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May 11, 2015

PARTIES OF RECORD

Re: Case No. 2014-00396
Minutes of the Information Session and Public Meeting
Pikeville High School
Pikeville, Kentucky
April 16, 2015

Attached is a copy of the memorandum summarizing the public meeting held April 16, 2015 in Pikeville, Kentucky, which is being filed in the record of the above-referenced case. If you have any questions, please contact J.E.B. Pinney, Staff Attorney, at 502-782-2587.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Derouen".

Jeff Derouen
Executive Director

Attachment

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY POWER)	
COMPANY FOR: (1) A GENERAL)	
ADJUSTMENT OF ITS RATES FOR)	
ELECTRIC SERVICE ; (2) AN ORDER)	
APPROVING ITS 2014 ENVIRONMENTAL)	CASE NO.
COMPLIANCE PLAN; (3) AN ORDER)	2014-00396
APPROVING ITS TARIFFS AND RIDERS;)	
AND, (4) AN ORDER GRANTING ALL OTHER)	
REQUIRED APPROVALS AND RELIEF)	

MINUTES OF THE INFORMATION SESSION AND PUBLIC MEETING
PIKEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, PIKEVILLE, KENTUCKY
APRIL 16, 2015 5:00 P.M.

A public information session and public meeting was held at Pikeville High School in Pikeville, Pike County, Kentucky on April 16, 2015. Andrew Melnykovich, Director of Communications for the Public Service Commission, conducted the information session introducing the Commission and Commission Staff, and explained the procedure and protocol for the information session and the public hearing. Mr. Melnykovich then presented an overview of the legal basis, criteria, and review process for the Commission's consideration of applications for proposed rate increases. The presentation included a general overview of the instant application,¹ explained which aspects of this case are within the Commission's jurisdiction, and concluded with a question-and-answer period with Commission Staff.

¹ The information session and public meeting also covered Case No. 2014-00342, *Application of Mountain Water District for an Adjustment of Water and Sewer Rates*.

At the conclusion of the information session and after a short intermission, Vice Chair James Gardner, initiated the public hearing portion of the meeting, providing a brief overview of the case at bar, the parties involved, and setting forth the procedure and protocol for the taking of comments. Vice-Chair Gardner then invited the public to make comments to the Commission regarding Kentucky Power Company's ("Kentucky Power") request for a 12.5% rate increase of approximately \$70,000,000. The following individuals spoke at the public meeting:

1. Jeff Anderson – Magistrate Anderson is the Magistrate of District One of Pike County. He stated that it was important and crucial to note that when Kentucky Power conducts rate studies, it is very thorough and transparent, unlike the rate application in the Mountain Water District rate case. He stated that it was important to note that with the proposed rate increase, Kentucky Power's electricity rates were still some of the lowest in the country. He also stated that an appointed Public Service Commission was better than an elected Commission.
2. Hilman Dotson– Magistrate Dotson is the Magistrate of District Five of Pike County. He stated that he would like to see a special program for customers that were living on a fixed income, perhaps having a variable rate for them. He noted that his power bill was much higher than the average of \$135 per month that was quoted at the meeting. He stated that the proposed rate increase was essentially paying Kentucky Power to put coal miners out of business and that Pike County was paying to help those coal miners. He noted that Kentucky Power does keep the lights

on. He expressed concern about how Kentucky Power was conducting its vegetation management program, citing to examples of where, after trees have been trimmed, the branches and trees were oftentimes placed in adjoining creeks, causing flooding problems.

3. Bobby Varney – Magistrate Varney is the Magistrate of District Six of Pike County. He requested that the Commission think of the old people when considering the rate increase and also stated that more programs to help low-income customers should be implemented. He also stated that he did not believe in global warming, noting that the past cold winter disproved that any warming was occurring.
4. Bertha Daniels: Ms. Daniels, an advocate for senior and low-income customers, thanked the Commission for the opportunity to speak. She noted that Kentucky Power essentially bought the Mitchell Plant from itself when it purchased the plant from AEP Ohio. She questioned the need for additional revenue for vegetation management because the costs of the program were already included in base rates.

She stated that utilities are basic necessities and that, although she currently has the means to pay her utility bills, higher rates will make it more of a struggle. She requested that the Commission not allow the rate increase.

5. Eric Dixon: Mr. Dixon, a resident of Letcher County, Kentucky, disapproved of the proposed rate increase and stated that the rate structure was unjust and unreasonable because raising the base rates

unfairly impacted the poor and that a fair rate does not spread the burden equally among all customers. He stated that the proposed rates contained no incentives to reduce consumption and impedes energy independence. He also stated that the higher rates would be unfair to lower income customers because in many cases electricity bills were higher than many customers' monthly rent. He requested that the Commission examine who could better afford the costs of the rate increase.

6. Nancy C. Taylor – Ms. Taylor began by thanking the Commission for the opportunity to speak. She stated that the proposed rate increase was unfair and noted that the Saudis, even though possessing large deposits of oil, considerably had developed solar energy. She said that in parts of Virginia, not far from Pikeville, there has been development in solar energy, which she has posted on Facebook and suggested that such development could occur in Kentucky as well. She stated that large multinational corporations have been controlling the money since the time of the Hatfields and McCoys and that we should focus on helping on the poor instead of providing tax breaks to large multinational finance groups.
7. Holly Mullins - Ms. Mullins stated that if more customers generated electricity via solar, then net metering would be beneficial. She inquired as to if the Commission could assist in promoting solar energy, and suggested that further investigation be conducted into promoting solar energy. She also stated that there should be more programs to help low-

income customers and that the programs should be posted so that all customers could view the available programs.

No other member of the public present wished to make a comment. The public hearing was then adjourned. All persons in attendance were asked to sign in and provide their home address for the record. The sign-in sheet is attached hereto as Appendix A.

APPENDIX A

PUBLIC MEETING - SIGN-IN SHEET

Case No. 2014-00396 – Kentucky Power rate adjustment
Pikeville, April 16, 2015

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name	Address	DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK?	
1 <u>Bobby D. Janner</u>	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO ✓
2 <u>Russ Cassidy</u>		<input type="radio"/> YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
3 <u>Beth Ann Dausler</u>		<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO ✓
4 <u>Robert Johns</u>		<input type="radio"/> YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
5 <u>Holly Mullins</u>		<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO ✓
6 <u>Jimmy Keeton</u>		<input type="radio"/> YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
7 <u>Allison Bartlett</u>		<input type="radio"/> YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
8 <u>Marie D. [unclear]</u>		<input type="radio"/> YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
9 <u>Bob Shurtell</u>		<input type="radio"/> YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
10 <u>Helmer Holson</u>		<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO ✓

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Name Address DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK?

1 Jenny Payne [Redacted] YES NO

2 ERIC DIXON [Redacted] YES NO ✓

3 Walter Stone [Redacted] YES NO

4 Juan Berling [Redacted] YES NO

* 5 JEFF ANDERSON [Redacted] YES NO ✓

6 Kate Land Mullins [Redacted] YES NO

7 don holt [Redacted] YES NO


8 Darrell + Terry Tackett [Redacted] YES NO

9 Charles Seedy [Redacted] YES NO

10 Emu McKernan [Redacted] YES NO

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Name	Address	DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK?	
1 Courtney Lovem		YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
2 Nancy C. Taylor		<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	NO
3		YES	NO
4		YES	NO
5		YES	NO
6		YES	NO
7		YES	NO
8		YES	NO
9		YES	NO
10		YES	NO

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