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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Ms. Stephanie L. Stumbo Executive Director Public Service Commission Post Office Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602

> Re: Public Service Commission Case No. 2007-00378

Dear Ms. Stumbo:

Please find enclosed for filing with the Public Service Commission an original and six copies of Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc.'s Verified Response to the Order of the Public Service Commission entered May 1, 2008 in the above referenced matter.

Very truly yours,

W. Patrick Hauser Counsel for Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc.

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Enclosures

#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION CASE NO. 2007-00378

In the Matter of:

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AN EXAMINATION BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE MECHANISM OF EAST KENTUCKY POWER COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR THE SIX-MONTH BILLING PERIODS ENDING JUNE 30, 2006 AND DECEMBER 31, 2006, FOR THE TWO-YEAR BILLING PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2007, AND THE PASS THROUGH MECHANISM FOR ITS SIXTEEN MEMBER DISTRIBUTION COOPERATIVES

## CUMBERLAND VALLEY ELECTRIC, INC.'S VERIFIED RESPONSE TO THE ORDER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Comes now Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc., and pursuant to the Order of the Public Service Commission entered on May 1, 2008, submits its verified responses to the information requested by the Commission:

**REQUEST NO. 1:** Has your cooperative experienced any problems in administering its environmental surcharge pass through mechanism over the 2-year period under review in this case? If yes, explain in detail the nature of the problems and any suggested changes to cure the problems.

**RESPONSE: No. 1: No**. Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc. has not experienced any problems.

**REQUEST NO. 2:** Has your cooperative received any customer complaints regarding the environmental surcharge pass through mechanism during the 2-year period under review in this case? If yes, state the number of complaints received, the nature of each complaint, and the service classification of each customer making a complaint.

**RESPONSE:** No. 2: Our cooperative has not received any complaints about the environmental surcharge pass through mechanism. We have received general complaints about the environmental surcharge being on the bill. These were verbal complaints from customers classified as residential service. We did not record the number of complaints that were made.

**REQUEST NO. 3**: Does your cooperative believe that its environmental surcharge pass through mechanism has operated reasonably over the 2-year period under review in this case? If no, explain in detail.

RESPONSE NO. 3: Yes.

**REQUEST NO. 4:** Does your cooperative have any recommended changes for its existing environmental surcharge pass through mechanism? If yes, explain in detail the nature of each change and the reasons why the change is needed.

**RESPONSE NO. 4:** Cumberland Valley Electric's power supplier, East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. ("EKPC") has been made aware of the fact that some EKPC member systems are experiencing an under-recovery of the environmental surcharge from certain customer classes, or large customers, due to the pass-through mechanism. Since the impact of this situation varies among different member systems, EKPC is currently evaluating this issue in an attempt to identify possible changes in the allocation

methodology which would be equitable for all member systems and retail customers. It is hoped that some acceptable changes to the pass-through methodology can be developed within the next 60 days. EKPC plans to present any proposed changes to the pass-through methodology to the Commission for review at the earliest appropriate time.

#### **CERTIFICATE**

Robert Tolliver, Office Manager of Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc., states that he has supervised the preparation of the responses of Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc. to the Public Service Commission Data Requests in the above referenced case dated May 1, 2008, and that the matters and things set forth herein are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry.

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**ROBERT TOLLIVER, OFFICE MANAGER** 

STATE OF KENTUCKY) ) COUNTY OF KNOX )

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Robert Tolliver, Office Manager of Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc., on this the <u>//e</u> day of May 2008.

NOTARY PUBLIC, State-at-Large

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Counsel certifies that true and correct photocopies of the foregoing Verified

Response by Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc., was served by mailing a true and correct

copy of the same, first class postage prepaid on the day of May, 2008 to the

following:

Original and Six (6) Copies to:

Ms. Stephanie L. Stumbo Executive Director Public Service Commission Post Office Box 615 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, KY 40602

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