COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF EAST KENTUCKY POWER COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR A GENERAL ADJUSTMENT OF RATES, APPROVAL OF DEPRECIATION STUDY, AMORTIZATION OF CERTAIN REGULATORY ASSETS, AND OTHER GENERAL RELIEF

CASE NO. 2021-00103

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On August 1, 2021, AppHarvest Morehead Farm, LLC (AppHarvest Morehead) filed a motion requesting that the Commission allow AppHarvest Morehead's witness, Suedeen G. Kelly, to be excused or to testify by videoconference at the August 3–5, 2021 hearing in this matter. As a basis for the motion, AppHarvest Morehead states that, due to the rapid spread of the Delta variant of COVID-19, conditions in the United States are less safe. AppHarvest Morehead points to the mask requirement established by Governor Beshear for executive branch agencies and the indoor mask mandate established in Washington D.C., which is where Ms. Kelly's office is located.

Based upon the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that AppHarvest Morehead established good cause to grant the request for Ms. Kelly to testify virtually in the interest of safety. The Commission further finds that AppHarvest Morehead did not provide any basis to excuse Ms. Kelly from testifying and therefore did not establish good cause to excuse Ms. Kelly from testifying at the August 3–5, 2021 hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. AppHarvest Morehead's motion is granted in part and denied in part.

2. AppHarvest Morehead's motion to permit Ms. Kelly to testify virtually at the August 3–5, 2021 hearing is granted.

3. AppHarvest Morehead's motion to excuse Ms. Kelly from testifying at the August 3–5, 2021 hearing is denied.

4. Commission Staff will contact counsel for AppHarvest Morehead to provide instructions for Ms. Kelly's participation at the hearing by videoconference.

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By the Commission



ATTEST:

for Executive Director

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