## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE TARIFF FILING OF SALT RIVER ELECTRIC TO INCREASE TO TWO YEARS THE PERIOD OF TIME TO RETAIN CUSTOMER DEPOSITS

CASE NO. 2002-00259

## INITIAL DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF TO SALT RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORP.

Salt River Electric Cooperative Corp. (Salt River), pursuant to Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:001, is requested to file with the Commission the original and 5 copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due 10 days after 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 herein has been previously provided, in the format requested herein, reference may be made to the specific location of said information in responding to this information request.

1. Provide the number of residential customers Salt River had as of December 31, 2000, December 31, 2001 and June 30, 2002.

2. For calendar years 2000 and 2001, and for the first 6 months of 2002, provide the number of residential customers who did not pay their final bills.

3. For calendar years 2000 and 2001, and for the first 6 months of 2002, provide the dollar amount of unpaid final residential bills that Salt River experienced.

4. For calendar years 2000 and 2001, and for the first 6 months of 2002, provide the number of residential customers who had their deposit refunded and were then disconnected for non-payment.

5. Provide the number of residential customers who qualified for a Winter Hardship Reconnect during the 2000-2001 winter and the number who qualified during the 2001-2002 winter.

6. Provide the amount of Salt River's write-offs for residential accounts during 2000, 2001, and the first 6 months of 2002.

7. Salt River's June 11, 2002 cover letter states that late-paying customers run a greater risk of being disconnected for non-payment. Explain the basis for this statement.

8. Provide the rationale for choosing 2 years, as opposed to some other period, as the length of time to retain customers deposits.

9. Provide any evidence or analysis demonstrating the frequency that latepaying customers in Salt River's territory relocate.

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cc: All Parties