LG&E and KU Establishing Industrial and Commercial-Scale Solar Offering

Utilities issue 'request for information' to establish vendors' capabilities and costs to support small-scale solar facilities

(LOUISVILLE, Ky.) – Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company have taken another step in the solar market with the intent of offering their business and industrial customers individual, renewable generation facilities.

The utilities issued a request for information (RFI) today targeted at contractors with expertise in solar generation design and construction. The RFI will provide facts about the vendors' services, representative costs and experience so that the utilities can develop offerings to support their customers' desire for solar energy.

LG&E and KU will own and operate the individual solar facilities for interested business and industrial customers. The facilities will likely range in size from 30 kilowatts to 5 megawatts.

"Providing regulated distributive generation for our customers will be a new venture for us, but we expect this to be responsive to our customers' needs," said John P. Malloy, vice president of Customer Services. "We have had a number of business and industrial customers approach us about building and operating a solar array specifically for their business, and we believe it is another opportunity for us to directly meet the energy needs of our customers."

A formal bid process will take place to name the solar partner and each project will be subject to Kentucky Public Service Commission approval.

"We're committed to investigating and evaluating new customer offerings that improve our business while continuing to deliver safe and reliable energy at the lowest reasonable cost," Malloy added.

Parties interested in participating in the RFI should contact us before Dec. 18, 2015, using this form.

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