - Borrowed Funds	(40,610.21)
Total Interest Charges	68,432,502.01
Net Income	\$ 175,687,328.96

### Kentucky Utilities Company Analysis of Retained Earnings April 30, 2013

	 Year Ended 4/30/13
Retained Barnings Balance at Beginning of Period	\$ 1,512,136,811.18
Deduct:	175,687,328.96
Common Dividends	
Common Stock Without Par Value	(88,500,000.00)
Adjust for Equity in Subsidiary	
Earnings for Year	
-EEI, Inc	13,539,671.75
Dividends Received Current Year -BE Inc	*
Retained Earnings Balance at End of Period	\$ 1,612,863,811.89