COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN EXAMINATION BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE) COMMISSION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL) SURCHARGE MECHANISM OF EAST) KENTUCKY POWER COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR) THE SIX-MONTH BILLING PERIODS ENDING) DECEMBER 31, 2007; JUNE 30, 2008; AND) DECEMBER 31, 2008; AND THE PASS-) THROUGH MECHANISM FOR ITS SIXTEEN) MEMBER DISTRIBUTION COOPERATIVES)

CASE NO. 2009-00039

ORDER

The Commission, on its own motion, hereby finds that the 14 distribution cooperatives that are members of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. ("EKPC") and have not requested full Intervenor status in this case¹ should be made parties to this case. The reason for this finding is that the issues under review in this case include the environmental surcharge pass-through mechanism which is a part of the tariffs of each distribution cooperative and is used to bill retail customers for the wholesale environmental surcharge costs billed by EKPC. Those cooperatives are:

Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation; Blue Grass Energy Cooperative Corporation; Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc.; Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc.; Farmers Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation; Grayson Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation; Inter-County Energy Cooperative Corporation;

¹ EKPC member distribution cooperatives Owen Electric Cooperative and Fleming-Mason Energy Cooperative previously requested full Intervenor status, which was granted to both utilities by an Order issued on April 2, 2009.

Jackson Energy Cooperative; Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation; Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation; Salt River Electric Cooperative Corporation; Shelby Energy Cooperative, Inc.; South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation; and Taylor County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation.

The Commission further finds that each of the aforementioned distribution cooperatives should respond to the information request attached hereto as the Appendix.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The 14 distribution cooperatives identified in the findings above are made parties to this case and they shall individually or jointly file responses to the information request set forth in the Appendix attached hereto.

2. Intervenors Owen Electric Cooperative and Fleming-Mason Energy Cooperative shall individually or jointly file responses to the information request set forth in the Appendix attached hereto.

3. a. The information requested herein shall be filed within 20 days of the date of this Order.

b. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided, with copies to all parties of record and five copies to the Commission.

c. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or

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person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

d. Any party shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect.

e. For any request to which a party fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, that party shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

4. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

By the Commission

ENTERED APR 14 2009

ATTEST:

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2009-00039 DATED APR 1 4 2009

1. Has your cooperative experienced any problems in administering its environmental surcharge pass-through mechanism over the 18-month period under review in this case? If yes, explain in detail the nature of the problems and any suggested changes to cure the problems.

2. Has your cooperative received any customer complaints regarding the environmental surcharge pass-through mechanism during the 18-month period under review in this case? If yes, state the number of complaints received, the nature of each complaint, and the service classification of each customer making a complaint.

3. Does your cooperative believe that its environmental surcharge passthrough mechanism has operated reasonably over the 18-month period under review in this case? If no, explain in detail.

4. Does your cooperative have any recommended changes for its existing environmental surcharge pass-through mechanism? If yes, explain in detail the nature of each change and the reasons why the change is needed. Honorable James M Crawford Attorney At Law Crawford & Baxter, P.S.C. Attorneys at Law 523 Highland Avenue P. O. Box 353 Carrollton, KY 41008

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