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September 21, 2009

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COMMISSION

RE: Case No. 2009-00016 - Application of Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative

Corporation for an Adjustment in Retail Electric Rates

Dear Mr. Derouen:

Attached you will find a copy of the original and seven (7) copies of Licking Valley RECC's Responses to the Commission Staff's Third Data Request plus an original and seven (7) copies of the Responses to the Office of the Attorney General's Supplemental Data Request. Copies are also being given to the Rate Intervention Group of the Office of the Attorney General.

If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Kerry K. Howard Manager/CEO

c: Office of Rate Intervention

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September 18, 2009

Mr. Jeff Derouen, Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard P. O. Box 615 Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

RE: Application of Licking Valley Rural Electric for an Adjustment of Rates

Case No. 2009-00016

Dear Mr. Derouen:

Please find enclosed the original and seven (7) copies of the responses to the Commission's Order "Third Data Request of the Commission Staff to Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation" dated September 08, 2009.

Please contact me at (606) 349-1382 or Kerry K. Howard at (606) 743-3179 with any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

**COLLINS & ALLEN LAW OFFICE** 

Øregory D. Allen

Counsel for Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative

Enclosure

## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Adjustment of Rates Of Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation

Case No. 2009-00016

## APPLICANT'S RESPONSES TO THIRD DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF

The applicant, Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, makes the following responses to the "Third Data Request of Commission Staff", as follows:

- 1. The witnesses who are prepared to answer questions concerning each request are Kerry K. Howard and Jim Adkins.
- 2. Kerry K. Howard, General Manager and CEO of Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation is the person supervising the preparation of the responses on behalf of the applicant.
- 3. The responses and Exhibits are attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

Gregory D. Allen

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Attorney for Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative

Telephone: 606-349-1382

The undersigned, Kerry K. Howard, as General Manager & CEO of Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, being duly sworn, states that the responses herein are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief formed after reasonable inquiry.

Dated: September 18, 2009

LICKING VALLEY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

KERRY K. HOWARD, GENERAL MANAGER & CEO

Subscribed, sworn to, and acknowledged before me by Kerry K. Howard, as General Manager & CEO for Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation on behalf of said Corporation the 18th day of September, 2009.

Notary Public, Kentucky State At Large

My Commission Expires:

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned counsel certifies that the foregoing responses have been served upon the following:

Original and Seven Copies
Mr. Jeff Derouen, Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard

Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

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Hon. Lawrence W. Cook Assistant Attorney General 1024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 200 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

This 18th day of September, 2009

ATTORNEY FOR

LICKING VALLEY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

### LICKING VALLEY RECC CASE NO. 2009-00016

#### RESPONSE TO THE THIRD DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF

#### Questions:

Refer to Licking Valley's response to Item 3 of Commission Staff's Second Data Request ("Staff's Second Request"). This response states that "{i}t is believed that the 175W MV lights replaced the previous 100 W incandescent lights and have been charged the same rate". The revenue analysis provided by Licking Valley in Exhibit J of the application, and subsequently revised in response to Item 4 of Staff's Second Request, shows billing determinants for both 175W MV and the 100 watt halide. Given this, does Licking Valley agree that the most appropriate action to take would be to add the 175W MV as a fourth lighting charge to the tariff rather than replace the 100 watt halide? If no, explain.

#### Response:

Licking Valley agrees that it would be appropriate to add the 175W MV as a fourth lighting charge.

# Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Case No. 2009-00016 Third Request of Commission Staff

- 2. Refer to Licking Valley's response to item 4 of Staff's Second Request.
- a. Licking Valley provided revised Exhibits J and S and stated that no other exhibits should have changed. Provide a revised Exhibit 14 or explain why this exhibit would not change.
- b. Refer to page 2 of 7 of the revised Exhibit J and Exhibit D of the application. State whether Licking Valley has any customers on the Farm and Home ETS rate. If so, explain why it is not included in either the revenue analysis or the tariff.
- c. Refer to page 3 of 7 of the revised Exhibit J. Explain why the last column does not include minimum kVa capacity revenues of \$7,869.

#### Responses:

- 2.a. The revised Exhibit J and S does not change the net margins, interest on long term debt, net rate base, or equity of Licking Valley. No amounts on Exhibit K would change.
  - 2.b. There are no customers on the Farm and Home ETS rate.
- 2.c. As a result of the increase it is estimated that customers will be more efficient and not incur minimum kva charges.

RESPONSE TO THE THIRD DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF

Question:

Refer to Licking Valley's response to Item 9 of Staff's Second Request.

The response states that Other Deductions was excluded from Exhibit R in error.

Describe the impact that this exclusion on the cost-of-service study and explain

whether the inclusion would change Licking Valley's proposal regarding rate

design in this case.

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Response:

This error will have no impact upon the cost of service study since it was

not carried forward to the "Adjusted Test Year column". The Adjusted Test Year

column is correct and has been the basis for revenue requirements used out the

remainder of the Cost of Service Study.

RESPONSE TO THE THIRD DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF

Question:

Refer to the response to Item 11.a of Staff's Second Request. Explain how the listed payroll, material, transportation and property tax expenses are related to the lighting class.

Response:

The payroll, material, and transportation are related to the fact that these expenses are incurred in servicing the security lights. Payroll deals with the wages and benefits for the employees who service these lights. Material such as new bulbs is expenses that are incurred with security lights. Transportation costs are incurred by transporting employees and material to those security lights that need service. And finally, property taxes, which represent over fifty percent this account, are the security lights prorate share of the property taxes paid by Licking Valley and is based on the investments made in consumer installations.

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#### RESPONSE TO THE THIRD DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF

#### Question:

Refer to the response to Item 11.b of Staff's Second Request and Exhibit R of the application. . In Exhibit R, page 5 of 28. Account 590 was functionalized as follows:

Lines	83.73%
Transformers	4.83%
Services	2.09%
Meters	9.35%

Explain how these percentages were calculated.

#### Response:

The percentages to be utilized for Account 590 on Page 5 of 28 in Exhibit R are contained on page 7 of 28 in Exhibit R in Item 3 labeled as "Allocation of Dist. Maint. Supervision and Miscellaneous Expenses". An error was made in the allocation page 5 of 28 in Exhibit R of the Application.

The proper expense allocation for Account 590 should have been as follows:

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Witness: Jim Adkins

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#### RESPONSE TO THE THIRD DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF

Lines	\$65,150
Transformers	4,315
Services	9,595
Meters	8,350
Lighting	1,861

The Cost of Service Study has been revised to correct his error and the errors identified in the responses to Items 6, 7 and 8. Pages 3 through 5 of this response are the corrected pages for pages 17, and 25 through 28 in Exhibit R of the application. A copy of the revised Cost of Service Study is provided in electronic form as a part of the response to this item.

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## LICKING VALLEY RECC CASE NO. 2009-00016 ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES TO RATE CLASSES

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#### RESULTS OF THE COST OF SERVICE STUDY

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*.**			Α	В	LP	LPR	SL		····
	Classifi-		Residential	Small	Large Power		Security	Enviro	
Function	cation	Amount	Farm & Home	Commercial	Service	Rate	Lights	watts	Total
Purchased Power	Demand	4,122,625	3,272,704	119,640	462,969	222,820	44,491	-	4,122,6
Purchased Power	Energy	12,111,269	9,156,871	487,140	1,239,211	900,373	326,683	990	12,111,2
Lines	Consumer	1,550,535	1,429,468	86,540	17,397	1,065	16,065	-	1,550,5
Lines	Demand	3,581,383	2,692,291	169,838	414,144	224,523	80,587		3,581,3
Transformers	Consumer	138,550	124,921	9,952	3,068	412	197		138,5
Transformers	Demand	682,916	513,379	32,385	78,971	42,813	15,367	-	682,9
Services	Consumer	748,692	665,154	43,770	20,099	635	19,034		748,6
Meters	Consumer	806,552	738,397	44,703	19,743	3,710	-		806,5
Consumer Services									-
& Accounting	Consumer	1,021,940	869,778	52,657	21,171	1,296	77,039		1,021,9
Lighting	Lighting	400,526					400,526		400,5
Revenue Requirement	nts	25,164,989	19,462,964	1,046,626	2,276,772	1,397,648	979,989	990	25,164,9
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	Т	SUMMAF	RY OF REVENU	JE REQUIRE	MENTS BY F	UNCTION			
			A	В	LP	LPR	SL		
			Residential	Small		Large Power	Security	Enviro	
711117		Amount	Farm & Home		Service	Rate	Lights	watts	Total
Consumer Related		4,266,270	3,827,718	237,622	81,477	7,118	112,336	watto	4,266,2
Demand Related		8,386,924	6,478,375	321,864	956,084	490,157	140,444		8,386,9
Energy Related		12,111,269	9,156,871	487,140	1,239,211	900,373	326,683	990	12,111,2
Lighting		400,526					400,526		400,5
Revenue Requiremen	nts	25,164,989	19,462,964	1,046,626	2,276,772	1,397,648	979,989	990	25,164,9

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#### **DETERMINATION OF INCREASE BY RATE CLASS**

		Α	В	LP	LPR	SL		-
		Residential	Small	Large Power		Security	Enviro	
		Farm & Home		Service	Rate	Lights	watts	Total
Total Rev	enue							
Require		19,462,964	1,046,626	2,276,772	1,397,648	979,989	990	25,164,989
<del></del>	from Rate		1,004,712	2,477,980	1,387,629	803,838	1,226	22,430,359
Under (C	Over)	2,707,990	41,914	(201,209)	10,019	176,151	(236)	2,734,630
Less Othe	r Revenue	494,253	29,638	73,098	40,933	23,712	36	661,670
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Revenue					*101.4.			
(Decrea		2,213,737	12,277	(274,306)	(30,915)	152,439	(272)	2,072,960
Revenue	Increase							
(Decrea	ise)	1,908,244	12,277	_	-	152,439	-	2,072,960
Percent I	ncrease							
(Decrea	ase)	11.39%	1.22%	0.00%	0.00%	18.96%	0.00%	9.24%
Revenue	Require-			<u> </u>				
ments f	rom Rates	18,663,219	1,016,988	2,477,980	1,387,629	956,277	1,226	24,503,319

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#### PROPOSED RATE DESIGN

		ALLOCAT	ION OF REVE	NUE REQUIRE	MENTS			
		Α	В	LP	LPR	SL		
	Classifi-	Residential	Small	Large Power	Large Power	Security	Enviro	
Function	cation	Farm & Home	Commercial	Service	Rate	Lights	watts	Total
Purchased Power	Demand	3,272,704	119,640	462,969	222,820	44,491	-	4,122,625
Purchased Power	Energy	9,156,871	487,140	1,239,211	900,373	326,683	990	12,111,269
Lines	Consumer	1,429,468	86,540	17,397	1,065	16,065	-	1,550,535
Lines	Demand	2,692,291	169,838	414,144	224,523	80,587		3,581,383
Transformers	Consumer	124,921	9,952	3,068	412	197	- 1	138,550
Transformers	Demand	513,379	32,385	78,971	42,813	15,367	_	682,916
Services	Consumer	665,154	43,770	20,099	635	19,034	-	748,692
Meters	Consumer	738,397	44,703	19,743	3,710	-	- 1	806,552
Consumer Services		-	-	_	-	-	-	-
& Accounting	Consumer	869,778	52,657	21,171	1,296	77,039	-	1,021,940
Lighting	Lighting	-	-	-	-	400,526	-	400,526
		19,462,964	1,046,626	2,276,772	1,397,648	979,989	990	25,164,989
			BILLING DET	ERMINANTS	1			
		A	В	LP	LPR	SL		***************************************
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		Farm & Home	Commercial	Service	Rate	Lights	Enviro watts	
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Customer Charges		193,099	11,660	2,337	144	***************************************	175 Watt M\	99,273
Demand KW				101,400	54,391		100 Watt Ha	535
Energy kWh		195,180,670	10,383,500	26,414,039	19,191,648		250 Watt Ha	0
Primary Metered					0		400 Watt Ha	2
Total					31,079,924		25' Pole	108
-							30' Pole	30

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#### PROPOSED RATE DESIGN

			COST TO	SERVE			
		A	В	LP	LPR	Se	cuity
		Residential	Small	Large Power	Large Power	Li	ghts
		Farm & Home	Commercial	Service	Rate		
Customer Charge							
Customer Costs							
	Lines	1,429,468	86,540	17,397	1,065	Increase	152,439
	Transformers	124,921	9,952	3,068	412	Rate Reveni	803,838
	Services	665,154	43,770	20,099	635	% Increase	19.0%
	Meters	738,397	44,703	19,743	3,710		
	Cons&Acctg	869,778	52,657	21,171	1,296		
Total		3,827,718	237,622	60,306	5,822	Curre	nt Rates
Customer Charge E	Billing Units	193,099	11,660	2,337	144	175 Watt MV	\$8.05
Customer Charge		19.82	20.38	25.80	40.43	100 Watt Ha	\$8.05
Revenue from Cus	stomer Charge	1,930,990	233,200	114,957	14,168	250 Watt Ha	\$12.30
					i i	400 Watt Ha	\$16.91
						25' Pole	\$2.45
Demand Charge	Purch. Pow			462,969	222,820	30' Pole	\$2.84
	Lines			17,397	1,065		
	Transformers			414,144	224,523	Propos	ed Rates
				894,510	448,409	175 Watt MV	9.58
	Billing Units			101,400	54,391	100 Watt Ha	9.58
	Rate			\$ 8.82	\$ 8.24	250 Watt Ha	14.63
Energy Rate						400 Watt Ha	20.12
	Revenue from Rates	18,663,219	1,016,988	2,477,980	1,387,629	25' Pole	2.91
4	Less Customer Charge	1,930,990	233,200	114,957	14,168	30' Pole	3.38
	Less Demand Charge	pa-		894,510	448,409		
	Revenue from Energy	16,732,229	783,788	1,468,513	925,052		
	Energy kWh	195,180,670	10,383,500	26,414,039	19,191,648		
	Primary Metered				0		
	Energy Rate	0.08573	0.07548	0.05560	0.04820		

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#### PROPOSED RATE DESIGN

		PROPOSE	DRATES			
	A	В	LP	LPR	Sec	cuity
	Residential	Small	Large Power	Large Power		hts
	Farm & Home	Commercial	Service	Rate		
Customer Charge					Propose	ed Rates
Rate	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00			175 Watt M\	\$ 9.58
Revenue	\$ 1,930,990	\$ 233,200			100 Watt Ha	\$ 9.58
Energy Chage					250 Watt Ha	\$ 14.63
Revenue	16,732,229	783,788			400 Watt Ha	\$ 20.12
Rate	0.08574	0.07548			25' Pole	\$ 2.91
					30' Pole	\$ 3.38

RESPONSE TO THE THIRD DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF

Question:

Refer to the response to Item 12 of Staff's Second Request. If

Construction Work in Progress had been directly assigned, provide the amounts
that would have been allocated into the six categories listed on Exhibit R, page 8
of 28.

Response:

Licking Valley does not maintain its books in manner that allows for the identification of Construction Work in Progress ("CWIP") based on the functional categories utilized In the Net Investment Rate Base in Exhibit R of the original filing. However, the allocation of the Construction Work in Progress should be made to three functional categories instead of five. These categories would be lines, services, and security lighting and these are categories on which work orders are maintained. No allocation should be made to the functional categories of transformers and meters. See the response to Item 5 for further information.

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#### RESPONSE TO THE THIRD DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF

#### Question:

Refer to the response to Item 13 of Staff's Second Request which discusses how the weighted cost in column 3 was calculated in Exhibit R, page 18 of 28. This response states that "{t}he minimum transformers for all other rate classes have a factor that is proportional to the cost of the transformer for that rate class". Provide the calculation for each of the weighted costs in column 5 except for the residential class.

#### Response:

An error has been made in this calculation and the proper weighted cost would be as follows:

Residential – Farm and Home	1.00
Commercial and Small Power	1.32
Large Power Service	2.08
Large Power Rate	8.86
Security Lights	0.14

See the response to Item 5 for further information.

#### RESPONSE TO THE THIRD DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF

#### Question:

Refer to the response to Item 16 of Staff's Second Request and Exhibit R, page 27 of 28. Provide the calculation for the Revenue from Customer Charge of \$2,205,191 in the Residential Farm & Home column.

#### Response:

The correct amount for the Revenue from the Customer Charge for the Residential Farm & Home column is \$1,930,990. See the response to Item 5 for further information.

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9. Refer to the response to item 23 of Staff's Second Request. This response explains that fuel cost recovery is not the cause of the increase in revenues from 2007 to 2008 being substantially less than the increase in purchased power costs. However, the response does not explain why the increase in purchased power costs is not matched by a comparable increase in revenues. Explain in detail why a \$1.4 million increase in purchased power costs did not translate into a similar increase in revenues from 2007 to 2008. Include in your response whether or not the lag in the recognition of revenue was a contributing factor.

## Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Case No. 2009-00016

#### Third Request of Commission Staff

- 10. Refer to Exhibit 1 of the application and Licking Valley's response to item 24 of Staff's Second Request.
- a. Fully describe Licking Valley's policy regarding the administration of medical leave which was in effect immediately prior to implementing the current policy in March of 2008. Provide supporting documentation, if any, concerning Licking Valley's previous medical leave policy.
- b. Explain whether the current policy was patterned after similar polices in effect at other East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. ("EKPC") member cooperatives. If so, identify the other cooperatives.
- c. Fully describe Licking Valley's policy for payment of unused vacation days. Provide supporting documentation, if any, concerning Licking Valley's policy for payment of unused vacation days.
- d. Refer to pages 3 and 4 of Exhibit 1 of the application, specifically, the column labeled "Vac/Sick" for the test year hours worked and wages. Provide a detailed schedule of the vacation and sick hours and corresponding wages paid to each employee listed as receiving such payments.
- e. In the same format as item 10.d above, provide a schedule of vacation and sick payments, by employee, for normalized wages.
- f. Given that this policy was implemented in March 2008 and could potentially result in an inflated payment of unused medical days in excess of 75, explain why this would be representative of the annual expense going forward.
- g. In the same format as pages 3 and 4 of Exhibit 1 of the application, provide a schedule for the year ending December 31, 2007.

#### Responses:

- 10.a. Hours in excess of 75 days accumulated were forfeited if not taken. The policy was changed effective 12/20/2007, and later amended 03/20/2008.
- 10.b. Discussions were held with other cooperatives to determine their policy regarding vacation and sick pay. Clark Energy Cooperative, Grayson Rural Electric Cooperative, Owen Electric Cooperative, and Blue Grass Energy Cooperative have similar policies. There may be others, but Licking Valley is not aware of them.
- 10.c. Licking Valley does not allow for accumulation of vacation days. The board allows for the payment of vacation days earned, but not taken, in the current period.
- 10.d. The hours by employee, test year wages, and normalized wages are shown on Exhibit 1, pages 3 and 4. These are listed in the "Vac/Sick" columns.
- 10.e. The normalized wages for vacation and sick payments, by employee, are listed on Exhibit 1, pages 3 and 4 of the application.
- 10.f. The Medical Leave policy to allow for payment of hours in excess of 75 days was initially effective December 20, 2007. The policy was updated for other items in March 2008. Licking Valley apologizes for this oversight in its initial response. Prior to payment for excess hours, employees would take the medical day and be absent from work instead of forfeiting the hours. This caused a disruption in the work force and the timing of work crews, customer service representatives, and other departments. To ensure continuity of work, it was decided to pay employees for the hours rather than take time off just to keep from forfeiting hours. There was not a one-time catch up for accumulated medical leave days. The payment for excess hours during the test year will be representative of future years payments for excess medical leave hours.
  - 10.f. The response is attached.

#### **KENTUCKY 56 MORGAN**

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

Policy Number 207 Effective Date: 12/20/2007

SUBJECT: MEDICAL AND BEREAVEMENT LEAVE Page 01 of 05

#### **PURPOSE**:

To provide employees with an opportunity to be paid for time not worked when such time falls on the employee's regularly scheduled workday and the absence is due to:

- 1. Off-the-job personal illness (including pregnancy) or injury.
- 2. Personal services being required when a member of the immediate family is ill.
- 3. Bereavement Leave.

**POLICY:** 

Participation in this Program is limited to those employees who have attained full-time employment status.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**: The General Manager/CEO shall be responsible for, or cause to have performed, the execution of the provisions and functions as set forth in this policy and assuring effective compliance thereof.

#### PRACTICES:

- 1. The Earning, Awarding, and Accumulation of Medical Leave Credits
  - A. Medical Leave credits are earned on the basis of one (1) credit for each full calendar month of employment, excluding any period of separation, (i.e., layoff, leave of absence, extended military duty, etc.). One (1) credit is the equivalent of eight (8) hours pay for a five (5) day workweek.
  - B. Individuals having prior employment with an organization in the Rural Electric System will be awarded credits for such service according to available records, but not to exceed a maximum total grant of twelve (12) credits.
  - C. Accrual. Each employee shall be entitled to receive one (1) day, or eight (8) hours, of medical leave for each full month worked. Maximum number of days credited to this account can not accumulate beyond seventy-five (75) days effective January 01, 1998. Only medical leave actually earned prior to the date utilized may be compensable.

#### **KENTUCKY 56 MORGAN**

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

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After an employee has accumulated seventy-five (75) days, the following day, or eight hours, of medical leave earned, if not taken, will be paid in the following pay period at the normal rate of pay.

Medical leave will not be earned and no entitlement shall be granted for medical leave and absence caused by a compensable Worker's Compensation injury.

- D. Necessary Position Changes. An employee who has been absent from work for fifteen (15) days because of medical disability may work such a hardship upon the Cooperative that it becomes necessary to fill the position.
- E. Employees leaving the employment of Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (LVRECC): when an employee leaves or is discharged from employment, he or she must be paid all wages or salary earned by him or her not later than the next normal pay period following the date of dismissal or voluntary leaving or fourteen (14) days following such date, whichever occurs later.
- F. Sick leave days earned and accumulated on or before December 31, 1997 will be "grand fathered" and administered as follows:

Active employees who have earned and accumulated sick leave days prior to December 31, 1997 may, at their request, be granted permission to withdraw balance.

#### 2. A. The Using of Credits

Credits may be used upon the written request of the employee and under the following circumstances and limitations:

1. Personal illness, off-the-job injury and/or surgery. Personal illness means that the employee is disabled from working for any medical reason, including pregnancy, child birth, related medical conditions or verified exposure to communicable disease.

#### **KENTUCKY 56 MORGAN**

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

**Effective Date: 08/15/2002 Policy Number 207** 

SUBJECT: MEDICAL AND BEREAVEMENT LEAVE Page 01 of 05

#### **PURPOSE**:

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- 1. Off-the-job personal illness (including pregnancy) or injury.
- 2. Personal services being required when a member of the immediate family is ill.
- 3. Bereavement Leave.

**POLICY**:

Participation in this Program is limited to those employees who have attained full-time employment status.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**: The General Manager shall be responsible for, or cause to have performed, the execution of the provisions and functions as set forth in this policy and assuring effective compliance thereof.

#### **PRACTICES**:

- 1. The Earning, Awarding, and Accumulation of Medical Leave Credits
  - A. Medical Leave credits are earned on the basis of one (1) credit for each full calendar month of employment, excluding any period of separation, (i.e., layoff, leave of absence, extended military duty, etc.). One (1) credit is the equivalent of eight (8) hours pay for a five (5) day workweek.
  - B. Individuals having prior employment with an organization in the Rural Electric System will be awarded credits for such service according to available records, but not to exceed a maximum total grant of twelve (12) credits.
  - C. Accrual. Each employee shall be entitled to receive one (1) day, or eight (8) hours, of medical leave for each full month worked. Maximum number of days credited to this account can not accumulate beyond seventy-five (75) days effective January 01, 1998. Only medical leave actually earned prior to the date utilized may be compensable.

#### **KENTUCKY 56 MORGAN**

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

Policy Number 207 Effective Date: 08/15/2002

SUBJECT: MEDICAL AND BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

Page 02 of 05

Medical leave will not be earned and no entitlement shall be granted for medical leave and absence caused by a compensable Worker's Compensation injury.

- D. Necessary Position Changes. An employee who has been absent from work for fifteen (15) days because of medical disability may work such a hardship upon the Cooperative that it becomes necessary to fill the position.
- E. Employees leaving the employment of Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (LVRECC): when an employee leaves or is discharged from employment, he or she must be paid all wages or salary earned by him or her not later than the next normal pay period following the date of dismissal or voluntary leaving or fourteen (14) days following such date, whichever occurs later.
- F. Sick leave days earned and accumulated on or before December 31, 1997 will be "grand fathered" and administered as follows:

Active employees who have earned and accumulated sick leave days prior to December 31, 1997 may, at their request, be granted permission to withdraw balance.

#### 2. A. The Using of Credits

Credits may be used upon the written request of the employee and under the following circumstances and limitations:

- 1. Personal illness, off-the-job injury and/or surgery. Personal illness means that the employee is disabled from working for any medical reason, including pregnancy, child birth, related medical conditions or verified exposure to communicable disease.
- 2. Personal services required to attend a member of the immediate family (i.e., wife, husband, child, parents, or parents-in-law) involving illness, injury, or surgery.

756-5-13.8.

Licking Valley Rural Electric Case No. 2009-00016 Employee Earnings and Hours December 31, 2008

	2007 Payout					
Employee	Vac/	Sick_				
Number	Hours	Amount				
Salaried Emp	oloyees:					
2210						
7731	56.0	2,450				
7711	240.0	6,929				
7709	176.0	5,086				
Subtotal Sala	472.0	14465.2				
Hourly Empl	OVOOC*					
2203	oyees.					
2249	34.0	836				
5506	104.0	2,686				
2255	10	2,000				
2224						
5514	40.0	560				
2251						
2250						
2264						
5507	8.0	197				
2257						
5515	16.0	208				
2245						
2261						
2259						
2247						
2240	72.0	1,860				
2262						
5513	80.0	2,066				
2241						
5502	120.0	2,951				
1108	50.0	1,230				
2246	40.0	984				
2258						
2244						
7724	62.0	867				

3.10.9.

Licking Valley Rural Electric Case No. 2009-00016 Employee Earnings and Hours December 31, 2008

	2007 Payout				
Employee	Vac/Sick				
Number	Hours	Amount			
6603	40.0	729			
4402	121.0	2,975			
7716					
7723					
7703	83.0	1,825			
7733					
7721	53.5	811			
7706	116.5	2,408			
7736					
7720					
7725	96.0	1,292			
2263					
7727	8.0	108			
7726					
Subtotal hour	1,144.0	24,593			

#### **Summer and Part Time Employees:**

5516 5517 7735 7734 Subtotal sum 0.0 **Retirees:** 5501 6602

Subtotal retir 0.0 0

2260 7730

**Total** 1,616.0 39,058

# Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Case No. 2009-00016 Third Request of Commission Staff

11. Refer to Licking Valley's response to item 26.a of Staff's Second Request. Explain the significance of the month of December in accounting for the increase in this account as opposed to any other month throughout the year.

#### Response:

Historically, employees take vacation in the month of December. This causes a reduction in the construction projects that are undertaken. As a result, more labor is recorded in operations and maintenance during December. This is recorded in accounts 583 and 593. Licking Valley expects this trend to continue in future years.

# Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Case No. 2009-00016 Third Request of Commission Staff

- 12. Refer to Licking Valley's response to item 26.b of Staff's Second Request.
- a. Provide a breakdown of costs attributable to the establishment of the right-of-way crew and the purchasing of right-of-way chemicals charged to Account 593.10 during the 2008 test period and provide the date when the cooperative right-of-way crew was established.
- b. In the response to item 26.b, Licking Valley stated that the right-of-way crew was established "to perform smaller projects that would be more economical than using the contractor." Fully describe the type of projects that Licking Valley has determined to be "smaller projects".
- c. Combined right-of-way maintenance charged to Accounts 593.10 and 593.20 increased \$105,893, or approximately 20 percent, from 2007 to 2008. In light of this increase, explain how the establishment of a cooperative right-of-way crew was determined to be more economical than not having an in-house right-of-way crew.

Responses:

12.a. Chemicals \$61,490

Right of way crew \$110,215

12.b. There are many instances where there is a need to trim only one tree. The right of way supervisor would have to either pull the right of way contractor off a job, or try to get a crew to perform this work. It was determined that a cooperative crew could be established and equipped with lighter equipment to perform these small project tasks at a more economical cost. In addition, the Licking Valley crews perform some of the right of way spraying work.

12.c. The increase was also due, in part, to PSC Case No. 2007-00494, An Investigation of the Reliability Measures of Kentucky's Jurisdictional Electric Distribution Utilities and Certain reliability Maintenance Practices. To achieve Licking Valley's goals, an additional crew was established, with more emphasis on the right-of-way spraying.

# Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Case No. 2009-00016 Third Request of Commission Staff

13. In its response to item 26.g of Staff's Second Request, Licking Valley identified \$6,300 of the \$16,692 increase in annual meeting expense. Explain what gave rise to the remaining balance of \$10,392.

#### Response:

There was \$6,000 for scholarships for 2008, and none for 2007. The remaining increase was in food and supplies for the annual meeting.

## Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Case No. 2009-00016

#### Third Request of Commission Staff

14. In its response to item 26.i of Staff's Second Request, Licking Valley identified \$23,200 of the \$38,548 decrease in Maintenance of Generators expense. Explain what gave rise to the remaining balance of \$15,348.

#### Response

This account is titled as Account No. 935, Maintenance of General Property.

The original response included estimates for the warehouse remodel and garage door installation. After adding all costs for both projects, the explanation for the changes from 2007 to 2008 are more accurately reflected as follows:

Account 935, Maintenance of general property

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Labor and benefits	81,804	84,654
Taxes and insurance	45,221	41,178
Warehouse remodel		32,177
Garage door		15,614
Cleaning and supplies	31,266	23,216
	158,291	196,839

# Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Case No. 2009-00016 Third Request of Commission Staff

15. Refer to Licking Valley's response to item 28 of Staff's Second Request. The updated Exhibit 5 indicates an increase in the test-year interest for RUS loan 1B250 of \$7,544 more than the amount included in the same schedule in the application. If this is correct, explain the reason for the increase.

#### Response:

The interest rate should be 5%, not 6% as reported for loan 1B250 in the response to Item 28 of Staff's Second Request. That is the reason for the difference. Excel automatically adds 1 when a cell is dragged down. Licking Valley should have copied the formula instead of dragging the cell. The interest of 5% in the application is correct.

# Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Case No. 2009-00016 Third Request of Commission Staff

16. Licking Valley's response to item 30 of Staff's Second Request did not fully describe the nature of the NRECA seminars attended by Tommy Hill and John May during the test year. Provide a detailed narrative or documentation describing fully the agenda of the seminars and the nature of the topics covered at each NRECA seminar.

#### Response

Licking Valley apologizes for not responding fully. A copy of the agenda for each meeting is attached.

### 2008 Regional Meetings



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Regions 2 & 3 | September 22 – 24, 2008 | Tampa, Florida



### **General Information**

#### **REGISTRATION DESK**

Grand Ballroom Foyer | Tampa Marriott Waterside | Tampa, Florida

Monday, September 22 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Tuesday, September 23 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

#### **ADMISSION FEES**

Admission to sessions is by registration badge only.

Registration Fee: \$395\*

Delegates attending for one day: \$195

Spouse/Guest Fee: \$25

Retired managers, directors or employees of member systems shall be admitted without charge.

\* INCLUDES ASSOCIATE MEMBERS AND VENDORS

#### **MESSAGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Messages and announcements should be given to Sergeants-at-Arms. Announcements will be made at the end of the sessions.

For lists of Sergeants-at-Arms, Resolutions and Nominating Committees, and others serving this meeting, see pages 8–11.

#### VOTING DELEGATES

A Voting Delegate Desk will be located in the meeting registration area. All Delegates must register and receive Regional Meeting badges before they can be issued special ribbons and Voting Credential cards that they will be required to bring and present at the Business Session. Alternates will be furnished voting delegate credentials and ribbons only if the voting delegate has not registered and will not be present at the Business Session.

#### REFUND POLICY

The NRECA Board of Directors established a No Refund Policy for Annual and Regional Meeting registration fees. However, a member may substitute another employee or director for the fee or request that the fee be applied as a credit to the system for NRECA Regional and Annual Meetings, conferences and training programs that will be held within 365 days. The request must be in writing and may be sent to membership@nreca.coop or NRECA, Attn: Membership Support Services, MEM8-I60, 430I Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22203.

## Schedule

### Monday, September 22

#### 8:00 am NEW DIRECTOR ORIENTATION

(Half-day program – Co-sponsored by NRECA, CFC, NRTC)
Meeting Room 6

#### **REGISTRATION OPENS (UNTIL 4:30 PM)**

Grand Ballroom Foyer

#### 8:30 am REGION 2 RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Room 8, 3rd Floor

#### REGION 3 RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Room 9, 3rd Floor

#### NRECA PROGRAMS AND SERVICES CENTER

Meeting Room 5

- Executive Search
- Insurance and Financial Services Field Representatives
- National Consulting Group

#### 12:45 pm SEF

#### SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS BRIEFING

#### 1:30 pm

Noon

#### FIRST GENERAL SESSION

Grand Ballroom

ANGUS S. HASTINGS, NRECA Florida Director, presiding

#### Welcome

REV. DR. THOMAS SCOTT, Chairman, Tampa City Council, FL

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Invocation

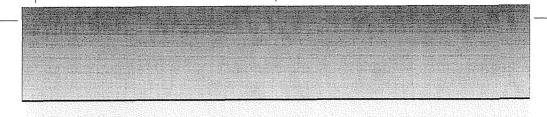
WILLIAM R. MULCAY, Jr., Peace River Electric Cooperative, FL

#### Introduction of Directors and Officers

Our Energy, Our Future: The Time is Now

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

GLENN ENGLISH, NRECA CEO



Our Energy, Our Future: The Focus on Affordability

MARY MCLAURY, NRECA, Vice President, Education and Training

DAVID LAMBERT, Manager of Member Relations, Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, FL MIKE COUICK, President/CEO, Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina, SC

#### Refreshment Break

(Sponsored by Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange)
Grand Ballroom Foyer

The Focus on Accountability and Affordability BOB PATTON, NRECA, Senior Principal, Education Programs

MONICA SCHMIDT, NRECA, Vice President, National Consulting Group

#### **Resolutions Overview & Briefing**

#### International Programs Presentation

INGRID HUNSICKER, Manager, NRECA International Foundation U.S. Volunteers – Giving the Gift of Light

#### **Announcements**

#### Adjourn

#### 4:30 pm

#### INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS WORKSHOP

"Gift of Light – Award Ceremony" Florida Salon IV

NISC DISTRICTS 2 & 3 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Florida Salon I & II

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## Tuesday, September 23

#### 7:00 am

## ACTION COMMITTEE FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION (ACRE®) BREAKFAST

(Tickets, \$20, are available at the NRECA Registration Desk) Florida Ballroom ANGUS HASTINGS, NRECA Florida Director, Clay Electric Co-op

#### 8:00 am

#### REGISTRATION RE-OPENS (UNTIL 4:00 PM)

Grand Ballroom Foyer

#### 8:30 am

#### **REGION 2 NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Greco Boardroom

#### REGION 3 NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

Bayshore Boardroom

#### NRECA PROGRAMS AND SERVICES CENTER

Meeting Room 5

- Executive Search
- Insurance and Financial Services Field Representatives
- National Consulting Group

#### 9:00 am

#### SECOND GENERAL SESSION

Grand Ballroom

LARRY E. ELKINS, NRECA Tennessee Director, presiding

#### Report of USDA Rural Development

JAMES M. ANDREW, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service

#### **NRECA Financial Report**

MICHAEL J. GUIDRY, NRECA Secretary-Treasurer and Louisania Director

#### **NRECA President's Report**

JACK F. WOLFE, JR., NRECA President and South Carolina Director

#### **Presentation of Educational Certificates**

JACK F. WOLFE, Jr., NRECA President

#### Refreshment Break

(Sponsored by Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange and SEDC)

Grand Ballroom Foyer

Keeping Lights on Affordably—
The Growing Role for Efficiency
MARTIN LOWERY, NRECA, Executive
Vice President, External Affairs
JAY MORRISON, NRECA, Associate Director,
Regulatory Counsel

#### **Announcements**

Adjourn

#### NOOD GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

(Tickets, \$35, available at the NRECA Registration Desk) Florida Ballroom

RICHARD GONZMART, President, Columbia Restaurant

#### 1:30 pm

#### THIRD GENERAL SESSION

Grand Ballroom
GALEN MILLS, NRECA Georgia Director, presiding

Our Youth, Our Future: Voices from Youth Tour

#### The Focus on Technology

ED TORRERO, NRECA, Executive Director, Cooperative Research Network

Report from NRTC: Meeting Challenges Through Technology

BOB PHILLIPS, NRTC, President and CEO

Penny Wise but Pound Foolish: Not All Cost Cutting Measures are Effective

JIM BAUSELL, NRECA, Vice President, Business Development

**Announcements** 

Adjourn

## Schedule

#### TUESDAY, CONTINUED

#### 3:30 pm

## NATIONAL RURAL UTILITIES COOPERATIVE FINANCE CORPORATION (CFC) DISTRICTS 2 & 3 MEETING

Grand Ballroom

SHELDON C. PETERSEN, Governor/CEO

RAPHAEL BRUMBELOE (Georgia), Overall Chairman BURNS MERCER (Kentucky), Overall Secretary-Treasurer

Join Sheldon and the Districts 2 & 3 Board Members for a review of CFC's operations and an industry update.

Elections will be held for the District 2 Manager-Director and District 3 Director-Director positions on the CFC Board of Directors.

#### 5:30 pm

#### **REGIONAL RECEPTION**

(Hosted by NRTC and the Florida Electric Cooperative Association)

Lobby Patio & Riverwalk

Back-up location: Florida Ballroom

#### SAVE THE DATE!

September 29 – October 1, 2009 Regions 2 & 3 Meeting Chattanooga, Tennessee

## Schedule

## Wednesday, September 24

7:00 am

CEO BREAKFAST

(Co-sponsored by CFC; By Invitation Only) Meeting Rooms 8–10, 3rd Floor

9:00 am

FOURTH GENERAL SESSION

Grand Ballroom

MARTIN ANDERSON, NRECA Alabama Director, presiding

Introduction of the Sergeants-at-Arms

Coffee with the Leadership

(Refreshments sponsored by the Cooperative Response Center)

JACK F. WOLFE, Jr., NRECA President

GLENN ENGLISH, NRECA CEO

Our Energy, Our Future—The Person is You

**Business Meeting (Region 2)** 

Grand Ballroom

ANGUS S. HASTINGS, Region 2 Executive Committeeperson, *presiding* 

**Business Meeting (Region 3)** 

Florida Salon I-IV

LARRY E. ELKINS, Region 3 Executive Committeeperson, presiding

Call to Order

Adoption of Agenda

**Adoption of Standing Rules** 

Approval of Minutes of 2007 Region Meeting

**Introduction and Report of Nominating Committee** 

Election of Region Members to 2009 NRECA Standing Committees

**Consideration of Proposed Resolutions** 

New Business

Adjourn







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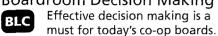
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		924.1 When Disaster Strikes—Continuity Management & Emergency Response Planning for Directors	968.1 Advanced Rate Decisions: For Experienced Directors	951.2 Developing Effective Boardroom Decision Making (Concludes at Noon on 2nd day)		
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#### 951.2

#### Developing Effective Boardroom Decision Making



Directors need the tools to assess today's challenges, identify options and to determine the best choice for all involved. This course shows directors the techniques and skills needed to identify issues, hold constructive discussions, and resolve conflict effectively.

#### 966.1

Understanding the New World of Power Supply



Directors face a new world in which power supply decisions are more complex, involve greater risks and have greater cost consequences for consumers. This course will help directors understand

- What brought about today's business environment
- Why decision making has become more complex
- Risk-assessment tools utilities can use to limit their exposure to today's volatile power supply

#### 967.1

#### Fundamentals of Energy Risk Management for Directors

This course introduces directors to the complexities and risks—operational, credit and regulatory—of the new wholesale energy environment. Participants will learn about the rules of power supply, including risk management, energy trading and the reliability of power supply contracts.

#### 968.1

#### Advanced Rate Decisions: For Experienced Directors

This course explains the complex issues that must be balanced when the board considers equity management and alternative rate philosophies and strategies. Case studies and problem-solving situations help attendees analyze and discuss such issues as equity goals, long-range revenue requirements, achieving fairness for multiple rate classes, and dealing with proposed rate increases.

Directors are strongly encouraged to take Course 2640.1(Financial Decision Making) before taking this course.

#### 975.1

## Capital Credits: Legal and Financial Issues

According to the Capital Cred Task Force Report of 2005, adopting and implementing a capital credits policy are key responsibilities of a co-op's board and management. As the elected representatives of the members, directors must understand the co-op's capital credits policy. Directors must be able to explain to members why the policy was adopted and how it works. Management and staff are responsible for executing the board's policy.

NRECA recommends that directors complete Course 2640.1 (Financial Decision Making) before they take this course.



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## Travel and Accommodations

#### **Summer School East**

Hyatt Regency Savannah Hotel

2 W. Bay Street Savannah, GA 31401 Reservations: 912.238.1234 Room rate: \$177 single/double Room Block Cutoff Date: May 5, 2008 Check-in: 3:00 p.m. Check-out: Noon

#### **Summer School West**

Antlers Hilton Colorado Springs

4 S. Cascade Avenue Colorado Springs, CO 80903 Reservations: 719.955.5600 Room rate: \$164 single/double Room Block Cutoff Date: June 10, 2008 Check-in: 3:00 p.m. Check-out: Noon

#### **Airline Discount**

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800.521.4041

Meeting ID Code: 507UA Discounts on area pricing based on geographic location: 7% discount on tickets purchased 30 days prior; 2% discount on tickets purchased within 29 days before arrival.

#### **Rental Car Discounts**

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## 2008 Summer School for Directors

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#### 2600.1 **Director Duties and Liabilities**

Co-op boards are responsible for directing the affairs of the corporation. This course, the first of the required CCD courses, explains the board's duties of loyalty, obedience and due care, and the need for directors to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to fulfill their responsibilities. Topics covered will include the co-op business model, an overview of today's electric utility business, legal and regulatory concepts, and the importance of maintaining an effective CEO-board relationship.



#### 2610.1 **Understanding the Electric Business**

This course helps directors understand why the electric utility industry is an evolving high-tech system. Such a system must be designed and engineered to meet regulatory and consumer standards for reliability, quality and safety. These goals require an appropriate investment on a planned and ongoing basis. Participants will gain an understanding of the key components of the electric utility industry.



#### 2620.1 **Board Roles and Relationships**

The success of your co-op depends on its ability to nurture and maintain effective relationships with consumers, community leaders, media, public officials and others. This course explains how the director and the board each play a key role in developing plans and implementing them to maintain and manage these relationships.



#### 2630.1 Strategic Planning

Boards have ultimate responsibility for ensuring and evaluating the long-term health of the organization. To achieve this goal, directors use strategic planning. They also authorize the appropriate allocation of resources through the adoption of financial policies and by budget review and approval. This course teaches directors how to conduct an effective strategic planning process.



#### 2640.1 **Financial Decision Making**

This course helps directors understand the role of the board in financial planning, including identifying the basic documents used in financial planning and reporting, assessing the issues that drive financial decisions, balancing competing goals, and taking responsibility to monitor and evaluate results.

## Rules and Procedures for Effective Board Meetings

To equip directors to participate more effectively in board meetings. this course introduces them to the rules of parliamentary procedure as contained in Robert's Rules of Order. Topics covered include the essential rules of debate, the key elements of agendas and minutes, and procedures for voting, elections, and secret ballots.

#### 902.1 NEW! (as of June '08) Understanding the Role of the Board Chair

Board chairs have a critical role in leading the board. They must work closely with the CEO to ensure that meetings are well organized and focused on strategic issues. They must maintain order, while encouraging group participation. They must help the board make good decisions at a time of increasing industry complexity. They must also ensure that the board remains unified even when directors have differing opinions

This course helps participants to understand and practice essential board leadership skills, including:

- Understanding how basic human differences affect boardroom dynamics
- Ensuring that strategic priorities are identified and reflected in meeting agendas
- Ensuring that board decisions are clearly documented
- Enforcing the rules of debate and decorum to ensure that issues are addressed fairly and all directors are treated with respect
- Helping the board reach closure

### BLC

#### 903.1 The Role of the Board Chair in Conducting **Effective Meetings**

Course participants will learn the skills that board chairs need to run successful meetings, including how to organize the meeting, present the issues, encourage the free exchange of opinion among board members, and lead the decision-making process to a successful resolution. The material presented complies with Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, the parliamentary authority used by more than 95 percent of the groups in the United States.

#### 914.1 Cooperative Communications and Public Opinion—The Director's Perspective

Electric co-ops need to communicate effectively today to maintain member loyalty. Whether it's communicating future rate increases or advertising your co-op's participation in renewables, strong communication programs strengthen your identity with your consumers

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and build customer loyalty. This course explains the roles and responsibilities of directors for communications during a crisis or controversy. It also covers how to manage public opinion.

## BLC

## 923.1 New and Emerging Technologies—What Every Director Needs to Know

The business of providing safe, reliable, and cost-effective electrical service has never been more dependent upon technology. This course explores recent advances in distribution system automation and information technology (IT) tools. It explains how these technologies help rural electric co-ops deliver superior service to their member owners. Through case study and interactive discussion, this course covers advances in automated meter reading, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) technologies, broadband over power lines (BPL) and more.

## BLC

#### 925.1

#### Co-op Bylaws: Guiding Principles and Current Issues

This course addresses the rights and expectations of co-op members and the powers bestowed upon the board to govern a member-owned business. Participants will learn to address these rights and expectations within the context of the co-op's Articles of Incorporation and applicable state laws and federal regulations.

## BLC

#### 929.1

#### **Current Issues in Policy Development**

This course encourages attendees to view policies as proactive tools to establish a standard of board behavior needed for governance in today's electric co-op. Participants will discuss current issues facing rural electric co-ops and how the governance function contributes to the co-op and adds value. Attendees will review examples of policies relevant to addressing today's governance issues. Key topics include a suggested standardized policy structure and format, and a successful approach for reviewing and updating your co-op's governing policies.

## BLC

## 930.1 Ethics and Governance: Implementing the New Accountability

In the new era of co-op accountability, boards and management are expected—and in some cases required—to implement standards, programs, and procedures involving such issues as codes of conduct, document retention, whistle-blower protection, fraud risk assessment and financial transparency. Participants will learn practical strategies to help co-ops design and develop plans and programs that address these new expectations.



#### 935.

#### Appraising and Compensating the CEO

The board is responsible for appraising and compensating the chief executive. Appraisal is the process of using agreed-upon measures to evaluate the CEO's performance. Compensation is the process of developing a salary range and approving a salary based on the appraisal. This course helps directors fulfill their responsibilities to ensure a sound board–CEO relationship.



#### 938.1 NEW! (as of June '08)

#### Effective Boards: Why Some Succeed and Some Fail

Experienced co-op directors, working in small groups, will learn practical governance techniques to ensure the success of their board.

Participants will analyze actual case studies of corporate board failures that resulted in public scrutiny, lawsuits and investigations by committees of Congress. Questions addressed during the course include:

- · What are the key facts in the case from a board perspective?
- · What did the board do that got it into trouble?
- What should the board have done to decrease the risk of failure?

## BLC

#### 951.2

#### **Developing Effective Boardroom Decision Making**

Effective decision making is a must for today's co-op boards. Directors need the tools to assess today's challenges, identify options and to determine the best choice for all involved. This course shows directors the techniques and skills needed to identify issues, hold constructive discussions, and resolve conflict effectively.

### BLC

#### 966.1

#### **Understanding the New World of Power Supply**

Directors face a new world in which power supply decisions are more complex, involve greater risks and have greater cost consequences for consumers. This course will help all directors understand

- · What brought about today's business environment
- · Why decision making has become more complex
- Risk assessment tools utilities can use to limit their exposure to today's volatile power supply

#### BLC

#### 968.1

#### Advanced Rate Decisions: For Experienced Directors\*

This course explains the complex issues that must be balanced when the board considers equity management and alternative rate philosophies and strategies. Case studies and problem solving situations help attendees analyze and discuss such issues as equity goals, long-range revenue requirements, achieving fairness for multiple rate classes, and dealing with proposed rate increases.

\*Directors are encouraged to complete Course 2640.1(Financial Decision Making) before taking this course

## BLC

#### 970.1

#### The Role of Renewables in Power Supply\*

Electric co-op boards face many important questions about renewables: What role should renewable energy play in our power supply portfolio? How should our co-op respond to member requests for green power? What factors should be considered when purchasing power from members with renewable generation capacity? What are the key regulations and laws pertaining to renewable energy and how do they affect our co-op? This course informs directors on the issues related to establishing policy that will guide their co-ops in addressing renewables.

\*Directors are encouraged to complete course 966 1(Understanding the New World of Power Supply) before taking this course.

## 972.1 NEW! (as of Dec. '08) Energy Efficiency at Today's Electric Cooperative

The world's energy economy is changing fast, driven by proceedented growth and demand for energy and other resources. It is growing demand will have significant impact on consumers and utilities everywhere. Prudence and due diligence force us to assume that resources will become scarcer, prices will move higher, and decisions about electricity infrastructure will be more politically charged. This course helps directors understand the basics of energy efficiency technologies, including how they must be integrated into the utility's strategic plan and coordinated with the power supplier. The course will be down-to-earth and pragmatic, discussing all sides of the issues with an emphasis on understanding potential impacts on utility revenues and expenses.

Upon completion of this course, directors will be able to:

- Recognize that the electric utility industry is being fundamentally transformed because of worldwide economic forces
- Identify how electric co-ops will be directly affected by these forces, including at the distribution and end-use consumer levels
- Discuss technology and rate-based strategies that can help coops address some of these challenges

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#### BIC 97

#### Capital Credits: Legal and Financial Issues\*

According to the Capital Credits Task Force Report of 2005, adopting and implementing a capital credits policy are key responsibilities of a co-op's board and management. As the elected representatives of the members, directors must understand the co-op's capital credits policy. Directors must be able to explain to members why the policy was adopted and how it works. Management and staff are responsible for executing the board's policy.

\*Directors are encouraged to complete Course 2640.1 (Financial Decision Making) before taking this course.

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## Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Case No. 2009-00016

#### Third Request of Commission Staff

- 17. Refer to Licking Valley's response to item 32.a of Staff's Second Request.
- a. Provide written documentation of Licking Valley's policy regarding reimbursement for exercise equipment.
- b. How long has such a policy been in place and on how many occasions has Licking Valley reimbursed employees for exercise equipment?
- c. Explain whether the exercise equipment for which Licking Valley reimbursed Larry Easterling is located on Licking Valley's premises and therefore available to other employees.

#### Responses:

- 17.a. Licking Valley does not have a written policy to reimburse for exercise equipment. Larry Easterling is the General Superintendent, and all purchases at the Malone office must be authorized by him. There was a piece of exercise equipment that needed to be replaced. This equipment is located on Licking Valley's property and is used exclusively by Licking Valley employees. Exercise and exercise equipment are part of the wellness and fitness program that Licking Valley encourages its employees to participate in. This helps keep employees healthy, and, in the long run, reduces health insurance premiums for Licking Valley.
- 17.b. As a general rule, exercise equipment is purchased directly from a vendor, however, in the event equipment wears out, or breaks, it must be purchased on short notice. West Liberty does not have any place to purchase this type of equipment, so it must be purchased when an employee travels to another location for business, or on weekends.
- 17.c. This equipment is on Licking Valley's premises and is available for all employees to use.

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18. Refer to Licking Valley's response to item 32.b of Staff's Second Request. Explain how often Licking Valley replaces flags and whether both of the American flags purchased are currently being displayed.

#### Response

Flags are replaced about every 2 to 3 years. Wind, rain, sun, and weather deteriorates them on a periodic basis. Licking Valley has 2 locations; its headquarters and its district office/warehouse. Flags are flown at both locations.

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#### Third Request of Commission Staff

- 19. Refer to Licking Valley's response to item 33 of Staff's Second Request.
- a. Explain if all employees of Licking Valley receive a shirt whether or not they attend the annual meeting.
  - b. Explain whether employees are allowed to keep the shirts.
- c. Explain whether any restrictions are placed on when and where the shirts can be worn.
- d. Explain whether new shirts are purchased each year for the employees in preparation for the annual meeting.

#### Responses

- 19.a. All employees are required to attend the annual meeting.
- 19.b. Yes. Shirts are ordered to fit individual employees.
- 19.c. None. Employees generally wear the shirts to work, meetings attended on behalf of Licking Valley, and other cooperative related functions.
  - 19.d. Yes.

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20. Refer to Licking Valley's response to item 18.b of the Attorney General's ("AG's") Initial Request. Provide a summary comparative analysis of the annual meeting expenses incurred in 2006, 2007 and 2008. Expenses should be summarized by the major categories of expense incurred in each year.

Account 930.3, Annual meeting expenses

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
KAEC setup	19,978	16,444	16,578
Labor and benefits	8,405	10,922	16,557
Advertising	2,859	3,048	0
Scholarship	6,000	0	1,250
EKPC reimbursement	0	(3,319)	(9,385)
Food, supplies, and entertainment	20,688	14,142	12,241
	57,930	41,237	37,241

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21. Refer to Licking Valley's response to item 13 of the AG's Initial Request regarding directors' compensation for attending regular board meetings. Explain whether Licking Valley is aware that the Commission has previously not allowed this type of additional compensation to be recovered by electric cooperative through rates.

#### Response

Licking Valley should have removed this addition director compensation.