

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY)	
POWER COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)	
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO)	CASE NO.
CONSTRUCT A 138 KV TRANSMISSION LINE)	2020-00062
AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES IN PIKE AND)	
FLOYD COUNTIES, KENTUCKY)	

ORDER

This matter is before the Commission upon a motion for rehearing filed by Kentucky Power Company (Kentucky Power) on January 18, 2021, in which Kentucky Power requests rehearing of the Commission’s final Order issued on December 29, 2020. The Commission’s December 29, 2020 Order granted Kentucky Power’s September 3, 2020 request for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to construct, own, and operate the Kewanee-Enterprise Park 138 kV Transmission Project (Project). The Project consists of (1) the construction of approximately five miles of new double-circuit 138 kV transmission line in Floyd and Pike counties, Kentucky; (2) the construction of portions of a new 138 kV substation; and (3) the retirement of the existing Fords Branch 46 kV Substation.¹ In its application Kentucky Power also indicated that AEP Kentucky Transmission Company, Inc. (Kentucky Transco) would construct, own, and maintain five 138 kV circuit breakers arranged in a four breaker ring bus configuration, and a 28.8 MVAR capacitor bank in the new substation.² Kentucky Power’s application

¹ Application at 1.

² *Id.*, Appendix, Direct Testimony of Brian West (West Testimony) at 4–5.

expressly stated Kentucky Power was not seeking a CPCN for the components of the project it anticipated Kentucky Transco would construct.³

Kentucky Power seeks rehearing to request that the Commission modify the CPCN to authorize Kentucky Power to construct the Project as authorized by the Commission's December 29, 2020 Order as well as those facilities Kentucky Power originally anticipated that Kentucky Transco would construct, own, and maintain.⁴ Kentucky Power states it also seeks rehearing to request that the Commission eliminate, in light of Kentucky Power's first rehearing request, or clarify certain aspects of the December 29, 2020 Order that Kentucky Power asserts either go beyond the scope of Kentucky Power's application in this proceeding, or which appear to address subject matter outside of the Commission's jurisdiction.⁵

Contrary to the assertion made by Kentucky Power in its motion for rehearing,⁶ the Commission has made no findings of fact concerning the need for, or absence of, wasteful duplication in relation to the proposed circuit breakers and capacitor bank. The Commission only stated that these assets "*appear*" (emphasis added) as necessary to the operation of Kentucky Power's transmission system and necessary for the operation of the project.⁷

³ *Id.*

⁴ Motion for Rehearing (filed Jan. 18, 2021) at 1.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ Motion for Rehearing (filed Jan. 18, 2021) at 4.

⁷ Final Order (Ky. PSC Dec. 29, 2020) at 14.

Having reviewed the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that Kentucky Power has established good cause to permit rehearing to investigate the reasonableness of Kentucky Power's request to modify the CPCN. The Commission defers a decision on the remaining issues raised by Kentucky Power on rehearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Kentucky Power's motion for rehearing to request that the Commission modify the CPCN granted to Kentucky Power in the Commission's December 29, 2020 Order is granted.

2. Any decision on other issues raised by Kentucky Power in its motion is deferred pending the Commission's decision regarding the reasonableness of modifying the CPCN.

3. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed for the processing of this matter on rehearing.

4. All other provisions of the final Order not in conflict with this Order shall remain in full force and effect.

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2020-00062 DATED FEB 03 2021

Kentucky Power shall file testimony addressing the need
for the substation components for which it seeks a CPCN,
and provide evidence the construction of these components
will not result in wasteful duplication no later than.....02/19/2021

Requests for information to Kentucky Power
shall be filed no later than.....03/05/2021

Kentucky Power shall file responses
to requests for information no later than.....03/19/2021

Kentucky Power shall request either a hearing or that
the case be submitted for decision based on the record no later than.....03/26/2021

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