COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF KENERGY CORP. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HIGH-SPEED FIBER NETWORK AND FOR APPROVAL OF THE LEASING OF THE NETWORK'S EXCESS CAPACITY TO AN AFFILIATE TO BE ENGAGED IN THE PROVISION OF BROADBAND SERVICE TO UNSERVED AND UNDERSERVED HOUSEHOLDS AND BUSINESSES OF THE COMMONWEALTH

CASE NO. 2021-00365

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<u>O R D E R</u>

On September 10, 2021, Kenergy Corp. (Kenergy), pursuant to KRS 278.020, KRS 278.5464, and 807 KAR 5:001, Sections 14 and 15, filed an application requesting Commission approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to construct a high-speed fiber optic cable network and lease excess capacity of the fiber network to Kenergy's affiliate, Kenect, Inc., to extend broadband service to unserved and underserved households and businesses in Kenergy's service territory.

The Commission finds that a procedural schedule should be established for the orderly processing of this matter. The procedural schedule is attached as an Appendix to this Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed.

2. Any party filing a paper with the Commission shall file an electronic copy in accordance with the electronic filing procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked. The Commission directs the parties to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ regarding filings with the Commission.

3. As set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11)(a), a person requesting permissive intervention in a Commission proceeding is required to demonstrate either (1) a special interest in the proceeding that is not adequately represented in the case, or (2) that the person requesting permissive intervention is likely to present issues or develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings. Further, KRS 278.040(2) requires that a person seeking intervention must have an interest in the rates or service of a utility, as those are the only matters that are subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Therefore, any person requesting to intervene in a Commission proceeding must state with specificity the person's special interest that is not otherwise adequately represented, or the issues and facts that the person will present that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter. A mere recitation of the quantity of utility service consumed by the movant or a general statement regarding a potential impact of possible modification of rates will not be deemed sufficient to establish a special interest. In addition, any motion to intervene filed after the date established in the procedural schedule shall also

¹ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

show good cause for being untimely. If the untimely motion is granted, the movant shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

4. Kenergy shall give notice of the hearing in accordance with the provisions set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2). In addition, the notice of hearing shall include the following statement: "This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov;" and "Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov." At the time publication is requested, Kenergy shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

5. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.

6. Pursuant to KRS 278.360 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(9), a digital video recording shall be made of the hearing.

7. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions for continuance. Accordingly, motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

8. Nothing contained in this Order shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

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By the Commission



ATTEST:

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Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2021-00365 DATED SEP 22 2021

| Last day for intervention requests to be accepted | 09/30/2021 |
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| All initial requests for information to Kenergy shall be filed no later than | 10/12/2021 |
| Kenergy shall file responses to initial requests for information no later than | 10/25/2021 |
| All supplemental requests for information to Kenergy shall be filed no later than | 11/17/2021 |
| Kenergy shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than | 12/03/2021 |
| Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared form shall be filed no later than | 12/17/2021 |
| All requests for information to Intervenors shall be filed no later than | 01/10/2022 |
| Intervenors shall file responses to requests for information no later than | 01/24/2022 |
| Kenergy shall file, in verified form, its rebuttal testimony no later than | 01/31/2022 |
| Public Hearing to be held in the Richard Raff Hearing Room at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination | |
| of witnesses of Kenergy and Intervenors | be scheduled |
| Post-Hearing Briefs, if any | be scheduled |

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