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August 23, 2013

PARTIES OF RECORD

RE: Informal Conference for
Case No. 2013-00142

Enclosed is a memorandum that has been filed in the record of the above-referenced case. Any comments regarding the content of this memorandum should be submitted to the Commission within seven days of receipt of this letter. Questions regarding this memorandum should be directed to Chris Whelan at (502) 782-2644.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanic Bell to JD".

Jeff Derouen
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

INTRA-AGENCY MEMORANDUM
KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TO: Case File 2013-00142
FROM: Chris Whelan, Team Leader
DATE: August 23, 2013
RE: Tariff Filing of Fleming-Mason Energy Cooperative, Inc. to Amend its Service Charge

On August 22, 2013, Commission Staff ("Staff") held an informal conference ("IC") with Fleming-Mason Energy Cooperative, Inc. ("Fleming-Mason") and the Office of the Attorney General ("AG"). Notice of the IC was issued on August 6, 2013. Fleming-Mason requested the IC to clarify the Commission's Order of July 19, 2013 in which it was ordered to publish notice of its proposed tariff changes. A list of attendees is attached to this memorandum.

Fleming-Mason began the discussions by stating that it is currently installing towers for its automated metering infrastructure ("AMI") system and performing testing. Fleming-Mason acknowledged that the part of its tariff filing receiving the most attention is the proposed \$25 opt-out fee for customers who refuse an AMI meter. Staff and the AG were informed by Fleming-Mason that the start date for installing the AMI meters was moved from September to November 2013 and that it will take 26 months to complete the installations. Fleming-Mason stated it is aware that certain customers will resist the installation of an AMI meter and it has concerns for its employees' safety as well as a concern for the costs incurred for manually reading meters. Fleming-Mason also stated that it would be willing to consider bi-monthly or quarterly meter readings in order to reduce the cost to the customer but that it has concerns about the accuracy of estimating usage. Fleming-Mason noted that the proposed tariff changes will be noticed in the September issue of Kentucky Living Magazine.

The AG stated its position that an opt-out provision should be allowed but believes that this issue, and the possible implementation of a related fee, should be decided in the Commission's "Smart Grid" case, Case No. 2012-00428.¹

The IC ended with Fleming-Mason stating it would give consideration to withdrawing the opt-out portion of its proposed tariff changes and with the AG stating it would file, during the week of August 26, 2013, a motion requesting a procedural schedule and possibly a hearing in this matter. There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Attachment: Sign-In Sheet

¹ Case No. 2012-00428, Consideration of the Implementation of Smart Grid and Smart Meter Technologies (initiated Oct. 1, 2012).

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

TARIFF FILING OF FLEMING-MASON ENERGY)	CASE NO.
COOPERATIVE, INC. TO AMEND ITS SERVICE)	2013-00142
CHARGE)	

August 22, 2013

Please sign in:

NAME	REPRESENTING
<u><i>David B. Powell</i></u>	<u>PSC - legal</u>
<u><i>Jeff Shaw</i></u>	<u>PSC - FA</u>
<u><i>Joni Hayelbrigg</i></u>	<u>Fleming - Mason Energy</u>
<u><i>Chris Perry</i></u>	<u>" " "</u>
<u><i>Marvin Smith</i></u>	<u>Fleming - Mason Energy</u>
<u><i>Chris Whelan</i></u>	<u>PSC - FA</u>
<u><i>Gregory Outton</i></u>	<u>OAG</u>
<u><i>Kric Bowman</i></u>	<u>PSC - Eng.</u>
<u>Telephonically ^{by 2BB, 8-22-13}</u>	<u></u>
<u>Jennifer Hans</u>	<u>OAG</u>
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