COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE SEMI-ANNUAL DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT)PROGRAM AND COST RECOVERY FILING OF)CASE NO.AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER D/B/A KENTUCKY)2002-00047POWER COMPANY))

FIRST DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF TO AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER d/b/a KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY

American Electric Power d/b/a Kentucky Power Company (AEP-Kentucky) is requested, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, to file with the Commission the original and 7 copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due within 10 days of the date of this request. Each copy of the data requested should be placed in a bound volume with each item tabbed. When a number of sheets are required for an item, each sheet should be appropriately indexed, for example, Item 1(a), Sheet 2 of 6. Include with each response the name of the person who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to the information provided. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. Where information requested herein has been provided, in the format requested herein, reference may be made to the specific location of said information in responding to this information request.

1. Refer to the section of the application covering the Residential Energy Assistance Program (REAP), an energy assistance program targeting low-income customers. The third spreadsheet in this section indicates that AEP-Kentucky expects to begin incurring costs under REAP in May 2002 with total costs for REAP incurred during calendar year 2002 of approximately \$79,000.

a. Explain why AEP-Kentucky has not included any of the REAP costs for recovery in the Demand Side Management (DSM) residential surcharge proposed in the filing.

b. Provide a calculation of the impact the budgeted REAP costs for 2002 would have on an average residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month.

c. If AEP-Kentucky initiates its REAP in May 2002 but does not include the expected costs in the DSM residential surcharge proposed in the filing, explain how AEP-Kentucky had planned to seek recovery of the REAP costs.

2. In recent cases involving other energy assistance programs similar to REAP,¹ the Commission made specific findings on certain fundamental principles relating to the operation of such programs. Since REAP is not yet operational, AEP-Kentucky should state its opinion on the following principles:

a. The need for, and appropriateness of, requiring that the charge for a home energy assistance program be separately identified on customers bills.

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¹ Case No. 2001-309, The Annual Cost Recovery Filing for Demand Side Management Costs by The Union Light, Heat and Power Company, order dated December 28, 2001; Case No. 2001-323, Joint Application of Louisville Gas and Electric Company, Metro Human Needs alliance, People Organized and Working for Energy Reform, Kentucky Association for Community Action, and Jefferson County Government for the Establishment of a Home Energy Program, order dated December 27, 2001.

b. The need for, and appropriateness of, requiring that shareholders contribute financially to a home energy assistance program in an amount commensurate with the amount being supplied by ratepayers.

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cc: All Parties