

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF KENERGY CORPORATION)
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND) CASE NO.
NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT NEW BRANCH) 2003-00403
OFFICES IN HARTFORD AND HANSON)

FIRST DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF TO
KENERGY CORPORATION

Kenergy Corporation (Kenergy), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is requested to file with the Commission the original and 6 copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due no later than December 30, 2003. 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 employees currently working in Kenergy s Hartford branch office and the square footage of the facility being replaced.
2. Provide the number of employees currently working in Kenergy s Hanson branch office and the square footage of the present facility.

3. Explain whether Kenergy has any additional branch offices. If other branch offices exist, provide the following information for each office:

- a. Location.
- b. Approximate square footage.
- c. Whether facility is owned or leased.
- d. Number of years at location.
- e. Number of employees working at the office.

4. Explain why it was decided that Kenergy would construct the new facility in Hanson and lease space to Big Rivers Electric Corporation (Big Rivers), rather than have Big Rivers construct the facility and lease space to Kenergy.

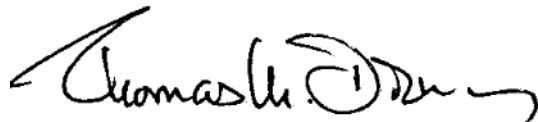
5. Explain whether Kenergy has considered leasing space for its branch offices in retail establishments, banks, or other facilities. Provide copies of any memoranda, correspondence or board minutes concerning such consideration. In the explanation, state whether Kenergy has arrangements with retail stores, banks or other institutions at which customers can perform certain functions, such as paying bills.

6. Explain whether Kenergy has performed any comparison of the cost of ownership of branch office facilities versus the cost of leasing branch office facilities. If comparisons have been performed, provide the results of such comparisons, with copies of all supporting workpapers.

7. Provide a copy of the floor plan for each proposed branch office.

8. Provide a copy of the estimated construction schedule for each branch office.

9. Regarding the construction of each proposed branch office:
- a. Has Kenergy selected the construction firm for each proposed branch office?
 - b. If yes, explain the criteria Kenergy used to select the construction firm.
 - c. If no, has Kenergy begun a competitive bid process for the project?
 - (1) If yes, provide a copy of the bids for each project.
 - (2) If no, explain why the projects were not competitively bid.
10. Explain what work is performed at the existing two offices. Would additional work be performed at the new offices? If yes, list the jobs.
11. Explain why Big Rivers will need to lease 2,100 square feet of the proposed Hanson building.
12. What are the disadvantages of closing both offices and not replacing them with the proposed buildings?



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DATED December 16, 2003

cc: All Parties