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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 10-K ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 for the transition period from ______ to _____ Commission File Registrant; State of Incorporation; **IRS** Employer Address and Telephone Number Identification No. Number **PPL Corporation** (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter) (Pennsylvania) 1-11459 23-2758192 Two North Ninth Street Allentown, PA 18101-1179 (610) 774-5151 PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter) (Pennsylvania) 1-905 23-0959590 Two North Ninth Street Allentown, PA 18101-1179 (610) 774-5151 LG&E and KU Energy LLC (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter) (Kentucky) 333-173665 20-0523163 220 West Main Street Louisville, Kentucky 40202-1377 (502) 627-2000 Louisville Gas and Electric Company (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter) (Kentucky) 1-2893 61-0264150 220 West Main Street Louisville, Kentucky 40202-1377 (502) 627-2000 1-3464 Kentucky Utilities Company 61-0247570

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

(Kentucky and Virginia) One Quality Street Lexington, Kentucky 40507-1462 (502) 627-2000

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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered

Common Stock of PPL Corporation New York Stock Exchange

Junior Subordinated Notes of PPL Capital Funding, Inc.

2007 Series A due 2067 New York Stock Exchange 2013 Series B due 2073 New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Common Stock of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation

Indicate by check mark whether the registrants are well-known seasoned issuers, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

PPL Corporation	Yes X	No
PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	Yes	No X
LG&E and KU Energy LLC	Yes	No X
Louisville Gas and Electric Company	Yes	No X
Kentucky Utilities Company	Yes	No X

Indicate by check mark if the registrants are not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.

PPL Corporation	Yes	No X
PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	Yes	No X
LG&E and KU Energy LLC	Yes	No X
Louisville Gas and Electric Company	Yes	No X
Kentucky Utilities Company	Yes	No X

Indicate by check mark whether the registrants (1) have filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrants were required to file such reports), and (2) have been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

PPL Corporation	Yes	X	No
PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	Yes	X	No
LG&E and KU Energy LLC	Yes	X	No
Louisville Gas and Electric Company	Yes	X	No
Kentucky Utilities Company	Yes	X	No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrants have submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrants were required to submit such files).

PPL Corporation	Yes	X	No
PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	Yes	X	No
LG&E and KU Energy LLC	Yes	X	No
Louisville Gas and Electric Company	Yes	X	No
Kentucky Utilities Company	Yes	X	No

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Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrants' knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

PPL Corporation	[]
PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	[X]
LG&E and KU Energy LLC	[X]
Louisville Gas and Electric Company	[X]
Kentucky Utilities Company	[X]

Indicate by check mark whether the registrants are large accelerated filers, accelerated filers, non-accelerated filers, smaller reporting companies or emerging growth companies. See definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

	Large accelerated filer	Accelerate filer	dNon-accelerate filer	Smaller reporting company	Emerging growth company
PPL Corporation	[X]	[]	[]	[]	[]
PPL Electric Utilities	r 1	гэ	[V]	r 1	r 1
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LG&E and KU Energy LLC	[]	[]	[X]	[]	[]
Louisville Gas and Electric Company	[]	[]	[X]	[]	[]
Kentucky Utilities Company	[]	[]	[X]	[]	[]

If emerging growth companies, indicate by check mark if the registrants have elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

PPL Corporation	[]
PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	[]
LG&E and KU Energy LLC	[]
Louisville Gas and Electric Company	[]
Kentucky Utilities Company	Γ	1

Indicate by check mark whether the registrants are shell companies (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act).

PPL Corporation	Yes	No X
PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	Yes	No X
LG&E and KU Energy LLC	Yes	No X
Louisville Gas and Electric Company	Yes	No X
Kentucky Utilities Company	Yes	No X

As of June 29, 2018, PPL Corporation had 699,127,940 shares of its \$0.01 par value Common Stock outstanding. The aggregate market value of these common shares (based upon the closing price of these shares on the New York Stock Exchange on that date) held by non-affiliates was \$19,960,102,687. As of January 31, 2019, PPL Corporation had 720,936,897 shares of its \$0.01 par value Common Stock outstanding.

As of January 31, 2019, PPL Corporation held all 66,368,056 outstanding common shares, no par value, of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation.

PPL Corporation directly holds all of the membership interests in LG&E and KU Energy LLC.

As of January 31, 2019, LG&E and KU Energy LLC held all 21,294,223 outstanding common shares, no par value, of Louisville Gas and Electric Company.

As of January 31, 2019, LG&E and KU Energy LLC held all 37,817,878 outstanding common shares, no par value, of Kentucky Utilities Company.

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PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, LG&E and KU Energy LLC, Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company meet the conditions set forth in General Instructions (I)(1)(a) and (b) of Form 10-K and are therefore filing this form with the reduced disclosure format.

Documents incorporated by reference:

PPL Corporation has incorporated herein by reference certain sections of PPL Corporation's 2019 Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement, which will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission not later than 120 days after December 31, 2018. Such Statements will provide the information required by Part III of this Report.

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PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORPORATION
LG&E AND KU ENERGY LLC
LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

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This combined Form 10-K is separately filed by the following Registrants in their individual capacity: PPL Corporation, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, LG&E and KU Energy LLC, Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company. Information contained herein relating to any individual Registrant is filed by such Registrant solely on its own behalf and no Registrant makes any representation as to information relating to any other Registrant, except that information under "Forward-Looking Information" relating to subsidiaries of PPL Corporation is also attributed to PPL Corporation and information relating to the subsidiaries of LG&E and KU Energy LLC is also attributed to LG&E and KU Energy LLC.

Unless otherwise specified, references in this Report, individually, to PPL Corporation, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, LG&E and KU Energy LLC, Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company are references to such entities directly or to one or more of their subsidiaries, as the case may be, the financial results of which subsidiaries are consolidated into such Registrants' financial statements in accordance with GAAP. This presentation has been applied where identification of particular subsidiaries is not material to the matter being disclosed, and to conform narrative disclosures to the presentation of financial information on a consolidated basis.

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