## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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ELECTRONIC INVESTIGATION OF THE	)	
PROPOSED POLE ATTACHMENT TARIFFS	)	CASE NO.
OF RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	)	2022-00106
CORPORATIONS	)	

## COMMISSION STAFF'S THIRD REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATIONS

Big Rivers Electric Corporation (BREC); Big Sandy RECC; Blue Grass Energy Cooperative Corp. (Blue Grass Energy); Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc. (Clark Energy); Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc.; East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. (EKPC); Farmers RECC; Fleming-Mason Energy Cooperative, Inc. (Fleming-Mason Energy); Grayson RECC; Inter-County Energy Cooperative Corporation (Inter-County Energy); Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation (Jackson Purchase Energy) Corporation (Jackson Purchase Energy); Kenergy Corp.; Licking Valley RECC; Meade County RECC; Nolin RECC; Owen Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Owen Electric); Salt River Electric Cooperative Corporative (Shelby Energy); South Kentucky RECC; and Taylor County RECC (collectively, the RECCs), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on July 7, 2022. The Commission directs the RECCs to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-000851

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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).

regarding filings with the Commission. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the question to which the response is made and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided. 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 the 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.

The RECCs shall make timely amendment to any prior response if the RECCs obtain information that indicates the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which the RECCs fail or refuse to furnish all or part of the requested information, the RECCs shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, the RECCs shall, in accordance with 807

KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

- 1. For all cooperatives that require prepayment of survey fees, explain whether the cooperative would refund the difference if the actual cost of the survey were less than the Attachment Customer's prepayment. If so, identify the section of the tariff stating that. If not, explain why not.
- 2. For Big Sandy RECC only: Refer to Big Sandy RECC's response to Commission Staff's Second Request for Information (Staff's Second Request), Item 10, Exhibit 2–10. Provide a detailed narrative description for how the 156 percent overhead rate was calculated.
- 3. For Blue Grass Energy only: Refer to Blue Grass Energy's response to Staff's Second Request, Item 13. Explain how the \$71.50 per hour billing rate was determined, including any supporting calculations and a breakdown of overhead expense.
- 4. For Clark Energy only: Refer to Clark Energy's response to Staff's Second Request, Item 17. Confirm that the administrative review fee is not also recovered through the estimated per pole survey costs. If not confirmed, explain.
- 5. For Farmers RECC only: Refer to Farmers RECC's response to Commission Staff's First Request for Information (Staff's First Request), Item 16, Exhibit 16. Explain why the travel time amount of \$39.22 was not divided by 10 to calculate the travel time cost per pole to account for the 10 poles included in a typical application.
- 6. For Farmers RECC only: Refer to Farmers RECC's response to Staff's Second Request, Item 23.

- a. Provide the underlying calculation supporting the \$10.26 vehicle cost.
- 7. For Grayson RECC only: Refer to Grayson RECC's response to Staff's Second Request, Item 30(b), Exhibit 30(b).
  - a. Explain the distinction between construction labor and payroll.
  - b. Explain what is included in Accounts Payable.
  - c. Provide the list of benefits included in Journal Entries.
- 8. For Inter-County Energy only: Refer to Inter-County Energy's response to Staff's First Request, Item 16, Exhibit 16. Explain why the \$19.87 vehicle cost was not divided by the number of poles in application or number of poles inspected per hour, whichever is applicable.
- 9. For Jackson Energy only: Refer to Jackson Energy's response to Staff's Second Request, Item 37, Exhibit 37. Provide detailed support for the overhead rate of 197 percent.
- 10. For Licking Valley RECC only: Refer to Licking Valley RECC's response to Staff's Second Request, Item 44 (c) through (e). Explain whether Licking Valley has had discussions with other distribution cooperatives to help it estimate the number of poles in a typical application and poles reviewed/surveyed per hour.
- 11. For Meade County RECC only: Refer to Meade County RECC's response to Staff's Second Request, Item 46(a). Provide a breakdown of the labor and overhead head cost for each staking technician, including support for the overhead cost.
- 12. For Nolin RECC only: Refer to Nolin RECC's response to Staff's Second Request, Item 48. Provide a breakdown of the \$128.59 by hourly rate, overhead, and

transportation costs and include how the overhead and transportation costs were

calculated.

13. For Owen Electric only: Refer to Owen Electric's response to Staff's Second

Request, Item 51, Exhibit 51(a). Provide a breakdown of the \$67.28 by hourly rate and

overheads and include how the overhead was calculated.

14. For Salt River Electric only: Refer to Salt River's response to Staff's Second

Request, Item 54.

a. Provide the cost support in Excel spreadsheet format with all

formulas, columns, and rows unprotected and fully accessible.

b. Provide support for the 167 percent overhead rate.

15. For South Kentucky RECC only: Refer to South Kentucky RECC's

response to Staff's Second Request, Item 57(b), Exhibit 57(b). Provide detailed

descriptions of what is included in the "Indirect labor, related fringe benefits and related

transportation costs" and "Miscellaneous expenses and supplies used in construction of

work orders" line items.

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**Public Service Commission** 

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