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Mr. John S. Lyons Deputy Executive Director- External Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

> Re: Case No. 2010-00449 Post-Case Correspondence, 21st Smith Unit 1 Asset Cost Mitigation Status Report

Dear Mr. Lyons:

Please find enclosed for filing with the Commission in the post-case correspondence file of the above-referenced case, an original and ten copies of the 21st Smith Unit 1 Asset Cost Mitigation Status Report of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. ("EKPC"). This Report is being filed pursuant to the Commission's Order of February 28, 2011.

Should you require further clarification of any part of the report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Patrick C. Woods Director, Regulatory and Compliance Services

Enclosures

East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.

Smith Unit 1 Asset Cost Mitigation Status Report

September 29, 2017 (Twenty-First Mitigation Report)

In accordance with the Commission's Order dated February 28, 2011 in Case No. 2010-00449, and consistent with the July 1, 2015 correspondence from the Commission's Executive Director, East Kentucky Power Cooperative Inc. ("EKPC") tenders the following information to describe its mitigation efforts to reduce the balance of the regulatory asset through the sale of the Smith Unit 1 physical assets, as further authorized by a Commission Order on March 5, 2013 in Case No. 2013-00005.

- As of September 29, 2017, the regulatory asset balance relating to Smith Unit 1 was \$139,880,245, a decrease of \$6,950,464 compared to the last mitigation report filed on March 31, 2017. This change is comprised of additional costs of \$23,710 (labor, benefits and material) associated with the inspection and cribbing of the assets located at the Smith Site less mitigation of \$963,913, and amortization of the regulatory asset of \$6,010,261, which began in January 2017, as authorized by the Commission in Case No. 2015-00358.

As specified in the Stipulation and Recommendation (Smith Solution) associated with Case No. 2015-00358, EKPC began amortizing the regulatory asset balance at January 1, 2017, net of estimated expected mitigation and salvage efforts of \$28,637,996, over a ten year period. The current monthly amortization amount of \$1,001,841 will be adjusted periodically to reflect additions to the regulatory asset balance associated with costs incurred to maintain the assets.

 As of September 29, 2017, three-hundred and eighty-nine (389) inquiries regarding the Smith assets have been received. Ninety-two (92) of the inquirers have executed confidentiality agreements with EKPC, enabling EKPC to share technical information regarding the assets. Twenty-nine (29) prospects have conducted site visits.