

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY)	
UTILITIES COMPANY AND LOUISVILLE GAS)	CASE NO.
AND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR CERTIFICATES)	2025-00045
OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY)	
AND SITE COMPATIBILITY CERTIFICATES)	

ORDER

This matter arises upon Kentucky Utilities Company's (KU) application for approval of its 2025 Compliance Plan for recovery through the Environmental Cost Recovery Surcharge, which was consolidated into this current proceeding on May 14, 2025.¹

KRS 278.183(4) authorizes the Commission to engage independent consultants to assist it in the review of an environmental compliance plan. The Commission finds that such an engagement is appropriate in this matter. The Commission sets forth the following process for receipt and payment of invoices for a qualified, competent consultant engaged by the Commission pursuant to KRS 278.183(4) solely related to the issues of the amended environmental compliance plan.

Pursuant to KRS 278.183(4), the costs associated with retaining a qualified, competent consultant to assist in the review of the applicant's environmental compliance plan shall be paid by the applicant and be recoverable in the environmental surcharge and not be an obligation of the Commonwealth. The consultant engaged by the

¹ Case 2025-00105, *Electronic Application of Kentucky Utilities Company for Approval of its 2025 Compliance Plan for Recovery by Environmental Surcharge* (filed Apr. 30, 2025), *Motion of KU to Consolidate Proceedings* (Ky. PSC May 14, 2025).

Commission will send its invoices to the Commission for review and payment; the Commission will forward the invoices as part of an Order to KU for reimbursement for payment. KU will reimburse the Commission for the amount of the invoice within 30 days of receipt of the of invoice by check payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer and mailed or delivered to the Office of the General Counsel, Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

The Commission finds that copies of the invoices should be entered into the record of this case. Inclusion in the record is appropriate because the costs of the consultants will be included in the environmental surcharge amount pursuant to KRS 278.183.

In this matter, the Commission has retained Vantage Energy Consulting, LLC (Vantage). Vantage tracked the hours worked as it relates solely to the amendment to the environmental compliance plan and the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity related to the Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) at Ghent 2. The Commission finds that Vantage submitted an invoice for consulting services for May 1, 2025, through May 31, 2025. The invoice is attached as an Appendix to this Order. Pursuant to KRS 278.183(4), KU should remit payment for the amount of the invoice within 30 days of the date of service of this Order by check payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer and mailed or delivered to the Office of the General Counsel, Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The reimbursement process for consultants engaged by the Commission as outlined in this Order, and pursuant to KRS 278.183 shall be followed.

2. KU shall remit payment to the Commission for Vantage's services rendered as a consultant to the Commission for the period from May 1, 2025, through May 31, 2025.

3. KU shall remit payment within 30 days of the date of service of the Order.

4. The payment shall be a check made payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer that is delivered or postmarked as mailed to the Office of General Counsel, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602- 0615, before the deadline.

5. KU shall file notice of payment into the record.

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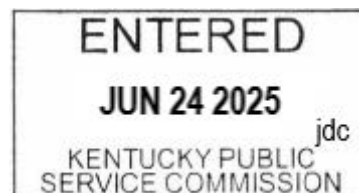
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