COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF EAST KENTUCKY POWER)COOPERATIVE, INC., INTER-COUNTY ENERGY)COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, NOLIN RURAL)CASE NO.ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, AND SALT)RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION,)FOR AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT A FIXED BILL PILOT)PROGRAM)

<u>COMMISSION STAFF'S THIRD DATA REQUEST TO EAST KENTUCKY</u> <u>POWER COOPERATIVE, INC., INTER-COUNTY COOPERATIVE</u> <u>CORPORATION, NOLIN RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION</u> <u>AND SALT RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION</u>

East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. ("East Kentucky"), Inter-County Energy Cooperative Corporation, Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, and Salt River Electric Cooperative Corporation (collectively "the Joint Applicants") are requested, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, to file with the Commission the original and 8 copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due within 14 days from the date of this request. When a number of sheets are required for an item, each sheet should be appropriately indexed, for example, Item 1(a), Sheet 2 of 6. Include with each response the name of the person who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to the information provided. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. Where information requested herein has been provided, in the format requested herein, reference may be made to the specific location of said information in responding to this information request. 1. Refer to Section 1.B. of East Kentucky's reply comments, Item 5 of its response to the Attorney General's ("AG") second data request, and Items 7(b) and (c) of its response to the Commission Staff's initial data request.

a. Explain how East Kentucky and the other Joint Applicants will track the differences between the revenues and expenses experienced under the fixed bill pilot program and the revenues and expenses that would have been experienced in the absence of the program.

b. Explain in detail how East Kentucky and the other Joint Applicants intend to ensure that the pilot program does not result in cost shifting or other negative impacts on customers not participating in the program.

2. Refer to the response to Item 9 of the Commission Staff's supplemental data request.

a. Describe the amounts that East Kentucky and the other Joint Applicants will record as fuel adjustment clause ("FAC") revenues and environmental surcharge revenues. Will the amounts recorded reflect the estimates referenced in the response or actual revenues based on the actual FAC and environmental surcharge factors charged to other customers? Explain the response.

b. If East Kentucky and the other Joint Applicants intend to record estimated amounts as FAC and environmental surcharges revenues, explain how this will comply with the provisions of 807 KAR 5:056 and KRS 278.183.

3. In its application, East Kentucky indicated that it and its member systems intended to evaluate the results of the pilot fixed bill program after 18 months, which, as proposed, would have covered two heating seasons. East Kentucky's November 3,

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2004 response to the AG's request for further proceedings stated that implementation of the program needed to be delayed to the Spring of 2005. Explain whether this delay will have any impact on the planned length of the pilot.

4. If a pilot fixed bill program is approved, explain whether East Kentucky or the other Joint Applicants will have the capability of reporting to the Commission, on a monthly basis, the program participants' actual usage levels and the Joint Applicants' estimates of the participants' usage levels for the full term of the pilot. If East Kentucky or the other Joint Applicants believe they do not have the capability to do this reporting, explain why and describe what type of reporting of actual and estimated usage they will be able to provide the Commission.

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DATED: <u>February 4, 2005</u>

cc: All Parties