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Re: Case No. 2012-00013

Dear Mr. Howard:

Commission Staff acknowledges receipt of your December 7, 2015 letter submitted on behalf of Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Licking Valley") which provided a status update on Licking Valley's pilot project concerning the implementation of 100 digital meters capable of two-way communication. The letter indicated that Licking Valley has completed the installation of these digital meters as of September 30, 2015, that the meters were collecting and recording data, and that Licking Valley was satisfied with the performance of those meters. Lastly, the letter indicated that Licking Valley "is requesting a CPCN for system-wide application and installation of Landis + Gyr digital meters."

Commission Staff is unclear whether Licking Valley will be filing an application formally requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") to implement the digital meters across Licking Valley's entire system. Accordingly, within seven days from the date of this letter, Commission Staff requests that Licking Valley provide written confirmation and clarification of its intent to submit a formal application for a CPCN concerning the implementation of digital meters.

Commission Staff notes that Kenergy Corp. was recently authorized a CPCN to implement an automated metering infrastructure system. The Kenergy Corp. matter was docketed as Case No. 2014-00376, *Application of Kenergy Corp. for an Order*

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*Issuing a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Install an Automated Metering and Infrastructure System.* Licking Valley might find the record of Case No. 2014-00376 to be of assistance in developing its own application.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Quang D. Nguyen, Staff Attorney, at (502) 782-2586.

Sincerely,



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