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PARTIES OF RECORD

Re: Case Nos. 2012-00448 and 2012-00468

Attached is a copy of the memorandum which is being filed in the record of the above-referenced cases. If you have any comments you would like to make regarding the contents of the informal conference memorandum, please do so within five days of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Staff Attorney Virginia Gregg at 502-782-2584.

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INTRA-AGENCY MEMORANDUM

KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TO:

Case File

FROM:

Virginia Gregg, Staff Attorney

DATE:

July 24, 2013

RE:

Case No. 2012-00448

Application of Owen Electric Cooperative, Inc. for an

Adjustment of Rates

Case No. 2012-00468

Application of Owen Electric Cooperative, Inc. for Revisions to its Meter Reading Tariff to Accommodate Manual Meter Reading Charges in Instances where it is Advanced Metering Infrastructure is Prohibited from

Being Utilized for its Intended Purpose

On July 18, 2013, Commission Staff held an informal teleconference to discuss several issues in the above matter. Those participating in the teleconference included Mark Stallons, Ann Wood and Mike Cobb with Owen Electric Corporation, Inc. ("Owen"); Jennifer Hans with the Office of the Attorney General; Chris Whelan, Jeff Johnson, Errol Wagner and Virginia Gregg with the Commission. Owen and the Attorney General's office both confirmed that Owen's counsel, Jim Crawford, was unable to participate in the teleconference but agreed that it should proceed.

The conference began with Commission Staff stating that a formal hearing would be held in this matter on August 7, 2013 and that an Order would be issued. There was discussion regarding the July 17, 2013 Order which required Owen to give public notice of the proposed initiation of a \$30.00 monthly meter reading fee for those customers who refuse the installation of an AMI meter. Owen stated that its preference was to proceed with the general rate case as scheduled and to hold the issue of manual meter reading charges in abeyance pending any determination or policy guidance by the Commission in Administrative Case No. 2012-00428, which is expected to address certain Smart Grid and Smart Meter issues, including opt-out provisions.

Commission Staff voiced concern that Case No. 2012-00428 would likely not be completed prior to the statutory deadline for the Commission to issue its decision regarding the meter reading tariff. Commission Staff agreed to research this issue. There was also discussion of a short postponement of the August 7, 2013 hearing to allow time for Owen to give public notice of the proposed \$30.00 monthly meter reading fee and to proceed with both this issue and the general rate case at the same time.

The conference was then adjourned.