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

Re: Case No. 2008-00115

Dear Ms. Stumbo:

Please find enclosed for filing with the Commission in the above-referenced case an original and six copies of the responses of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc., to the Commission Staff first data requests dated May 1, 2008, and the Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers, Inc. first data requests dated April 29, 2008.

Very truly yours,

Charles A. Lile Corporate Counsel

Enclosures

Cc: Michael L. Kurtz, Esq. Kurt J. Boehm, Esq.

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### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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THE APPLICATION OF EAST KENTUCKY	)	
POWER COOPERATIVE, INC., FOR	)	
APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO ITS	)	CASE NO. 2008-00115
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN	)	
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE	)	
CERTIFIC	ATE	
STATE OF KENTUCKY )		
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COUNTY OF CLARK )		

James C. Lamb, Jr., being duly sworn, states that he has supervised the preparation of the responses of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. to the Public Service Commission Staff First Data Request 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.

Subscribed and sworn before me on this 14th day of May, 2008.

December 8, 2009

My Commission expires:

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RESPONSES TO COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST DATA REQUEST TO EAST KENTUCKY POWER COOPERATIVE, INC.

DATED MAY 1, 2008

### COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST DATA REQUEST DATED 05/01/08

**REQUEST 1** 

**RESPONSIBLE PERSON:** 

Craig A. Johnson

**COMPANY:** 

East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.

Refer to page 4 of the Direct Testimony of David G. Eames ("Eames Testimony") Provide a signed copy of the Consent Decree agreed to by East Kentucky and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Response 1. Please see Attachment 1 for Civil Action No. 06-cv-00211-JMH and Attachment 2 for Civil Action No. 04-34-KSF on the enclosed CD.

Request 1a. Does the Consent Decree specifically identify or require the projects proposed in the application? If yes, provide the specific reference in the Consent Decree where each project is identified.

Response 1a.	Project No. 3	Addition: SCR Modifications for Spurlock 1	NO
	Project No. 4	Addition: SCR Modifications for Spurlock 2	NO
	Project No. 5:	Dale 1 and 2 Low NOx Burners	YES
		Civil Action No. 06-CV-00211, Paragraph 15	
	Project No. 6:	Spurlock 1 Low NOx Burners	NO
	Project No. 7:	Spurlock 2 – Wet FGD Scrubber	YES
		Civil Action No. 04-34-KSF, Paragraph 65	

Project No. 8: Spurlock 1 – Wet FGD Scrubber	YES
Civil Action No. 04-34-KSF, Paragraph 65	
Project No. 9: Spurlock 4 – Pollution Control Equipment	NO
Project No. 10: Spurlock, Cooper, & Dale: Particulate Matter	
And Continuous Emission Monitoring Equipment	

Particulate Matter Monitors YES
 Spurlock 2 only,
 Civil Action No. 04-34-KSF,
 Paragraph 89

Mercury CEMS
 Civil Action No. 04-34-KSF
 EKPC choice of either Spurlock 1 or 2,
 Paragraph 97, Spurlock 2 Chosen

Please see attached information.

Request 1b. If the proposed projects were not specifically identified or required in the Consent Decree, provide all analyses and studies that East Kentucky performed to determine that the following projects were the most reasonable methods to comply with the applicable environmental federal, state, or local statutes and regulations:

- 1. Low nitrogen oxide ("NOx") burners at Dale Station.
- 2. Low NOx burners at Spurlock Unit. 1.
- 3. Spurlock Particulate CEMs and Mercury CEMs at the Dale, Spurlock, and Cooper units.

### Response 1b.

- 1. Low nitrogen oxide ("NOx") burners at Dale Station
  - Required by Civil Action No. 06-CV-00211,
     Paragraph 15.
- 2. Low NOx Burners at Spurlock Unit 1.

- Please see attached information. The new Low NOx Burners ("LNB's") were taken into account when modeling the NOx emissions with the improved SCR described in Project No. 3. The SCR was assumed to have a reduction of 80% along with the assumed 20% reduction of the new LNB's giving a NOx emission rate of 0.08 lbs./mmBtus. The old LNB's were placed into service in 1993 and are in need of replacement. Please see further explanation in the response to Request 2(a).
- 3 Spurlock Particulate CEMs and Mercury CEMs at the Dale, Spurlock, and Cooper Units.
  - Please see the Attachment to the response to Request
     1(a).

### **Environmental Surcharge Justification for CEMs**

### **PM Monitor Justification**

- 1. Spurlock Unit 2 Stack PM Monitor to be installed because of NSR Consent Decree requirement. (NSR Consent Decree Paragraph 89)
- 2. Spurlock Unit 1 Stack PM Monitor to be installed because the FGD will inhibit the opacity monitor operation because of high stack moisture. We will petition state to switch from an Opacity CEM to a PM CEM that is capable of measuring in the wet stack environment. This would waive opacity requirements, which are only an indicator of PM Emissions, and measure the PM Emissions directly with a PM CEMS. (We haven't petitioned the Kentucky Division for Air Quality yet but will do so in near future)
- 3. **Spurlock Unit 4** PM Monitor is to be installed because of a Title V Permit requirement. (Page 28 of 95; Emission Unit 17; Specific Monitoring Requirements; a)

### **Mercury Monitor Justification**

1. Dale Unit's 1 & 2, Dale Unit's 3 & 4, Cooper Unit's 1 & 2, Spurlock Unit 1, and Spurlock Unit 3 – these Mercury CEMS were ordered because of the EPA Clean Air Mercury Rule. According to this rule all coal fired sources had to have Mercury CEMS certified by January 1, 2009. EKPC bought equipment early to ensure equipment could be procured and certified by the applicable deadline. EKPC awarded a contract for this equipment on December 19, 2007.

On February 8, 2008, the D.C. Circuit vacated EPA's rule removing power plants from the Clean Air Act list of sources of hazardous air pollutants. At the same time, the Court vacated the Clean Air Mercury Rule. EPA is reviewing the Court's decisions and evaluating its impacts. (http://www.epa.gov/camr/)

EKPC Consent Decree NSR requires Mercury Monitoring. This will assist EKPC in future Mercury Regulations under Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT).

- 2. **Spurlock Unit 2 Stack** Mercury CEM to be installed because of NSR Consent Decree requirement. (NSR Consent Decree Paragraph 97)
- 3. **Spurlock Unit 4** PM Monitor is to be installed because of a Title V Permit requirement. (Page 28 of 95; Emission Unit 17; Specific Monitoring Requirements; a)

### Spurlock CEM Equipment Justification

- 1. Spurlock Unit 1 Stack CEM This is a new stack that is associated with the new Unit 1 FGD System. This CEM System is needed because of EPA 40 CFR Part 75 requirements, EPA 40 CFR Part 60 requirements, Title V Permit requirements, and NSR Consent Decree requirements, Paragraph 80 and Paragraphs 86-95.
- 2. Spurlock Unit 1 Scrubber Inlet CEM This CEM is needed because of NSR Consent Decree requirements, Paragraph 80.
- 3. **Spurlock Unit 2 Stack CEM** This is a new stack that is associated with the new Unit 2 FGD System. This CEM System is needed because of EPA 40 CFR Part 75 requirements, EPA 40 CFR Part 60 requirements, Title V Permit requirements, and NSR Consent Decree requirements, Paragraph 80 and Paragraphs 86-95.
- 4. **Spurlock Unit 2 Scrubber Inlet CEM** This CEM is needed because of NSR Consent Decree requirements, Paragraph 80.
- 5. **Spurlock Unit 4 Stack CEM** This is a new source. Monitoring is needed because of EPA 40 CFR Part 75 requirements, EPA 40 CFR Part 60 requirements, and Title V Permit requirements.

### PSC Request 1(b) Attachment

Modeling for Consent Decree using 2004, 2005 and 2006 as test years. Scrubber, new Low NOx Burners and SCR on Spurlock 1. Scrubber Low Nox Burners and SCR on Spurlock 2.

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NOx Tons SI 848	938
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NOx Emission Rate, Ibs./mmBtu	0.05
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Capacity Factor	82
Year	2005
Unit Name	Spurlock 1 Spurlock 2

SO2 Tons	1068 2055
SO2 Emission Rate, Ibs./mmBtu	0.1
NOx Tons Startup & Shutdown	8.3
NOx Tons	866 1036
Max Rolling Avg, NOx	0.089
NOx Emission Rate, lbs./mmBtu	0.08
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Unit Name	Spurlock 1 Spurlock 2

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**REQUEST 2** 

RESPONSIBLE PERSON: Craig A. Johnson

COMPANY: East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.

**Request 2.** Refer to page 6 of the Direct Testimony of Craig A. Johnson.

Request 2a. East Kentucky has already installed Selective Catalytic Reduction Equipment ("SCR") at Spurlock Unit 1 to control NOx emissions. Explain why it is necessary to replace the existing low NOx burners with new low NOx burners.

Response 2a. The existing low NOx burners are now 16 years old and are in need of replacement. The existing low NOx burners are an early vintage of this technology. The new low NOx burners will allow a greater control of the fuel combustion process resulting in lower NOx production. The lower NOx out of the furnace will optimize the SCR operation allowing for an extended catalyst life and should lower SCR operating cost through the use of less anhydrous ammonia. The combination of the new low NOx burners and improved SCR will help ensure compliance with the consent decree (please see the response to Request 1, Attachment 2). To aid in the decision concerning the replacement of existing low NOx burners and improvements to the existing SCR, modeling was performed using 2004, 2005 and 2006 as test years (please see Attachment to the response to Request 1(b)). The SCR improvements as described in the Project No. 3 addition were estimated to reduce NOx emissions over the

life of the catalyst by 80%. The new LNBs were estimated to be capable of reducing NOx emissions out of the boiler by 20%. The combined removal efficiency of the new LNBs along with the improved SCR will help achieve the requirement for a 30-day rolling average NOx emission rate which must include startup and shutdown emissions. During startups and shutdowns, the SCR cannot be operated until the manufacturer's recommendations are satisfied. The new LNBs will reduce the NOx emissions at all times while firing coal.

Request 2b. East Kentucky has also installed an SCR at Spurlock Unit 2 to control NOx emissions. Does East Kentucky anticipate that a similar change-out of low NOx burners will be necessary in the future for Spurlock Unit 2? Explain the response.

Response 2b. No, new LNBs are not planned for Spurlock 2. Spurlock 2 is equipped with a tangentially fired boiler with existing LNBs. Spurlock 2 has an out of the boiler NOx emission rate of 0.25 lbs./mmBtus. Modeling showed that with the improved SCR, as described in Project No. 4 Addition, new LNBs are not required to meet the stringent emission limits set forth in the Consent Decree (please see the response to Request 1, Attachment 2).

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST DATA REQUEST DATED 05/01/08

**REQUEST 3** 

RESPONSIBLE PERSON: Ann F. Wood

COMPANY: East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.

Refer to Exhibit AFW-1 of the Direct Testimony of Ann F. Wood.

Request 3a. Provide the same information shown in Exhibit AFW-1 as of September 30, 2006.

Response 3a. The information shown on Exhibit AFW-1 as of September 30, 2006 is included on page 3 of this response.

Request 3b. If the three projects as of September 30, 2006 had Construction Work in Progress ("CWIP") project balances net of Allowance for Funds Used During Construction ("AFUDC"), explain why East Kentucky did not propose any adjustments to the environmental surcharge mechanism to reflect the CWIP net of AFUDC already included in base rates.

Response 3b. Although the three referenced projects had CWIP net of AFUDC balances as of September 30, 2006, no adjustment to the environmental surcharge mechanism is necessary. First, EKPC has not sought recovery of CWIP net of AFUDC on any projects included in the original environmental surcharge application. Second,

EKPC's base rate case (Case No. 2006-00472) was a TIER-based case. Case No. 2006-00472 was not balance sheet (return) driven.

Request 3c. Indicate when construction started on the Dale Station low NOx burners. If construction commenced prior to September 30, 2006, provide the CWIP balance as of September 30, 2006 and any associated AFUDC on that CWIP.

Response 3c. Construction on the Dale Station low NOx burners began in June 2007. Therefore, there was no CWIP balance at September 30, 2006.

### **EKPC CWIP BALANCES AT 9/30/06**

Acct	Project Description	P project balance AFUDC @ 9/30/06	UDC charged to ect through 9/30/06	þı	CWIP total roject balance @ 9/30/06
*10720	Spurlock Unit 4	\$ 179,771,312	\$ 6,183,347	\$	185,954,659
10720	Spurlock 1 Scrubber	\$ 1,372,495	\$ 19,721	\$	1,392,216
10720	Spurlock 2 Scrubber	\$ 20,567,539	\$ 436,263	\$	21,003,802

<sup>\*</sup>These amounts represent the entire Spurlock 4 project costs at 9/30/06, without considering the pollution control facilities in isolation.

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST DATA REQUEST DATED 05/01/08 REQUEST 4

RESPONSIBLE PERSON: James C. Lamb, Jr./Ann F. Wood

COMPANY: East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.

Refer to pages 2 and 3 of the Direct Testimony of William A. Bosta. While Mr. Bosta describes proposed changes to East Kentucky's environmental surcharge tariff to reflect the additional projects to be included in the environmental compliance plan, the application does not address any changes that may be necessary to the monthly surcharge reporting formats. Provide sample copies of the monthly surcharge reporting formats which reflect the inclusion of the additional projects.

Response 4. Attached are sample copies of the monthly surcharge reporting formats, which reflect the inclusion of the additional projects. Only the pages with changes are included; changes are in "bold" and "italicized."

#### East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. Environmental Surcharge Report

Form 2.0

Revenue Requirements of Environmental Compliance Costs
For the Expense Month Ending

#### **Determination of Environmental Compliance Rate Base**

Eligible Pollution Control Plant (Gross Plant)
Eligible Pollution CWIP net of AFUDC

Subtotal

Additions:

Inventory - Spare Parts

Inventory - Limestone

Inventory - Emission Allowances

Cash Working Capital Allowance

Subtotal

Deductions

Accumulated Depreciation on Eligible Pollution Control Plant

Subtotal

Environmental Compliance Rate Base

### **Determination of Pollution Control Operating Expenses**

Monthly O&M Expense

Monthly Depreciation and Amortization Expense

Monthly Taxes Other Than Income Taxes

Monthly Insurance Expense

Monthly Emission Allowance Expense

Monthly Surcharge Consultant Fee

Total Pollution Control Operating Expense

### **Gross Proceeds from By-Product and Emission Allowance Sales**

Total Proceeds from By-Product and Allowance Sales

### (Over)/Under Recovery of Monthly Surcharge Due to Timing Differences

1	E(m) Revenue Requirement for Six Month Period Ending	\$
2	Revenue Collected for Six-Month Period Ending	\$
3	Net (Over)/Under Recovery (Row 1 - Row 2)	\$
4	Amortization of Net (Over)/Under Recovery	\$

East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.
Environmental Surcharge Report
Plant, CWIP, Depreciation, & Taxes and Insurance Expenses
For the Expense Month Ending

Form 2.1

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
		Eligible		CWIP	Eligible		Monthly	Monthly
		Gross	Eligible	Amount	Net Plant	Monthly	Tax	Insurance
Project		Plant	Accumulated		in	Depreciation	Expense	Expense
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3	Spurlock 1: SCR							
4	Spurlock 2: SCR		ļ					
5	Dale 1 & 2: Low NOx Burners					;		
6	Spurlock 1: Low NOx Burners							
7	Spurlock 2: Scrubber						:	
8	Spurlock 1: Scrubber							
9	Spurlock 4				}			
10	Spurlock, Cooper & Dale: Continuous Emission Monitoring Equipment							
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### Form 2.4

### East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. Environmental Surcharge Report O&M Expenses and Determination of Cash Working Capital Allowance

For	the	Expense	Month	<b>Ending</b>		
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Eligible O&M Expenses	Projects 1-6	Projects 7-10	Total
11th previous month			\$0
10th previous month			\$0
9th previous month			\$0
8th previous month			\$0
7th previous month			\$0
6th previous month			\$0
5th previous month			\$0
4rd previous month			\$0
3nd previous month			\$0
2nd previous month			\$0
Previous month			\$0
Current Month			\$0
Total 12 Month O&M	\$0	\$0	\$0
Average Monthly O&M	\$0	\$0	\$0

Determination of Working Capital Allowance			
12 Months O&M Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0
One-Eighth (1/8) of 12 Month O&M Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0

Form 2.5

### East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. Environmental Surcharge Operating and Maintenance Expenses For the Expense Month Ending

	Expense Type	Account Description	Amount
ı	Maintenance		
	50144	Fuel Coal Gilbert	
	51241	Maintenance of Boiler Plant Spurlock 1	
	51242	Maintenance of Boiler Plant Spurlock 2	
	51244	Maintenance of Boiler Plant Gilbert	
	501445	Fuel Coal Spurlock 4	
	512431	Maintenance of Boiler Plant Scrubber 1	
	512432	Maintenance of Boiler Plant Scrubber 2	
	51245	Maintenance of Boiler Plant Spurlock 4	
II	Air Permit Fees		
	50621	Misc Steam Power Environmental Dale	
	50631	Misc Steam Power Environmental Cooper	
	506445	Misc Steam Power Environmental Spurlock	
[]]	Operating Expense - Ammonia a		
	50641	Misc Steam Power Expense - Spurlock 1	
	50642	Misc Steam Power Expense - Spurlock 2	
	50644	Misc Steam Power Expense - Gilbert	
	50620	Misc Steam Power Expense - Dale Misc Steam Power Expense - Cooper	
	50630 506431	Misc Steam Power Expense - Cooper  Misc Steam Power Expense - Spurlock 1	
	506437 506432	Misc Steam Power Expense - Spuriock 2	
	506445	Misc Steam Power Expense - Spurlock 4	
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		Projects 7-10	
	501445	Fuel Coal Spurlock 4 Maintenance of Boiler Plant Scrubber 1	
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	512432 51245	Maintenance of Boiler Plant Scrubber 2  Maintenance of Boiler Plant Spurlock 4	
	50620	Misc Steam Power Expense - Dale	
	50630	Misc Steam Power Expense - Cooper	
	506431	Misc Steam Power Expense - Spurlock 1	
	506432	Misc Steam Power Expense - Spurlock 2	
	506445	Misc Steam Power Expense - Spurlock 4	
		Projects 1-6	
	50144	Fuel Coal Gilbert	
	51241	Maintenance of Boiler Plant Spurlock 1	
	51242	Maintenance of Boiler Plant Spurlock 2	
	51244	Maintenance of Boiler Plant Gilbert	
	50621	Misc Steam Power Environmental Dale	
	50631	Misc Steam Power Environmental Cooper	
	506445	Misc Steam Power Environmental Spurlock	
	50641	Misc Steam Power Expense - Spurlock 1	
	50642	Misc Steam Power Expense - Spurlock 2	
	50644	Misc Steam Power Expense - Gilbert	

Total Monthly Total