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March 30, 2026

## PARTIES OF RECORD

Re: Case No. 2023-00416

Notice is given to all parties that the attached March 2026 First Quarter Report on Pole Attachments has been filed into the record of this proceeding.

If you have any comments you would like to make regarding the contents of the document, please do so within five days of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Fouser-Gormley, Staff Attorney III, at [Ellen.FouserGormley@ky.gov](mailto:Ellen.FouserGormley@ky.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda C. Bridwell".

Linda C. Bridwell, PE  
Executive Director

Attachment

**Report on the Progress Made in Expediting  
Pole Attachment Requests for Broadband Service in Kentucky**

**A Report to the  
Legislative Research Commission  
for Referral to  
the Interim Joint Committee on  
Natural Resources and Energy  
Pursuant to 2024 SJR 175**

**by the**

**Kentucky Public Service Commission**

**March 31, 2026**

## **Executive Summary**

SJR 175, a joint resolution “facilitating the deployment of broadband internet service to unserved and underserved citizens in the Commonwealth and declaring an emergency,” recognized the importance of broadband internet access to broadband internet service and that lack of internet access in rural areas places unserved or underserved citizens at a disadvantage. SJR 175 noted that broadband providers have and will receive significant monies to fund broadband deployment in the Commonwealth and found that the PSC should make every effort to remove unnecessary delays in how broadband attachment requests are received and processed by pole-owning utilities.

SJR 175 directed the PSC to promulgate emergency amendments to its pole attachment regulations to, among other things, expedite the processing of broadband requests for pole attachments, reduce the backlog of pole attachment requests and establish parameters to expedite the processing of pole attachment requests for unserved and underserved areas. SJR 175 directed the PSC to establish a docket on pole attachment issues to receive comments from affected parties and find resolutions that will expedite pole attachment requests and broadband deployment. Finally, SJR 175 directed the PSC to prepare and submit a quarterly report to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the Interim Joint Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, beginning September 30, 2024. This report is submitted as the seventh quarterly report in fulfillment of the legislative mandate.

## **Background**

Pursuant to KRS Chapters 74, 278, 279, and parts of 61, the PSC is obligated to ensure that rates for electric, gas, water, sewer, and telecommunications services are fair, just and reasonable. In addition to its regulation of utility rates, the PSC is also responsible for ensuring that utility services are adequate, efficient and reasonable. The nearly 1,100 utilities under the PSC jurisdiction include investor-owned and cooperative electric companies, natural gas distributors and pipeline companies, water and sewer providers including districts, associations and investor-owned utilities, and cooperative telephone companies. The PSC does not regulate the rates and service of utilities subject to the control of cities or rural electric cooperatives served by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

The United States Congress, on February 21, 1978, by Public Law 95-234, 92 Stat. 33, 47 U.S.C. § 224, amended the Federal Communications Act to grant regulatory jurisdiction over cable television (CATV) pole attachments to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in those states which did not exercise such regulation. The new law exempted cooperative-formed electric and telephone utilities from the FCC's pole attachment jurisdiction. Congress, however, allowed states to "reverse preempt" the FCC and assert state jurisdiction over CATV attachments to utility poles.

Several Kentucky utilities requested that the PSC exercise "reverse preemption" and, in August 1981, the PSC issued an order asserting jurisdiction over CATV attachments and reverse preempted the FCC. See, PSC Case No. 8040, *The Regulation of Rates, Terms and Conditions for the Provision of Pole Attachment Space to Cable Television Systems by Telephone Companies* (Ky. PSC Aug. 26, 1981). Unlike the FCC's jurisdiction, the PSC's jurisdiction over CATV attachments extended to electric and telephone cooperatives. Kentucky is currently one of 24 states and the District of Columbia that exercise jurisdiction over pole attachments.

The Kentucky Court of Appeals denied a jurisdictional challenge from several CATV providers finding that the PSC had, "jurisdiction over the utility companies, and that jurisdiction extends to their poles and the "services" and "rates" generated by pole attachment agreements." *Kentucky CATV Ass'n v. Volz*, 675 S.W.2d 393, 396 (Ky. App. 1983).

The PSC also adopted a methodology for calculating pole attachment rates. See, *The Adoption of a Standard Methodology for Establishing Rates for CATV Pole Attachments*, (Ky. PSC Sept. 17, 1982). The PSC required pole-owning utilities to file pole attachment tariffs setting out the rates and conditions of service for CATV attachments.

From the early eighties until the late 2010s, the PSC handled issues relating to pole attachments, including non-CATV attachments, on an *ad hoc* basis. The PSC would address these issues through Staff Opinions or Orders as required by the nature of each case. However, as broadband deployment increased, and to a lesser extent requests for new types of attachments such as small cell antennas increased, it became apparent that

a comprehensive regulation was necessary to address the increasing importance of third-party pole attachments.

The PSC, thus, in late 2019, completed a draft of a new regulation designed to comprehensively address pole attachments to the poles of jurisdictional utilities. In February of 2020 the PSC sent the proposed regulation to interested parties and held several meetings in February and March 2020 with the intent of promulgating the regulation by May 2020. The PSC had to postpone several meetings and the filing of the regulation due to COVID-19 but in December of 2020 the PSC restarted the meetings relating to the proposed pole attachment regulation.

The PSC, therefore, was well situated to promulgate a pole attachment regulation when, during the 2021 Regular Session, the General Assembly, on March 30, 2021, enacted House Bill 320, 2021 Ky. Acts ch. 171, sec. 1, which required, among other things, that the PSC, by December 31, 2021, promulgate regulations regarding pole attachments, including those necessary for the provisions of broadband service.

The PSC filed the new broadband regulation (codified as 807 KAR 5:015) with the Legislative Research Commission on May 14, 2021, more than seven months before the deadline established by the General Assembly. 807 KAR 5:015 became effective in late January 2022 and pole owning utilities filed conforming tariffs on or before February 28, 2022. The Kentucky Broadband and Cable Association (KBCA) filed objections to most filed tariffs and, pursuant to KRS 278.190, the PSC suspended the utilities' proposed pole attachment tariffs to conduct further investigation of the tariffs. On December 22, 2022, the PSC issued Orders approving, with modifications, the utilities' various tariffs.

The PSC, after promulgating 807 KAR 5:015 and approving pole attachment tariffs, received no complaints from utilities or attachers regarding problems with the implementation of the new pole attachment regime. The PSC first became aware that attachers had issues with how pole attachments were being processed when members of KBCA raised these concerns at the December 11, 2023, meeting of the Investments in Information Technology Improvement & Modernization Projects Oversight Board.

In response to these newly discovered concerns the PSC, on December 14, 2023, initiated a case to "create a stakeholder process to discuss and investigate issues and lessons learned relating to pole attachments." The purpose of the case was, "to identify issues regarding pole attachments, particularly regarding the extension of broadband services that might be addressed through changes in the regulations, rules, or tariffs governing pole attachments." See Case No. 2023-00416, *Electronic Investigation of Pole Attachments*, (Order issued Dec. 14, 2023). The PSC convened a series of conferences between stakeholders to determine what changes, if any, were necessary to address issues arising from requests for pole attachments.

This background information is intended only to outline the efforts the PSC has taken to regulate pole attachments prior to the enactment of SJR 175.

## **Efforts to Expedite Broadband Deployment**

The Commission, on February 25, 2025, filed with the Legislative Research Commission emergency amendments to 807 KAR 5:015 and filed ordinary amendments to 807 KAR 5:015. The public comment hearing for the emergency amendments was held on April 29, 2025 and the public comment hearing for the ordinary amendments was held on May 29, 2025. The Commission did not amend the emergency amendments or the amendments to the ordinary regulation. Both the emergency amendments and the ordinary amendments passed through the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee. The ordinary amendments were on the agenda for the September 18, 2025 meeting of the Interim Joint Committee on Natural Resources and Energy. The Joint Committee took no action on the ordinary amendments and they are now in effect.

The PSC, in the open docket in Case No.2023-00416, in addition to already hosting eight stakeholder conferences in 2024 to resolve issues pertaining to pole attachments, has established recurring filing requirements for pole owners and attachers. The Commission now requires quarterly updates on backlogs of pole attachment applications, as well as statistical information from all pole owners, except for rural local exchange carriers, relating to the number and time of processing of pole attachment applications. This information will assist the PSC in determining where significant bottlenecks occur in the pole attachment process, inform the PSC and stakeholders what changes would be necessary to address the bottlenecks, and help provide the Commission and General Assembly a clearer view of the state of broadband pole attachments in Kentucky. Attached to this report are the most recent updates on backlogs on pole attachments filed with the Commission in mid-March 2026.

In the fourth quarter of 2025, the PSC received several proposed pole attachment tariffs filed pursuant to the ordinary amendments to 807 KAR 5:015 went into effect in 2025. The Commission received objections to some proposed tariff provisions, and pursuant to KRS 278.190, has suspended certain proposed tariff amendments for further investigation. Final orders concerning the tariffs are due no later than mid-October 2026.

In March 2026, Commission Staff facilitated a meeting between an attacher and a utility based on concerns raised by an attacher informally that certain make-ready work would not be completed in time for the attacher to meet required deadlines due in large part to the unavailability of contractors. The parties developed an action plan that they indicated they expected would allow make-ready work to be completed in time.

Since the implementation of the pole attachment regulation, 807 KAR 5:015, in March 2022, no attacher has filed a formal complaint against a utility.

POLES CURRENTLY IN EACH PHASE OF PROCESS (as of March 10, 2026)						
STATUS	RESPONSIBLE	TOTAL POLES	POLES ON TIME	POLES LATE	% POLES ON TIME	% POLES LATE
FIELD SURVEY and ENGINEERING (30 days)	KU	75	75	0	100.0%	0.0%
RESUBMIT NEEDED (no timeline)	CHARTER	1,290	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MAKE READY ESTIMATE (14 days)	KU	0	0	0	N/A%	N/A
MAKE READY PAYMENT (14 days)	CHARTER	672	70	602	10.4%	89.6%
MAKE READY CONSTRUCTION (no timeline)	KU	1,528	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
AWAITING FOREIGN-OWNED POLE REPLACEMENT		1,427	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
COMMS MAKE READY / INSTALLATION (60 days)	CHARTER	18,803	3,648	15,155	19.4%	80.6%
POST-CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION (60 days)	KU	7,362	4,286	3,076	58.2%	41.8%
INSTALLATION DEFECT DETECTED	CHARTER	638	367	271	57.5%	42.5%
COMPLETE	N/A	639	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TRANSMISSION (no timeline)	KU	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CANCELED	N/A	3,224	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

CUMULATIVE POLES PROCESSED SINCE MARCH 1, 2024 (as of March 10, 2026)						
STATUS	RESPONSIBLE	TOTAL POLES	POLES ON TIME	POLES LATE	% POLES ON TIME	% POLES LATE
FIELD SURVEY and ENGINEERING (30 days)	KU	32,332	31,255	1,077	96.7%	3.3%
MAKE READY ESTIMATE (14 days)	KU	30,349	24,423	5,864	80.5%	19.3%
MAKE READY PAYMENT (14 days)	CHARTER	29,976	5,004	24,972	16.7%	83.3%
MAKE READY CONSTRUCTION (no timeline)	KU	28,023	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
COMMS MAKE READY / INSTALLATION (60 days)	CHARTER	27,583	7,293	20,290	26.4%	73.6%
POST-CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION (60 days)	KU	8,639	5,087	3,552	58.9%	41.1%
INSTALLATION DEFECT DETECTED	CHARTER	5,967	521/2058	1537/2058	25.3%	74.7%
COMPLETE	N/A	639	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TRANSMISSION (no timeline)	KU	2,948	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CANCELED	N/A	3,224	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

\*37,012 Poles have been submitted in the high volume plan. This total excludes canceled applications, applications containing Transmission poles, and poles later removed from applications.





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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

March 16, 2026

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**Re: Case No. 2023-00416**  
In the Matter of: Electronic Investigation of Pole Attachments

Dear Ms. Bridwell:

In its May 27, 2025 Order in the above captioned case, the Commission found “updates to the ‘backlog’ should be filed with the Commission,” with term “backlog” referring to “pending applications that have frequently been referred to in this proceeding as the ‘backlog.’”<sup>1</sup>

Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Energy Kentucky or the Company) has not been involved in the previous conversations regarding “backlog” in this proceeding nor has it been requested to submit prior pole attachment updates and does not believe that it is a party to the “backlog.” For example, a May 2, 2024 pole attachment update by the Kentucky Broadband and Cable Association noted that “Duke” is not included due to being a “Low volume entit[y].”<sup>2</sup> While other subsequent updates make no mention of the Company at all.<sup>3</sup> Thus, it does not seem that the “backlog” reporting requirement was intended to apply to Duke Energy Kentucky.

However, until the matter of the applicability of this reporting requirement to Duke Energy Kentucky is clarified, the Company submits the below backlog update as of March 12, 2026, providing the information requested by the Commission.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Order, p. 1 (May 27, 2025).

<sup>2</sup> Charter Communications Kentucky Pole Attachment Application Data, Exhibit 1 (“Low volume entities not shown. (AT&T, Cincinnati Bell/Alta Fiber, Duke, Grayson, Jackson, Kenergy, KY Power, Meade, South KY, Taylor County, Windstream)”) (May 2, 2024).

<sup>3</sup> See, e.g., Supplemental Information (Dec. 11, 2024).

<sup>4</sup> Order, p. 1 (“[W]hether the application is waiting on actions from the pole owner or the attacher, what that action is, and the number of attachments not timely addressed under the timelines provided for in 807 KAR 5:015”) (May 27, 2025).

Additionally, in its May 27, 2025, Order, the Commission found:

[P]ole owners, excluding rural local exchange carriers, should be required to file quarterly reports, beginning September 15, 2025, and continuing until further Order of the Commission. The information in these updates should include: the number of pole-attachment requests received; processing time for the request; whether make-ready is required; the time to complete make-ready; and the number of attachment requests completed in the quarter.<sup>5</sup>

Accordingly, Duke Energy Kentucky submits below this additional quarterly report as of March 15, 2026, providing the information requested by the Commission.

### Quarterly Backlog Report

As of March 12, 2026, there are 713 pending applications to make attachments to 6,872 Duke Energy Kentucky poles, of which 4,724 poles have been approved.<sup>6</sup>

For pending applications where the attachments have not yet been attached to the pole, there appear to be a total of 197 poles waiting on action by the Company and 3,124 poles waiting on action by the attacher:

- **713** poles are in **Proposal** status, waiting on the attacher to complete and submit the application;
- **28** poles are in **Reply** status, waiting on the Company to respond;
- **219** poles are in **Acknowledgment** status, waiting on the attacher to acknowledge the approved or denied permit in the system;
- **157** poles are in **DEK Construction** status, waiting on the Company to notify the attacher that make-ready is complete; and,
- **2192** poles are in **Attacher Construction** status, waiting on the attacher to notify the Company that their construction is completed so a post inspection can take place to verify the route was built as designed.

After the completion of the **DEK Construction** and **Attacher Construction** statuses, the attachment is attached to the pole. During the remaining stages below, the application remains pending in the Company's system, but telecommunications customers should already be benefiting from the attachment.

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<sup>5</sup> Order, p. 2 (May 27, 2025).

<sup>6</sup> The data in this letter does not include banners.

- **374** poles are in **DEK Post Inspection** status, waiting on the Company to notify the attacher that it has completed inspection and verified the route was built in accordance with engineering;
- **9** poles are in **Attacher Conclusion** status, waiting on the attacher to close the completed permit application; and,
- **3,168** poles are in **DEK Conclusion** status, waiting on the Company to invoice the attacher or close the completed permit application.

According to the Company's system, a total of 3 poles, associated with a single application submitted in 2019, appear to fall out of the timelines provided in 807 KAR 5:015.

### **Quarterly Report**

In the previous quarter (beginning December 16, 2025), Duke Energy Kentucky received five pole-attachment requests, as of March 12, 2026:

- Two were submitted in January. One was approved and the other was rejected due to an incomplete application and is waiting on the customer to return.
- Two were submitted in February and are both in the engineering phase.
- One was submitted in March and is in the engineering phase.

The total number of pole-attachment requests completed during the previous quarter was eight.

I certify that the electronically filed document is a true and accurate copy of the original document and that there are currently no parties in this proceeding that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means. Pursuant to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085, no paper copies of this filing will be made.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERIFICATION**

STATE OF OHIO                    )  
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COUNTY OF HAMILTON        )

The undersigned, Jeremy B. Gibson, Manager Joint Use, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing quarterly report, and that the information contained therein is true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

  
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Jeremy B. Gibson, Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Jeremy B. Gibson on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: July 8, 2027



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March 12, 2026

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Re: *In the Matter of: Electronic Investigation of Pole Attachments – Case No. 2023-00416*

Dear Ms. Bridwell:

Please let this letter serve as East Kentucky Power Cooperative's ("EKPC") quarterly report required in the Commission's May 27, 2025 Order ("May 27, 2025 Order"). Ordering Paragraph 2 of the May 27, 2025 Order stated "Beginning September 15, 2025, and continuing the 15<sup>th</sup> of each third month after that, pole owners, except for rural local exchange carriers, shall file reports as discussed above." The information discussed in the May 27, 2025 Order requires pole owners to file quarterly reports containing certain information, including the number of pole-attachment requests received; processing time, make-ready details and time to complete make ready and the number of attachment requests completed in the quarter.<sup>1</sup> EKPC has not received any pole attachment requests in the past quarter, therefore there is no information to report to the Commission regarding pole-attachment requests received

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

*Heather S. Temple*

Heather S. Temple

Enclosure

<sup>1</sup> May 27, 2025 Order p. 2.

Since January 1, 2024, excluding submissions by Kentucky Power’s ILEC joint use partners, third parties have submitted proposals (i.e., applications) for 1,613 poles. Those 1,613 poles fall collectively into the following statuses:

<b>Status</b>	<b>Number of Poles</b>
Initiated	0
Pending	1,464
Payment Pending	3
Construction	0
Approved	85
Post-Inspect	4
Cancelled	57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,613</b>

The following is a brief explanation of each status:

“Initiated” means the proposal has been submitted to Kentucky Power but not yet assigned to vendor for survey and engineering, either because Kentucky Power needs additional information before assigning the proposal to a vendor or because Kentucky Power has not yet completed its internal review.

“Pending” means the proposal has been assigned to a vendor for survey and engineering and includes proposals on which the survey and engineering are complete, but the applicant has not yet paid the make-ready estimate.

“Payment Pending” means the make-ready invoice has been sent but not paid.

“Construction” means the make-ready estimate has been paid and the make-ready work is currently being performed by Kentucky Power.

“Approved” means the applicant has approval and is attached to Kentucky Power’s poles.

“Post-Inspect” means a proposal has been released for installation of attachments by the applicant and Kentucky Power is awaiting notice of completion.

“Cancelled” means the application has withdrawn the proposal.



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March 15, 2026

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**RE: *In the Matter of Electronic Investigation of Pole Attachments, Case No. 2023-00416***

Dear Executive Director Bridwell:

Attached please find Kentucky Electric Cooperatives' (the "Cooperatives")<sup>1</sup> quarterly pole attachment updates filed pursuant to the Kentucky Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") May 27, 2025, order in the above-referenced case (the "Order").

In compliance with the Order and ordering paragraph 1 thereof, **Exhibit 1** provides an update of the Cooperatives' pole attachment data as of or about February 28, 2026 (the "Ordering Paragraph 1 Report").<sup>2</sup> As with the prior report, this report does not include requests to overlash given that they are subject to a different review process than other attachments under 807 KAR 5:015 and have not been part of the "backlog" in this proceeding.

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<sup>1</sup> The following electric cooperatives are jurisdictional utilities that were made party to this case by Order: Big Rivers Electric Corporation; Big Sandy RECC; Blue Grass Energy Cooperative Corporation; Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc.; Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc.; Farmers RECC; Fleming-Mason Energy Cooperative; Grayson RECC; Inter-County Energy Cooperative Corporation; Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation; Jackson Purchase Energy Cooperative Corporation; Kenergy Corporation; Licking Valley RECC; Meade County RECC; Nolin RECC; Owen Electric Cooperative; Salt River Electric Cooperative Corporation; Shelby Energy Cooperative, Inc.; South Kentucky RECC; and Taylor County RECC. Although this filing speaks on behalf of the group's common interests, each cooperative reserves the right to also address issues on an individual basis throughout this proceeding.

<sup>2</sup> Exhibit I includes data from Blue Grass Energy Cooperative Corporation, Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc., Fleming-Mason Energy Cooperative, Inter-County Energy Cooperative Corporation, Owen Electric Cooperative, Salt River Electric Cooperative Corporation, Shelby Energy Cooperative, Inc., South Kentucky RECC, and Taylor County RECC – the Cooperatives that have been reporting on the "backlog" with Charter. The remaining Cooperatives, specifically, Big Rivers Electric Corporation, Big Sandy RECC, Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc., Farmers RECC, Grayson RECC, Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation, Jackson Purchase Energy Cooperative Corporation, Kenergy Corporation, Licking Valley RECC, Meade County RECC, and Nolin RECC do not have a pole attachment "backlog" with Charter.

In compliance with ordering paragraph 2 of the Order, **Exhibit 2** provides an update on the number of pole attachment requests received and completed during the quarter ending on or about February 28, 2026 (the “Ordering Paragraph 2 Report”).<sup>3</sup>

The Ordering Paragraph 1 Report (Exhibit 1) cumulatively reflects that:

- There are 2,222 poles currently in the survey stage with the Cooperatives. The Cooperatives completed surveys of an additional 8,876 poles this quarter.
- The Cooperatives have approved permits to attach to 79,735 poles.
- There are 36,536 poles that are currently ready for attachment.
- The Cooperatives approved 3,095 poles for attachment during the quarter.
- The high number of cancelled permit applications for Owen Electric are the result of Charter converting submitted pole attachment applications to overlash requests.

The Ordering Paragraph 2 Report (Exhibit 2) cumulatively reflects that:<sup>4</sup>

- The Cooperatives routinely complete make-ready by or before the regulatory deadline.
- The median percentage of requests that require make-ready is 93.92%.

In addition, the Cooperatives generally complete their tasks (initial review, surveys, and make-ready) in the pole attachment process within the regulatory timeframes absent extenuating circumstances.

As is evidenced by these quarterly reports, the Cooperatives are continuing to process pole attachment requests within the timeframes established under 807 KAR 5:015, despite the increasing number of pole attachment requests.

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<sup>3</sup> Exhibit 2 includes data from all of the Cooperatives with the exception of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. which is filing separately.

<sup>4</sup> Requests completed may exceed requests received during the quarter as a result of the Cooperatives completing requests that were received prior to the start of the quarter.

Executive Director Bridwell  
March 15, 2026  
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Sincerely yours,

**DINSMORE & SHOHL LLP**

*/s/ Edward T. Depp*

Edward T. Depp

Attachment

**Certification**

I hereby certify that a copy of this filing has been served electronically on all parties of record through the use of the Commission's electronic filing system, and there are currently no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means. Pursuant to the Commission's July 22, 2021, Order in Case No. 2020-00085, a paper copy of this filing has not been transmitted to the Commission.

*/s/ Edward T. Depp*

Counsel to Kentucky Electric Cooperatives

		Blue Grass Energy	Clark Energy	Fleming-Mason Energy	Inter-County Energy	Owen Electric	Salt River	Shelby	South Kentucky RECC	Taylor County RECC	Grand Total
Pre-Draft	Attacher			3	167	1	2				173
Review for Completeness					12		443	737			1,187
Survey	Pole Owner	12	291	4	392		136	116			951
	Both Parties		176	742	232					172	1,271
Make Ready Estimate			83	5,164	658					1,385	7,260
	Pole Owner				985				50		1,035
									1,058		1,058
	Attacher					505				48	553
			59			168				284	511
Construction	Attacher	115			69		1,838		2,394	239	4,650
			97		94				56		247
	Pole Owner	2,386	622		541	25	616		1,214	3	5,281
		664	452	509	384		499	411	1,174		636
	Attacher	59	32	24							101
Post Inspection		5,676	820	934	2,089	195	1372	11,689	989	191	23,955
	Attacher			36		273					309
		5,288	1,509	2,782	1,537	750			403	3	12,272
	Pole Owner	12,658	2,568	8,337	6,326	2,010	1,102		742	23	33,786
	Attacher	29		233	438	479					1,179
True Up	Pole Owner	6	3	5	17		619				650
		997	580	325	187	2,374			186	4	4,783
No Action Needed		85	24	35	36	9		2,683			7,604
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>27,903</b>	<b>7,179</b>	<b>19,209</b>	<b>-16,868</b>	<b>6,696</b>	<b>11,626</b>	<b>14,783</b>	<b>8,580</b>	<b>2,805</b>	<b>113,640</b>

Exhibit 2

Cooperative	Applications Received	Applications Completed	MR Required?	Average Days in Construction
Big Rivers	0	0	-	-
Big Sandy	0	0	-	-
Bluegrass	3	32	90.63%	15
Clark Energy	5	15	73.33%	15
Cumberland Valley	0	0	-	-
Fleming-Mason Energy	5	31	90.63%	22
Farmers	0	0	-	-
Grayson	12	4	100%	All within Regulations
Inter-County	2	36	97.22%	16
Jackson	10	10	10%	10
Jackson Purchase	3	1	66%	All within Regulations
Kenergy	0	4	100%	83
Licking Valley	0	0	-	-
Meade County	0	0	-	-
Nolin	2	-	-	-
Owen	4	1	-	-
Salt River	13	8	100%	62
Shelby	0	13	100%	All within Regulations
South Kentucky	17	26	80.77%	22
Taylor County	3	3	100.00%	29

**Spectrum▶**

# Kentucky PSC Filing

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# Kentucky Utilities High Volume Agreement

JOINT FILING

POLES CURRENTLY IN EACH PHASE OF PROCESS (as of March 10, 2026)						
STATUS	RESPONSIBLE	TOTAL POLES	POLES ON TIME	POLES LATE	% POLES ON TIME	% POLES LATE
FIELD SURVEY and ENGINEERING (30 days)	KU	75	75	0	100.0%	0.0%
RESUBMIT NEEDED (no timeline)	CHARTER	1,290	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MAKE READY ESTIMATE (14 days)	KU	0	0	0	N/A%	N/A
MAKE READY PAYMENT (14 days)	CHARTER	672	70	602	10.4%	89.6%
MAKE READY CONSTRUCTION (no timeline)	KU	1,528	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
AWAITING FOREIGN-OWNED POLE REPLACEMENT		1,427	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
COMMS MAKE READY/ INSTALLATION (60 days)	CHARTER	18,803	3,648	15,155	19.4%	80.6%
POST-CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION (60 days)	KU	7,362	4,286	3,076	58.2%	41.8%
INSTALLATION DEFECT DETECTED	CHARTER	638	367	271	57.5%	42.5%
COMPLETE	N/A	639	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TRANSMISSION (no timeline)	KU	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CANCELED	N/A	3,224	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

CUMULATIVE POLES PROCESSED SINCE MARCH 1, 2024 (as of March 10, 2026)						
STATUS	RESPONSIBLE	TOTAL POLES	POLES ON TIME	POLES LATE	% POLES ON TIME	% POLES LATE
FIELD SURVEY and ENGINEERING (30 days)	KU	32,332	31,255	1,077	96.7%	3.3%
MAKE READY ESTIMATE (14 days)	KU	30,349	24,423	5,864	80.5%	19.3%
MAKE READY PAYMENT (14 days)	CHARTER	29,976	5,004	24,972	16.7%	83.3%
MAKE READY CONSTRUCTION (no timeline)	KU	28,023	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
COMMS MAKE READY/ INSTALLATION (60 days)	CHARTER	27,583	7,293	20,290	26.4%	73.6%
POST-CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION (60 days)	KU	8,639	5,087	3,552	58.9%	41.1%
INSTALLATION DEFECT DETECTED	CHARTER	5,967	521/2,058	1,537/2,058	25.3%	74.7%
COMPLETE	N/A	639	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TRANSMISSION (no timeline)	KU	2,948	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CANCELED	N/A	3,224	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

\*37,012 Poles have been submitted in the high volume plan. This total excludes canceled applications, applications containing Transmission poles, and poles later removed from applications.



# Pole Owners (Non-Alden One)

MUNICIPAL AND TVA EXCLUDED

POLE OWNER	POLE ATTACHMENT COUNT
Louisville Gas & Electric	8
AEP	290
AT&T	1,496
Cumberland Valley Electric	88
Grayson RECC	1,288
Kenergy Corporation	929
Meade County Rural Electric	308
Nicholasville Utilities, KY	34
Nolin RECC	98
Princeton Electric Plant Board	109
Windstream	2,211

# Co-Op Update

## POLE OWNERS UTILIZING ALDEN ONE

STAGE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	STATUS	Blue Grass Energy	Clark Energy	Fleming-Mason Energy	Inter-County Energy	Owen Electric	Shelby Energy Cooperative	South Kentucky RECC	Taylor County RECC
Pre-Draft	Attacher	Created	2	184	37		2			
Review	PoleOwner	Application Review					1			
	Pole Owner	Review	97	61	1,103	124	2,023		65	37
	Attacher	Revise Application			12		229			
Survey	PoleOwner	Survey	7	22	174	4	124			8
	Pole Owner	Survey Overdue		125	459	231				138
	PoleOwner	Survey Review		53	5,406	270	37			1,250
Make Ready	PoleOwner	Estimate Make-Ready Costs	5			924				
	PoleOwner	Estimate Overdue				76			1,108	
	Pole Owner	Make-Ready Construction Pending	1,834	556		173	25		1,287	3
	Attacher	Awaiting Customer Response		264		391				131
	Attacher	Awaiting Make-Ready Payment	118			702			2,440	206
	Attacher	Customer Response Overdue	6			254			161	
	Attacher	Make Ready Payment Overdue		97		49			56	
	Attacher	Pending Preliminary Cost Estimate Approval	1							
Construction	PoleOwner	Make-Ready	961	383	490	815			752	523
	PoleOwner	Make-Ready Overdue		32					422	295
	Attacher	Attachment Extension			503		273			
	Attacher	Attachment Extension Review	5,663	807	2,194	1,537	745		397	
	Attacher	Ready To Attach	5,459	900	962	2,104	195		967	195
	Attacher	Ready to Overlash	296	82	142	20			233	
Post Inspection	PoleOwner	Inspection	106			27				
	Pole Owner	Post Inspection	8,959	1,302	1,856	1,628	1,126	32	575	18
	Pole Owner	Post Inspection Overdue	3,475	1,125	6,600	4,702	1,289	7	165	8
	Attacher	Corrections Needed	238		233	437				
True Up	Pole Owner	True Up Billing	100	3	5	17	1	1		
Grand Total			27,327	5,996	20,176	14,485	6,070	40	8,628	2,812

