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Ms. Beth O'Donnell Executive Director Public Service Commission of Kentucky 211 Sower Boulevard P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

## RE: P.S.C. Case No. 2006-00128

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

Enclosed please find and accept for filing the original and six copies of Kentucky Power Company's Responses to the Staff's Second Set of Data Requests.

By copy of this letter a copy of the Responses is being served on counsel for the Attorney General and Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers, Inc.

Sincerely yours, & HARBISON, PLLC Mark R. Overstreet

cc: Elizabeth E. Blackford Michael L. Kurtz

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## **COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**

## **BEFORE THE**

# PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY

### IN THE MATTER OF

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AN EXAMINATION BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE	)	
COMMISSION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL	)	
SURCHARGE MECHANISM OF KENTUCKY	)	
POWER COMPANY FOR THE SIX-MONTH	)	
BILLING PERIODS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002,	)	CASE NO. 2006-00128
DECEMBER 31, 2003, JUNE 30, 2004,	)	
DECEMBER 31, 2004, AND DECEMBER 31, 2005,	)	
AND FOR THE TWO-YEAR BILLING PERIODS	)	
ENDING JUNE 30, 2003 AND JUNE 30, 2005	)	

### **RESPONSES TO COMMISSION STAFF SECOND SET OF DATA REQUEST**

#### ON BEHALF OF KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY

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### Kentucky Power Company

#### REQUEST

Refer to the Direct Testimony of Errol K. Wagner, page 10. Kentucky Power has determined that it has experienced a net under-recovery of its environmental surcharge in the amount of \$110,756. How many billing periods does Kentucky Power propose the \$110,756 should be spread over to recover the amount from ratepayers? Explain the response.

#### RESPONSE

Kentucky Power proposes the entire \$110,756 to be included in the Company's first monthly environmental surcharge filing, on page E.S. 1.00 between lines 5 and 6 as an adjustment, following the Commission's order in this proceeding.

Using the April 2006 monthly revenues of \$30,928,117, the \$110,756 equates to approximately 0.3581% (\$110,756 / \$30,928,117). A residential customer's monthly bill using 1,300 kWh would be affected by approximately \$0.35 (\$98.67 X 0.3581%).

WITNESS: Errol K Wagner

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## **Kentucky Power Company**

#### REQUEST

Refer to the response to the Staff's First Data Request dated April 25, 2006, Item 16(c). Kentucky Power has determined that its weighted average cost of capital as of December 31, 2005 is 7.61 percent. Using the approach described in Case No. 2005-00068, Case No. 2005-00068, Application of Kentucky Power Company for Approval of an Amended Compliance Plan for Purposes of Recovering Additional Costs of Pollution Control Facilities and to Amend Its Environmental Cost Recovery Surcharge Tariff, final Order dated September 7, 2005. determine the weighted average cost of capital reflecting the application of the income tax gross-up factor. Include all calculations and assumptions used in the determination.

#### RESPONSE

In filing this response, KPC is not waiving any objection it might have regarding the calculation of the gross-up factor based on Case No.2005-00068, which is currently on appeal to the Franklin Circuit Court.

Attached is the calculation of the weighted average cost of capital reflecting the application of the income tax gross-up factor using the approach described in Case No. 2005-00068.

WITNESS: Errol K Wagner

#### KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY WEIGHTED AVERAGE COST OF CAPITAL AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2005

LINE			Cap.	Cost		WACC			WACC
NO.	Component	Balances	Structure	Rates		(Net of Tax)	GRCF		(PRE-TAX)
		As of 12/31/2005						_	
2	L/T DEBT S/T DEBT ACCTS REC	\$487,964,000 \$6,040,631	55.819% 0.691%	5.835% 4.490%		3.26% 0.03%			3.26% 0.03%
	FINANCING C EQUITY	\$32,348,353 \$347,841,406	3.700% 39.790%	3.888% 10.500%	1/	0.14% 4.18%	1.6073	2/	0.14% 6.72%
5	TOTAL	\$874,194,390	100.000%			7.61%			10.15%
1/	WACC = Weighted Average Cost of Capital Rate of Return on Common Equity per Case No. 2005 - 00341								1
	Gross Revenue Conversion Factor (GRCF) Calculation: Appendix B Case No. 2005-00068 dated - September 07, 2005								
1 2	OPERATING REVENUE UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS EXPENSE (0.47%)								
3 4	STATE TAXABLE PRODUCTION INCOME BEFORE 199 DEDUCTION STATE INCOME TAX EXPENSE, NET OF 199 DEDUCTION (SEE BELOW)								
5 6	FEDERAL TAXABLE PRODUCTION INCOME BEFORE 199 DEDUCTION 199 DEDUCTION PHASE-IN								
7 8	FEDERAL TAXABLE PRODUCTION INCOME FEDERAL INCOME TAX EXPENSE AFTER 199 DEDUCTION (35%)								
9	AFTER-TAX PRODUCTION INCOME								
10 11 12 13	GROSS-UP FACTOR FOR PRODUCTION INCOME: AFTER-TAX PRODUCTION INCOME 199 DEDUCTION PHASE-IN UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS EXPENSE								
14	TOTAL GROSS-UP FACTOR FOR PRODUCTION INCOME (ROUNDED)								
15 16 17 18	BLENDED FEDERAL AND STATE TAX RATE: FEDERAL (LINE 8) STATE (LINE 4) BLENDED TAX RATE							4	
19	GROSS REVE	NUE CONVERS	ION FACTOR (	100.0000 / Line	14)		1.6073		
1 2	STATE INCOME TAX CALCULATION: PRE-TAX PRODUCTION INCOME COLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS EXPENSE (0.20%)								
3 4	STATE TAXABLE PRODUCTION INCOME BEFORE 199 DEDUCTION LESS: STATE 199 DEDUCTION								
5 6	STATE TAXABLE PRODUCTION INCOME BEFORE 199 DEDUCTION STATE INCOME TAX RATE								
7	STATE IN	ICOME TAX EXI	PENSE (LINE 5	X LINE 6)			6.0450		

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