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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

May 16, 2008

Stephanie Stumbo Executive Director Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard P O Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

Dear Ms. Stumbo:

Enclosed please find and original and six (6) copies of the information you requested in your Order dated May 1, 2008 in Case No. 2007-00378. If you require any other information please let us know.

Respectfully,

Donald R. Schaefer President & CEO

**Enclosures** 

#### **COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**

### **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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IN THE MATTER OF:

AN EXAMINATION BY THE PUBLICE 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

CASE NO. 2007-00378

**CERTIFICATE** 

STATE OF KENTUCKY )
COUNTY OF JACKSON )

**Don Schaefer**, being duly sworn, states that he has supervised the preparation of the responses of **Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation** to the Public Service Commission Data Requests in the above-referenced case dated May 1, 2008, and that the matters and things set forth therein are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry.

Donald Schaefer, President & CEO

Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation

Subscribed and sworn before me on this 160 day of May, 2008.

NOTARY PUBLIC, KY STATE AT LARGE My commission expires: Jan. 19, 2010

I certify that a true copy of the above Responses to Information Request was mailed to the parties as shown on attached list this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DATA REQUEST DATED MAY 1, 2008
REQUEST NO. 1
RESPONDING PERSON: DONALD SCHAEFER

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: Jackson Energy Cooperative has experienced a slight under-recovery of the environmental surcharge from large commercial and industrial customers, due to the pass-through allocation methodology used to bill for the surcharge at retail. East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. is currently evaluating this situation, in an effort to determine if changes can be made in the pass-through mechanism which would resolve this under-recovery, but Jackson Energy Cooperative does not have a specific change to recommend, at this time.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DATA REQUEST DATED MAY 1, 2008
REQUEST NO. 2
RESPONDING PERSON: DONALD SCHAEFER

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: Jackson Energy Cooperative has received no complaints regarding the environmental surcharge pass through mechanism. Jackson Energy Cooperative has received general complaints, mostly from residential customers, about why the environmental surcharge was on the bill and why it changed every month. Jackson Energy didn't record the number of these complaints.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DATA REQUEST DATED MAY 1, 2008
REQUEST NO. 3
RESPONDING PERSON: DONALD SCHAEFER

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

Response No. 3: Yes.

case? If no, please explain in detail.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DATA REQUEST DATED MAY 1, 2008
REQUEST NO. 4
RESPONDING PERSON: DONALD SCHAEFER

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: As referenced in the response to Request No. 1, 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.

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