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#### PARTIES OF RECORD

Re: Case No. 2015-00013

Attached is a copy of a memorandum which is being filed in the record of the above-referenced case. If you have any comments you would like to make regarding the contents of the memorandum please do so within five days of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Beyer, Staff Attorney, at 502/782-2581.

Sincerely

Jeff Derouen

Executive Director

**Enclosures** 

### INTRA-AGENCY MEMORANDUM

### KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TO:

Case File - Case No. 2015-00013

FROM:

Jonathan Beyer, Staff Attorney

DATE:

March 31, 2015

RE:

Telephonic Informal Conference of March 30, 2015

Pursuant to a Commission Staff notice, a telephonic conference call was held in this matter on March 30, 2015. A list of attendees is attached.

Commission Staff began the conference requesting information on the net present value of the savings resultant from the refinancing. Joni Hazelrigg, Fleming-Mason Energy Cooperative, Inc's ("Fleming-Mason) CEO, stated that the calculation would be provided. Staff next inquired whether one RUS note with a lower interest rate than the new refinanced rate could be retained. Ms. Hazelrigg indicated that Fleming-Mason had requested keeping the note, however, as a condition of the RUS mortgage Fleming-Mason is required to refinance all of its notes with RUS.

Staff questioned Fleming-Mason as to whether other lenders had been explored, why CoBank was chosen and whether the 3.26% interest rate is locked in. Ms. Hazelrigg responded that CSC had been investigated, however, the rate it offered was higher at 3.75%. She further stated that CoBank was chosen, because refinancing with the FFB program would prevent Fleming-Mason from financing through RUS in the future and Fleming-Mason prefers to retain that option. She stated that the 3.26% CoBank rate is now guaranteed.

After being requested by Staff, Fleming-Mason further agreed to provide a breakdown of the costs incurred in closing the loan, a copy of the approval letter from CoBank referenced in Fleming-Mason's Application that was not included in Exhibit 3, clarification regarding the Weighted Average Life column on Exhibit 3, Attachment B, page 4 of 10 and a correction as to the final payment date on the same document. Fleming-Mason also agreed to provide an explanation of the "1 Year Avg Loan Balance" column on page 9 of 10 on the same exhibit. Fleming-Mason agreed to provide through the Commission's electronic filing system all of the requested information by the end of the week, April 3, 2015.

Finding that no party had any further questions, the conference was adjourned.

# COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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APPLICATION OF FLEMING-MASO COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR AUTHOR BORROW \$14,309,162 FROM COB EXECUTE NECESSARY NOTE AND RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE TREAS OF THE SAME AMOUNT	RIZATION TO ) CASE NO. ANK AND ) 2015-00013 D TO REPAY )
March 30	, 2015
Please sign in:	
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> Telephonically

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