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### PARTIES OF RECORD

Re: Case No. 2013-00144

Case No. 2012-00578

Attached is a copy of the memorandum which is being filed in the record of the above-referenced cases. If you have any comments you would like to make regarding the contents of the informal conference memorandum, please do so within five days of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Quang Nguyen, Staff Attorney, at 502-782-2586.

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**Attachments** 



### **INTRA-AGENCY MEMORANDUM**

## **KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

TO: Case File

**FROM:** Quang D. Nguyen, Staff Attorney

**DATE:** July 29, 2013

**RE:** Case No. 2013-00144

APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE RENEWABLE ENERGY PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR BIOMASS ENERGY RESOURCES BETWEEN THE COMPANY AND ECOPOWER GENERATION-HAZARD LLC; AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO THE AGREEMENT; GRANT OF CERTAIN DECLARATORY RELIEF; AND GRANT OF ALL OTHER REQUIRED APPROVALS AND RELIEF

Case No. 2012-00578

APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY FOR (1) A CERTIFICATE OF **PUBLIC** CONVENIENCE AND **NECESSITY** AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF AN UNDIVIDED FIFTY PERCENT **INTEREST** IN THE MITCHELL GENERATING STATION ASSOCIATED ASSETS; (2) APPROVAL OF THE ASSUMPTION BY KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY OF CERTAIN LIABLIITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANSFER OF THE MITCHELL GENERATING STATION; (3) DECLARATORY RULINGS; (4) DEFERRAL OF COSTS INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMPANY'S EFFORTS TO MEET FEDERAL CLEAN AIR ACT AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS; AND (4) ALL OTHER REQUIRED APPROVALS AND RELIEF

Pursuant to a Commission Staff notice, an informal conference was held at the Commission's offices on June 27, 2013 for Case Nos. 2012-00578 and 2013-00144. The purpose of the conference was to discuss the timing of the final orders to be issued in these two cases. A list of the attendees is attached hereto.

With respect to Case No. 2013-00144, Commission Staff began by discussing Article 6.1 of the Renewable Energy Purchase Agreement ("REPA") which required the issuance of a final and non-appealable order by the Commission by October 15, 2013. In light of Commission Staff's case load and the timing of the formal hearing in this matter, Commission Staff advised Kentucky Power Company ("Kentucky Power") and the parties it would be unlikely that a final and non-appealable order could be issued by October 15, 2013. In response to Commission Staff's inquiry concerning the impact of

Article 6.1 of the REPA, Kentucky Power noted that although the deadline would create a contractual right for Kentucky Power to terminate the contract, the deadline was mainly established to provide EcoPower Generation-Hazard LLC ("EcoPower") with sufficient time to obtain the necessary financing to begin construction on its biomass generation facility. Kentucky Power advised that it would have to seek EcoPower's approval to amend the deadline established by Article 6.1 of the REPA.

In response to another Commission Staff inquiry regarding the REPA provision requiring as a condition precedent the approval of Kentucky Power's request to acquire 50 percent of the Mitchell Generating Station in Case No. 2012-00578, Kentucky Power informed that this provision does not require that the Commission render a decision in Case No. 2012-00578 prior to the Commission's decision in Case No. 2013-00144.

Kentucky Power also informed that it would need a decision in Case No. 2012-00578, the Mitchell transfer matter, ideally by August 30, 2013 in order to have other necessary approvals obtained to close the transfer by the end of this year.

There being no further discussions, the informal conference adjourned.

Attachment

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