

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY	)	
UTILITIES COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF	)	CASE NO.
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR	)	2022-00066
THE CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSMISSION	)	
FACILITIES IN HARDIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY	)	

ORDER

On May 17, 2022, Frank and Martha Brown (the Browns) filed a motion seeking Commission approval for their expert witness, Güneş Demirbaş of G-Tower, PLLC (G-Tower), to attend the June 1, 2022 hearing in this matter remotely by videoconference. The Browns requested a decision in this matter by May 24, 2022. No party has objected to the motion, and the matter is before the Commission for a decision.

In support of their motion the Browns stated that G-Tower is based in Boulder, Colorado, but has offices and operations in Canada, Turkey, and Chile. Further, the Browns stated that Mr. Demirbaş is based in G-Tower's Turkish offices for certain periods each year and will be in Turkey on June 1, 2022. The Browns argued that while it is possible for Mr. Demirbaş to travel to attend the hearing in person, this travel will be costly and will subject Mr. Demirbaş to re-entry requirements associated with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and international travel. Finally, the Browns maintained that Mr. Demirbaş is equipped with the facilities and technology to participate remotely by videoconference, that no party will be prejudiced by his appearing remotely, and that if

necessary he can participate in a pre-hearing “dry-run” to ensure successful virtual participation.

The Commission finds that the Browns have presented good cause to permit Mr. Demirbaş to participate in the hearing via videoconference. The Commission also finds that counsel for the Browns should contact Commission Staff to schedule a test to ensure that there will be no problems with Mr. Demirbaş’s virtual participation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that.

1. The Browns’ motion is granted.
2. Güneş Demirbaş shall participate in the June 1, 2022 hearing by videoconference.
3. Prior to May 30, 2022, counsel for the Browns will arrange for Mr. Demirbaş to participate in a test with Commission Staff to ensure all required technology is working properly.

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