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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Mr. Jeffrey Derouen Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard P. O. Box 615 Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

Re

In the Matter of: Motion of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.

for a Six-Month Extension of Time to File Its 2009 Integrated

Resource Plan; Case No. 2009-00106

Dear Mr. Derouen:

East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. ("EKPC") has received the <u>First Data Request of Commission Staff</u> in the captioned case. Contained in Request 1 is a statement by the Commission that EKPC's Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") is not due to be filed until April 21, 2009.

At the time that EKPC filed its Motion for a Waiver of the IRP Filing Schedule (which requested an extension of time to file its Plan), the Company believed that the deadline for filing the IRP was March 31, 2009. It requested a six-month extension to allow plenty of time for internal staff to complete all of the work necessary to comply with the myriad requirements of 807 KAR 5:058, and to insure the best and most accurate assessment regarding its plans to construct new baseload generation assets which are dependent upon outstanding air permit requests for both Smith Units 1 and 2. The exact timeframe for administrative decision on these permits is not known.

However, the Commission correctly reminded EKPC, in Request 2.e., that an IRP is a "snapshot" of a utility's resource plan at a given point in time, which is certainly subject to change if the assumptions on which it is based change. The Company appreciates the Commission's reminder of this fact and will take action upon it.

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As of this date, EKPC estimates that approximately 75% of the work necessary to file the Plan has been completed by its staff. The Company believes that with a diligent effort it can complete the other 25% of the work necessary by the due date of April 21 so that the Plan can be filed timely.

In order that EKPC staff might concentrate all of their time and effort on completion of the IRP, and since its filing by the due date obviates the need for responding to the Commission Staff's data requests, EKPC will assume that the Commission does not desire it to respond to the data requests and that an Order to that effect will be entered.

Certainly, if EKPC is incorrect in this belief and the Commission Staff still desires for the data requests to be answered as propounded, I would appreciate it if you could let me know immediately, and EKPC will attempt to do so in the time provided by the Commission.

Thank you very much for your kind attention to this matter, and you can expect that EKPC will file its IRP by April 21, 2009.

Sincerely yours,

Mark David Goss