# COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the	Matter	of:
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ROSEMARY SPICER	)
COMPLAINANT	)
V.  JACKSON ENERGY COOPERATIVE CORPORATION	) CASE NO. ) 2021-00287 )
DEFENDANT	)

#### ORDER

This matter arises upon a complaint filed by Rosemary Spicer against Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation (Jackson Energy) alleging a failure to provide electric service to a structure on Ms. Spicer's property in Beattyville, Kentucky. On July 30, 2021, Jackson Energy filed an answer to the complaint, alleging the Ms. Spicer's property does not meet requirements that must be met before Jackson Energy can provide electric service to Ms. Spicer's property.

In its answer, Jackson Energy explains that its tariff on file with the Commission requires that permanent dwelling must have sewer or septic services before electric service can be extended to the permanent dwelling. 1 Jackson Energy further explained that it cannot establish service to a structure until the property owner has received approval from the local health department and the local electric inspector. Jackson Energy alleges that Kentucky River District Health Department revoked its prior approval

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Jackson Energy Tariff Original Sheet No. 111 (filed Oct. 26, 2008).

to establish electric service to Ms. Spicer's property because the wastewater disposal system that Ms. Spicer's proposes to use does not comply with local regulations for onsite sewage disposal.

Based upon the complaint and answer, the Commission finds that Ms. Spicer should file a response to Jackson Energy's allegation that Kentucky River District Health Department revoked its release for electric service to Ms. Spicer's property to assist the Commission to determine whether the conditions necessary to extend electric service to Ms. Spicer's property have been met. In addition to her response, Ms. Spicer should also file documentation from Kentucky River District Health Department affirming that the release for electric service issued on April 29, 2021 remains in full force and effect. Ms. Spicer should file her response by electronic mail (e-mail) at <a href="mailto:PSCED@ky.gov">PSCED@ky.gov</a> or by U.S. mail at P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615.

The Commission further finds that Jackson Energy should file documentation in support of its allegation that Kentucky River District Health Department revoked its release for electric service issued on April 29, 2021.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. On or before September 22, 2021, Rosemary Spicer shall file a response to the allegations in Jackson Energy's answer.
- 2. On or before September 22, 2021, Rosemary Spicer shall file documentation from Kentucky River District Health Department that the release for electric service issued on April 29, 2021, remains in full force and effect.

3. On or before September 22, 2021, Jackson Energy shall file documentation in support of its allegation that Kentucky River District Health Department revoked the release for electric service issued on April 29, 2021.

4. Documents filed pursuant to ordering paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 shall be filed by e-mail at <a href="mailto:PSCED@ky.gov">PSCED@ky.gov</a> or by U.S. mail at P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615, and include the Case No. 2021-00287.

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### By the Commission

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:

Executive Director

#### ATTACHMENT

## ATTACHMENT TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2021-00287 DATED SEP 02 2021

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RE: Case Number: 2021-00287

Case Style: Rosemary Spicer, Complaint, vs. Jackson Energy

Cooperative, Defendant

Dear Ms. Bridwell:

Pursuant to the Commission's Order in this matter, and further pursuant to the Commission's order in Case No. 2020-00085 with respect to the filing of physical documents, I am emailing the answer of my client, Jackson Energy Cooperative, to the complaint filed by Rosemary Spicer. I have mailed a copy of the answer to the address stated in Ms. Spicer's complaint. Pursuant to the order in Case No. 2020-00085, upon cessation of the existing state of emergency, the original document will be filed with the Commission.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Clayton O. Oswald

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cc: Ryan Henderson

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## ANSWER ON BEHALF OF JACKSON ENERGY COOPERATIVE CORPORATION

Comes now Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation ("Jackson Energy"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and hereby submits this answer to the complaint filed in this matter by Rosemary Spicer.

- 1. The Defendant admits the names and addresses of the parties contained in paragraphs (a) and (b) of the complaint.
- 2. With respect to paragraph (c) of the complaint, the Defendant notes that the allegations contained therein are stated in a narrative form, making it impossible to respond directly to each allegation. The Defendant generally denies the allegations stated in paragraph (c) of the complaint, and states as follows: on or about April 29, 2021, the complainant applied for service with Jackson Energy Cooperative. On or about May 13, 2021, a staking engineer employed by Jackson Energy met with the complainant at her property located at 1861 Pine Grove Road, Beattyville, Kentucky. During that meeting, the complainant reported to Jackson Energy that the structure on the property

would be utilized as a cabin with no septic or sewer service, but rather that an outhouse would be available. The structure is located approximately 975 feet from Jackson Energy's nearest electric pole. The Rules and Regulations of Jackson Energy, on file with the Commission, state that Jackson Energy will provide a line extension of up to 1,000 feet to serve a permanent dwelling, but extensions of 150 feet will be provided to other structures.<sup>1</sup> The Rules and Regulations further require the use of a sewer or septic system for a structure to be considered a permanent dwelling.<sup>2</sup> Moreover, Jackson Energy cannot establish service to a structure until the owner has received approval from the local health department and the electric inspector. As referenced in the complaint, it appears that the complainant received a release for electrical service from the Kentucky River District Health Department. However, that release was revoked as reported to Jackson Energy via email from James Whisman, Environmental Program Manager with the Kentucky River District Health Department on July 14, 2021. Mr. Whisman reported that the release was being rescinded because the complainant intends to use a waste water disposal system that is not in accordance with regulations for on-site sewage Jackson Energy believes that the original release was issued in error. Accordingly, Jackson Energy's refusal to provide a 1,000 foot service extension is appropriate and in accordance with Public Service Commission regulations and the Rules and Regulations of Jackson Energy and the complaint should be dismissed.

3. Any allegations that are not specifically admitted in this answer are hereby denied.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Sheet 112 of Jackson Energy Cooperative's Rules and Regulations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Sheet 111 of Jackson Energy's Rules and Regulations.

#### **FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The complaint fails to state any facts or causes of action upon which relief may be granted, and therefore, should be dismissed.

#### **SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The actions of Jackson Energy in this matter are in accordance with Commission regulations, the regulations of other agencies, Kentucky law and Jackson Energy's Rules and Regulations.

Wherefore, having answered the complaint in this matter, the Defendant, Jackson Energy Cooperative, respectfully requests the following:

- 1. That the complaint be dismissed in its entirety;
- 2. That this matter be removed from the Court's active docket; and
- 3. To any other relief to which the Defendant may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted by,

/s/ Clayton O. Oswald

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned counsel hereby certifies that this pleading was filed via the Commission's electronic mail address pursuant to the Commission's order in Case No. 2020-00085, with a copy via first class mail to:

Rosemary Spicer 1861 Pine Grove Rd. Beattyville, KY 41311

On this 30th day of July 2021.

/s/ Clayton O. Oswald Clayton O. Oswald Counsel for Defendant \*Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation 115 Jackson Energy Lane McKee, KY 40447

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