COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY)	
POWER COMPANY FOR AN ORDER)	
APPROVING ACCOUNTING PRACTICES TO)	
ESTABLISH A REGULATORY ASSET RELATED)	CASE NO.
TO THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES)	2025-00031
INCURRED BY KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY)	
IN CONNECTION WITH THE JANUARY 5, 2025)	
AND FEBRUARY 15, 2025 MAJOR EVENT)	
STORMS)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY

Kentucky Power Company (Kentucky Power), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, shall file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on March 14, 2025. The Commission directs Kentucky Power to the Commission's July 22, 2021, Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ 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

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).

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.

Kentucky Power shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Kentucky Power obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect or incomplete when made or, though correct or complete when made, is now incorrect or incomplete in any material respect.

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

Careful attention shall be given to copied and scanned 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, Kentucky Power shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

- 1. Refer to Application, Exhibit 2.
- a. Provide a breakdown of the estimated costs for each of the other contractors used related to the January 5, 2025 storm.

- b. Provide a breakdown of the estimated costs for each of the other contractors used related to the February 15, 2025 storm.
- c. Provide a breakdown of the miscellaneous incremental costs totaling \$650,189 related to the January 5, 2025 storm.
- d. Explain how Kentucky Power approximated \$1,000,000 in miscellaneous incremental expenses related to the February 15, 2025 distribution costs.
- 2. Provide the year-to-date storm damage operating and maintenance expenses exclusive of the January 5, 2025 and February 15, 2025 storms.
- 3. Provide the storm damage operating and maintenance expenses for the calendar year 2024.
 - 4. Refer to Case No. 2023-00159,² January 19, 2024 Order.
- a. Confirm that the level of total distribution major and non-major storm project expense used in the 12-month period ending March 31, 2023, was \$7.3 million.
- b. Explain how Kentucky Power determines when to seek a regulatory asset for storm or other weather-related expenses, including any monetary thresholds.
- 5. Refer to Application at 5, paragraph 23. Provide an approximate age for the equipment damaged.
- 6. Refer to Application at 7, paragraph 36. Provide an approximate age for the equipment damaged.

² Case No. 2023-00159 Electronic Application of Kentucky Power Company for (2) A General Adjustment of its Rates for Electric Service; (2) Approval of Tariffs and Riders; (3) Approval of Accounting Practices to Establish Regulatory Assets and Liabilities (4) A Securitization Financing Order; and (5) All Other Required Approvals and Relief (Ky. PSC Jan. 19, 2024), Order.

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