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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Mr. Jeff Derouen Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Re: Case No. 2012-00486

Dear Mr. Derouen:

Enclose for filing is the original and five (5) copies of the Commission Staff's Amended Second Request, dated January 24, 2013, regarding the Examination of the Environmental Surcharge Mechanism of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.

Sincerely

Thank you for your assistance.

Woodford L. Gardner, Jr.

Attorney for Applicant

Enclosure

cc: William T. Prather

### **COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**

### **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

### In The Matter Of:

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<b>DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND JUNE 30, 2012, AND THE</b>	)	
PASS THROUGH MECHANISM FOR ITS SIXTEEN	)	
MEMBER DISTRIBUTION COOPERATIVES	)	

RESPONSE TO COMMISSION STAFF'S
AMENDED SECOND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO
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SIXTEEN MEMBER DISTRIBUTION COOPERATIVES

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# APPLICANT'S RESPONSES TO COMMISSION STAFF'S AMENDED SECOND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO EAST KENTUCKY POWER COOPERATIVE, INC.'S SIXTEEN MEMBER DISTRIBUTION COOPERATIVES

The applicant, Farmers Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Farmers"), makes the following responses to the Commission Staff's Amended Second Request for Information to East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc's Six Member Distribution Cooperatives as follows:

- 1. The witness who is prepared to answer questions concerning each request is William T. Prather.
- 2. William T. Prather, President & CEO of Farmers, is the person supervising the preparation of the responses on behalf of the applicant.
- 3. The responses and exhibit are attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

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### **CERTIFICATE**

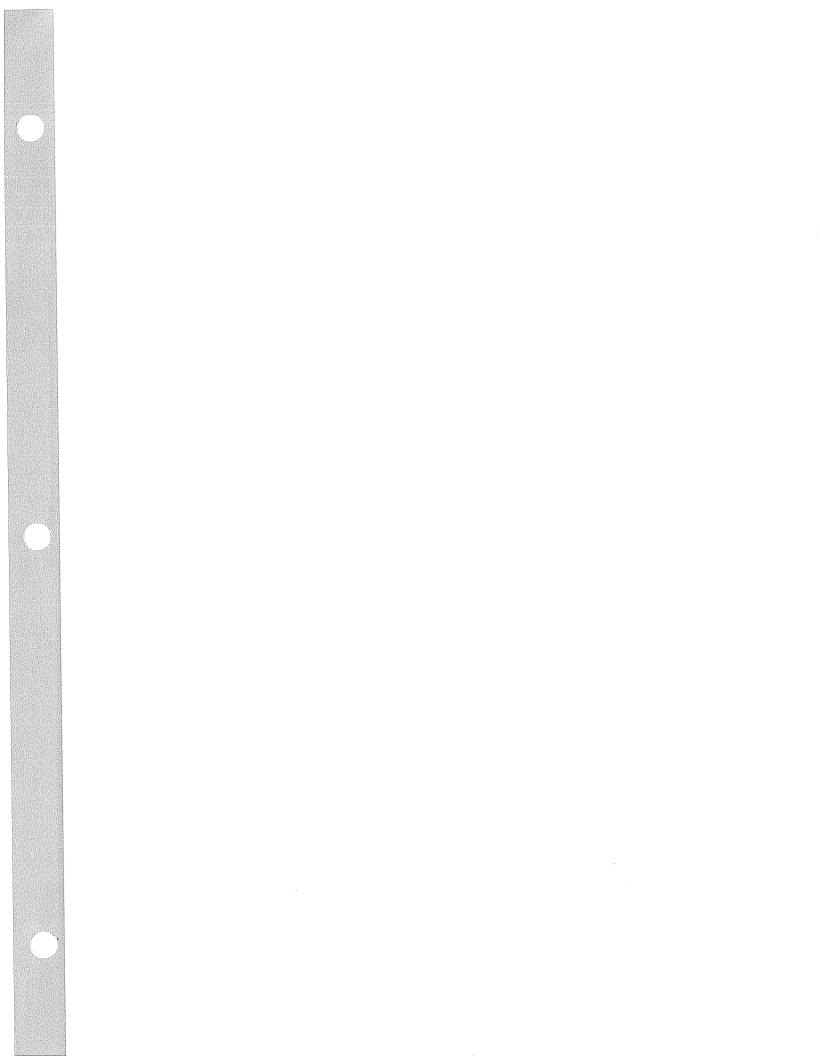
William T. Prather, being duly sworn, states that he has supervised the preparation of the response of Farmers Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation to the Public Service Commission Staff's Amended Second Request for Information to East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.'s Sixteen Member Distribution Cooperatives in the above-referenced case, and that the matters and things set forth therein are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry.

		William V. Mellen	
COMMONWEATLH OF KENTUCKY	)		
COUNTY OF BARREN	) )		

Subscribed and sworn to before me by William T. Prather, President & CEO of Farmers Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation this  $\frac{1}{2}$  day of February, 2013.

Notary Public
ID: 446566

My Commission Expires: <u>7-30-2015</u>



## FARMERS RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION PSC CASE NO. 2012-00486 AMENDED SECOND REQUEST RESPONSE

Commission Staff's First Request for Information, Item 2, and respond to the following:

over-recovery or collection of any under-recovery of environmental surcharge costs?

Each member cooperative should refer to EKPC's responses to

Have you experienced any problems in administering the refund of any

Request 1.

Request 1.a.

	No, Farmers has not experienced any problems in administering the overy or collection of any under-recovery of environmental surcharge
refunding/collecting a	Do you recommend any changes from the current method of ny over- or under-recovery of environmental surcharge costs over a six-so, what is the time period you believe is appropriate?
period of review, Farm	Due to the substantial amount of the under-recovery for this particular ners would suggest a twelve-month time period. For more normal a six month basis, we feel a subsequent six month refund/recovery
over- or under-recover	Describe the benefits, if any, of allowing the refund/collection of any ry of environmental surcharge costs to be spread over a time period rent six-month recovery period.
under-recovery to be s	In this case for Farmers, the benefit of allowing the collection of the spread over a greater time period would be the impact to our members, t be as substantial as exampled in Response 2.
a greater time period v	The benefit of allowing the refund of any over-recovery to be spread over would have a positive effect on the cash flow of a Cooperative, as the ead the payout to their members over an extended period of time.

<u>Request 1.d.</u> Describe the negative effects, if any, of allowing the refund/collection of over- or under-recovery of environmental surcharge costs to be spread over a time period different from the current six-month recovery period.

Response 1.d. In this case for Farmers, the negative effects of allowing the collection of the under-recovery to be spread over a greater time period would be that our Cooperative would not obtain its funds from its members as promptly, which would result in longer recovery period on the financial statements. Also, a longer period of time causes uncertainly as to whether the under-recovery, in this Case, could continue to be properly traced and recognized.

The negative effect of allowing the refund of any over-recovery to be spread over a greater time period would have a negative effect on the cash flow of a Cooperative, as the Cooperative would spread the payout to their members over a shorter period of time.

Witness: William T. Prather

## FARMERS RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION PSC CASE NO. 2012-00486 AMENDED SECOND REQUEST RESPONSE

Request 2. Provide the member cooperative's actual average residential customer's monthly kWh usage. Based on this usage amount, provide the dollar impact any over- or under-recovery will have on the average residential customer's bill for a recovery period of six months and a recovery period of 12 months.

**Response 2.** See attached Exhibit A.

Witness: William T. Prather

Farmers Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation Response 2

Recovery Period of Six Months	Six Months	Recovery Period of Twelve Months	Twelve Months	
31 Day Monthly Usage	1,000 kwh	31 Day Monthly Usage	1,000 kwh	
Energy	\$ 88.95	Energy	❖	88.95
Customer Charge	9.35	Customer Charge		9.35
Fuel @ .002850	2.85	Fuel @ .002850		2.85
Environmental Surcharge		<b>Environmental Surcharge</b>		
@ 10.52%	10.64	@ 10.52%		10.64
Environmental Surcharge		Environmental Surcharge		
Case No. 2012-00486	5.88	Case No. 2012-00486		2.94
Local School Tax @ 3.0%	3.53	Local School Tax @ 3.0%		3.44
Total Bill Amount	\$ 121.20	Total Bill Amount	44	118.17

### Notes:

- Fuel is calculated on kwh amount.
- Environmental Surcharge, @ 10.52%, is calculated on energy, customer charge and fuel.
  - Environmental Surcharge, Case No. 2012-00486, is calculated on the monthly under-recovery divided by the average number of members.
    - School Tax is calculated on all charges.