

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC TARIFF FILING OF SOUTH)	
KENTUCKY RURAL ELECTRIC)	CASE NO.
COOPERATIVE CORPORATION TO REVISE)	2020-00205
THE PEOPLE FUND TARIFF)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S INITIAL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO SOUTH KENTUCKY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION

South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (South Kentucky RECC), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. Responses shall be filed by July 31, 2020. Pursuant to the Commission's Orders in Case No. 2020-00085,¹ issued March 16, 2020, and March 24, 2020, Pendleton District SHALL NOT FILE the original paper copy of all requested information at this time, but rather shall file original paper copies within 30 days of the lifting of the current state of emergency. All responses in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the

¹ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 16, 2020), Order at 5–6. Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 24, 2020), Order at 1–3.

preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

South Kentucky RECC shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Adair District obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which South Kentucky RECC fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, South Kentucky RECC shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, South Kentucky RECC shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to Attachment 1 to the Commission's Order issued on June 29, 2020 (June 29, 2020 Order).

a. Confirm that each of the answers to questions provided by South Kentucky RECC in its June 8, 2020 email to Commission Staff are factually correct, and for each question for which the answer is not correct, identify the question and provide the correct answer.

b. Confirm that the articles of incorporation included as part of Attachment 1 are the current articles of incorporation for The People Fund, Inc. (The People Fund), and if South Kentucky RECC is not able to confirm, explain why.

c. Confirm that the three-page list showing the year, program, amount and purpose of distributions accurately reflects all charitable distributions by The People Fund in the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019, and if South Kentucky RECC is not able to confirm, explain why.

2. Confirm that The People Fund was administratively dissolved by the Kentucky Secretary of State in 2012, and if South Kentucky RECC is not able to confirm, explain why.

3. Explain why The People Fund was administratively dissolved in 2012, and explain why it was never reinstated as a Kentucky Corporation.

4. Identify the state in which The People Fund, in its current corporate form, if any, is organized, and state whether The People Fund is authorized to operate in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

5. State whether The People Fund sent out donation acknowledgment letters or other similar documentation to South Kentucky RECC members who donated for all applicable tax years since The People Fund's formation, and explain why if it did not.

6. Provide a step by step description of the process used to transfer funds collected through customers' monthly bills to The People Fund.

7. Explain whether The People Fund has ever undergone an internal/process audit. If so, provide a copy of the auditor's report. If The People Fund underwent an

internal audit in conjunction with South Kentucky RECC's audit processes, provide a copy of that audit report.

8. Explain whether The People Fund has an annual audit of its books. If so, provide a copy of the most recent auditor's report.

9. Provide a copy of South Kentucky RECC's most recent auditor's report.

10. Explain whether members of the board of South Kentucky RECC are eligible to sit on the board of The People Fund, and if so, state whether any members of the board of South Kentucky RECC are currently serving or have ever served on the board of The People Fund.

11. Identify the current members of the board of The People Fund and the eight volunteer members by name and their position with South Kentucky RECC.

12. Explain whether a member of The People Fund's board has ever been excused due to a personal interest pursuant to Article 17 of The People Fund's by-laws, included as part of Attachment 1 to the June 29, 2020 Order.

13. Provide a copy of The People Fund's quarterly solicitations sent to South Kentucky RECC members requesting applications for grant funds in the last year.

14. Explain whether there are any established guidelines for selecting grant recipients once applications have been received, and if so, provide those guidelines.

15. Explain whether South Kentucky RECC provides support to The People Fund in addition to the volunteer labor provided by South Kentucky RECC employees.

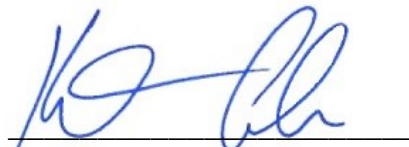
16. Explain whether South Kentucky RECC ever contributes money to The People Fund, such as matching or supplementing select grant awards. If so, provide the amounts contributed since 2012.

17. Explain whether The People Fund meeting minutes or notes regarding the selection of grant recipients are taken, and if so, provide a copy of the latest minutes in which grant recipients were selected.

18. State whether there were applicants who did not receive a grant award during any of The People Fund's last four quarterly grant disbursements.

19. Explain whether The People Fund has ever received complaints regarding grant awards, either its choice of recipient or an applicant not receiving a grant.

20. Explain how South Kentucky RECC members are informed of the opportunity to contribute to The People Fund, and provide a copy of all documents sent to members in the last year offering to include the members in the program or soliciting donations from members for the program, including an example of bills in which members may opt into the program.



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