

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF OWEN ELECTRIC)	
COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR ADJUSTMENT)	Case No. 2008-00154
OF RATES)	

SUPPLEMENTAL REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Comes now the intervenor, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and through his Office of Rate Intervention, and submits this Supplemental Request for Information to Owen Electric Cooperative, Inc., to be answered by the date specified in the Commission's Order of Procedure, and in accord with the following:

- (1) In each case where a request seeks data provided in response to a staff request, reference to the appropriate request item will be deemed a satisfactory response.
- (2) Please identify the witness who will be prepared to answer questions concerning each request.
- (3) These requests shall be deemed continuing so as to require further and supplemental responses if the company receives or generates additional information within the scope of these requests between the time of the response and the time of any hearing conducted hereon.
- (4) If any request appears confusing, please request clarification directly from the Office of Attorney General.
- (5) To the extent that the specific document, workpaper or information as requested does not exist, but a similar document, workpaper or information does exist, provide the similar document, workpaper, or information.

(6) To the extent that any request may be answered by way of a computer printout,

please identify each variable contained in the printout which would not be self evident to a

person not familiar with the printout.

(7) If the company has objections to any request on the grounds that the requested

information is proprietary in nature, or for any other reason, please notify the Office of the

Attorney General as soon as possible.

(8) For any document withheld on the basis of privilege, state the following: date;

author; addressee; indicated or blind copies; all persons to whom distributed, shown, or

explained; and, the nature and legal basis for the privilege asserted.

(9) In the event any document called for has been destroyed or transferred beyond the

control of the company, please state: the identity of the person by whom it was destroyed or

transferred, and the person authorizing the destruction or transfer; the time, place, and method of

destruction or transfer; and, the reason(s) for its destruction or transfer. If destroyed or disposed

of by operation of a retention policy, state the retention policy.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AND NOTICE OF FILING

I hereby give notice that this the 31st day of October 2008, I have filed the original and ten copies of the foregoing Attorney General's Request for Information with the Kentucky Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601 and certify that this same day I have served the parties by mailing a true copy of same, postage prepaid, to those listed below.

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- 1. With regard to the response to AG-1-8(a), please explain the following information:
 - a. Is the import of the response that the test year operating expenses include non-recurring expenses of \$287,616 for Chapman Metering installation expenses or does the response mean that the \$287,616 of installation expenses incurred during the test year were capitalized as part of the AMR project?
 - b. If not capitalized, explain why these non-recurring expenses should be recognized for ratemaking purposes in this case.
 - c. If capitalized, explain why the response (in the second sentence) refers to these expenses as non-recurring.
- 2. With regard to the response to AG-1-10, please provide the following information:
 - a. Breakout of the \$850 advertising expense and a description of the nature and purpose of these advertising expenses. In addition, if available, provide copies of the ads underlying these expenses.
 - b. In the same detail and format as, for example, Exhibit 11, provide a breakout and description for each item making up the \$15,221 expense for Key Account Sponsorships. In addition, explain why these expenses should be included for ratemaking purposes.
- 3. With regard to the Performance bonuses discussed in the response to PSC-2-27, please provide the following information:
 - a. How many of OEC's hourly employees are union employees?
 - b. Are the performance bonuses paid to OEC's union employees fixed by union contract? If not required to be paid out by union contract, why is OEC paying its union employees performance bonuses in the test year over and above the compensation required by its union contracts?
 - c. Of the test year Performance Bonus amount of \$159,393 paid to the hourly employees, what portion applies to the hourly union employees?
 - d. When (year) did OEC initiate the Performance Bonus incentive compensation plan and what were the Performance Bonus amounts granted and paid in each of the years 2003 through 2006. Provide this information in total and as broken out between union and non-union employees.
 - e. For each of the last 5 years, including the test year, provide (1) the total number of employees; (2) the total number of employees that did not receive a Performance Bonus as a result of performance issues; and (3) the

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specific reasons why these employees did not receive a Performance Bonus.

- 4. Of the normalized base wages of \$7,172,880 shown in Exhibit 7, please provide the base wages associated with non-union and union employees.
- 5. Please update the response to PSC-2-37(b) by providing the actual external rate case expenses for this case through October 31, 2008.
- 6. With regard to the \$2,000 shown on Exhibit 10, page 14, line 44, please provide a breakdown showing to which directors' attendance of the NRECA Annual Meeting the expense relates.
- 7. Please explain the nature and purpose of the \$1,095 expense shown on Exhibit 10, page 14, line 39 and to which director the expense applies.
- 8. Exhibit 10, page 14, line132 shows that the General (directors) expenses include \$8,523 for Air Fare and \$12,072 for Hotel charges incurred for meetings and conferences attended by the various directors. In this regard, please provide the following information:
 - a. Portion of the \$8,523 and \$12,072 associated with the attendance of the KAEC Annual Meetings by non-representative directors. In addition, reconcile this expense portion to the total KAEC annual meeting expense removal of \$528 implicit in the disallowed KAEC annual meeting expenses shown on Exhibit 10, page 1.
 - b. Portion of the \$8,523 and \$12,072 associated with the attendance of the EKPC Annual Meetings by the directors. In addition, reconcile this expense portion to the total EKPC annual meeting expense removal of approximately \$69 implicit in the disallowed EKPC annual meeting expenses shown on Exhibit 10, page 1.
 - c. Portion of the \$8,523 and \$12,072 associated with the attendance of the Congressional Meeting by the directors. In addition, reconcile this expense portion to the total Congressional meeting expense removal of approximately \$456 implicit in the disallowed Congressional meeting expenses shown on Exhibit 10, page 1.
 - d. Portion of the \$8,523 and \$12,072 associated with the attendance of the Landfill Opening by the directors. In addition, reconcile this expense portion to the total Landfill Opening expense removal of approximately \$148 implicit in the disallowed Landfill Opening expenses shown on Exhibit 10, page 1.
- 9. With regard to the response to PSC-2-(d) and Exhibit 3, page 2 of 6, please provide the following information:

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- a. Explain why the normalized depreciation expenses for AMI Meter accounts 370.10 and 370.20 increased by 62.6% and 50.3% over the actual test year depreciation expenses for these accounts.
- b. What were the depreciation rates used for Meter accounts 370.10, 370.20 and 370.30 during the test year? If these rates were different from the rate of 6.67% assumed by OEC for the normalized depreciation expenses for these accounts, please provide a reconciliation.
- With regard to the response to AG-1-26, please provide the following information:
 - a. Description of nature and purpose of the \$450 expense for Dues Other.
 - b. Breakout of all of the subscription items making up the total subscription expense of \$2,586.
 - c. Breakout of the employee membership expenses of \$1,448 by membership and a description of the nature and purpose of each membership.
 - d. Breakout and purpose description of the components making up the Civic dues and expenses of \$1,078. In addition, explain why these expenses should be included for ratemaking purposes.
 - e. Explain why employee coffee expenses of \$1,767 and donation expenses of 100 should be included for ratemaking purposes.
 - f. Breakout and purpose description of all components making up the employee earnings and benefits expense of \$9,379.
- 11. With regard to Exhibit 11, page 7, lines 19 and 58, why does OEC believe it is appropriate to reflect for ratemaking purposes approximately \$8,915 worth of annual meeting expenses associated with children's inflatables and childrens entertainment?
- 12. In Exhibit 11, page 1, OEC states that Miscellaneous General expenses for employee meals, gifts, flower funds, amounts paid for the nominating committee, and other non-recurring amounts have been removed for ratemaking purposes. In this regard, provide a detailed listing of each of these expense categories included in the test year and indicate where in the filing schedules these expenses have been removed for ratemaking purposes.
- 13. In Exhibit 11, page 1, OEC states that reimbursements and attendance at chamber of commerce functions have been removed for ratemaking purposes. In this regard, provide a detailed listing of each of these expense categories included in the test year and indicate where in the filing schedules these expenses have been removed for ratemaking purposes.

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- 14. Please confirm the following information:
 - a. As acknowledged in its response to AG-1-32, almost all of the proposed long-term debt interest adjustment of \$478,648 is the result of the interest annualization for the new RUS loan of \$13 million effective November 2007.
 - b. As acknowledged in its response to AG-1-33, about \$10.1 million of the \$13 million new November 2007 RUS loan of \$13 million was used to reduce OEC's short term debt balance from approximately \$15.8 million in November 2007 to approximately \$5.7 million at the end of the test year, December 2007.
 - c. The annualization of the test year-end short term debt balance of \$5,720,933 at the appropriate interest rate of 6.40% results in annualized pro forma short term debt expenses of \$366,140, as shown in Exhibit 5, page 3.
 - d. Assuming that one-half of the test year-end short term debt balance of \$5.7 million will be repaid from the rate increase to be produced from the current rate case (as OEC has assumed in this case see Exhibit 5, page 3), this would indicate pro forma annual short-term debt interest expenses of \$183,070.
 - e. The above-derived pro forma short-term debt interest expenses of \$183,070 are \$161,799 lower than the pro forma short-term debt interest expenses of \$344,869 (see response to AG-1-31) reflected by OEC in this case.