COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY) CASE NO. UTILITIES COMPANY FOR AN ADJUSTMENT) 2018-00294 OF ITS ELECTRIC RATES)

ORDER

The matter is before the Commission upon a motion filed by Kentucky Utilities Company (KU), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 22, and 807 KAR 5:011, Section 15, seeking permission to deviate from the notice requirements in this proceeding. In support of its motion, KU states that on September 19, 2018, prior to the filing of its application in this case, it delivered to the Kentucky Press Service, Inc., a notice of the filing of its application for publication in newspapers in KU's service areas. KU states that it requested Kentucky Press Service, Inc., that the notice should be published once a week for three consecutive weeks beginning the week ending September 28, 2018, the date of the filing of KU's rate application. KU informs that while four local newspapers published the notice three times, they inadvertently failed to publish the notice for three consecutive weeks beginning the week ending September 28, 2018. In particular, KU notes that the *Three Forks Tradition* and the *Russell Springs Times* each published the first notice on October 3, 2018, and October 4, 2018, respectively, one week after the September 28, 2018 requested date. KU also notes that the Owingsville Bath Outlook and the Cumberland Tri-City News both published the first and third notices correctly, but did not published the second notice until October 17, 2018.

KU asserts that it has substantially complied with the Commission's notice regulations. KU notes that the two newspapers of largest circulation in its territory, the Louisville Courier-Journal and the Lexington Herald-Leader, timely published the required notices. In addition to publishing a newspaper notice, KU states that it also provided notice to its customers by: (1) posting the full notice for public inspection at its office and place of business and on its website; (2) delivering the notice to each public library located within KU's service territory with a request to post it in a public location; and (3) including an insert containing a general statement explaining the application in this case with the bills of all Kentucky retail customers during the course of their regular monthly billing cycle beginning on September 28, 2018.

Having reviewed the petition and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that KU has substantially complied with the notice requirements set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 17, and 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8, and that it has shown good cause to permit it to deviate from the requirement that the three newspaper notices be published for consecutive weeks.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that KU's petition to deviate from the notice requirements of 807 KAR 5:001, Section 17, and 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8, is granted.

By the Commission

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