## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

| ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY     | ) |            |
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| POWER COMPANY FOR (1) A GENERAL        | ) |            |
| ADJUSTMENT OF ITS RATES FOR ELECTRIC   | ) |            |
| SERVICE; (2) APPROVAL OF TARIFFS AND   | ) | CASE NO.   |
| RIDERS; (3) APPROVAL OF CERTAIN        | ) | 2025-00257 |
| REGULATORY AND ACCOUNTING              | ) |            |
| TREATMENTS; AND (4) ALL OTHER REQUIRED | ) |            |
| APPROVALS AND RELIEF                   | ) |            |
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# ORDER

This matter arises upon the joint motion of Appalachian Citizens' Law Center, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, Kentucky Solar Energy Society, and Mountain Association (collectively, Joint Intervenors) for full intervention out of time as Joint Intervenors, filed September 19, 2025. As a basis for its motion, Joint Intervenors stated that they have a special interest in the proceeding and that they will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings. Joint Movants stated that the reason for the late filing was due to multiple other deadlines and counsel for Joint Movants did not notify clients that a final decision was needed with sufficient time to receive final authorization from each client prior to the deadline to request intervention.

# LEGAL STANDARD

The only person who has a statutory right to intervene in a Commission case is the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and through the Office of Rate

Intervention (Attorney General), pursuant to KRS 367.150(8)(b). Intervention by all others is permissive and is within the sole discretion of the Commission.<sup>1</sup>

The regulatory standard for permissive intervention, set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4, is twofold. Commission regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11), requires a person to set forth in the motion to intervene either (1) a special interest in the proceeding that is not otherwise adequately represented in the case, or (2) that intervention is likely to present issues or develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings.

## DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

Based on a review of the pleadings at issue and being otherwise sufficient advised, the Commission finds that that intervention is likely to present issues or develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings. Joint Intervenors will assist the Commission by developing the record regarding issues related to the Mitchell Plant and the impact of the proposed declining block energy charge.<sup>2</sup> Similarly, Joint Intervenors were permitted to intervene on this basis in Kentucky Power's last rate case.<sup>3</sup> Based on the above, the Commission finds that Joint Intervenors should be granted full rights of a party in this proceeding.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Inter-County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation v. Public Service Commission of Kentucky, 407 S.W.2d 127, 130 (Ky. 1966).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Joint Intervenors' Motion for Intervention (filed Sept. 19, 2025) at unnumbered 11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Case No. 2023-00159, Electronic Application of Kentucky Power Company for (1) a General Adjustment of Its Rates for Electric Service; (2) Approval of Tariffs and Riders; (3) Approval of Accounting Practices to Establish Regulatory Assets and Liabilities; (4) a Securitization Financing Order; and (5) all other Required Approvals and Relief (Ky. PSC Aug. 16, 2023), Order.

Furthermore, the Commission finds that Joint Intervenors' motion for leave to file its motion late should be granted. The two-day delay was de minimis and does not prejudice any other parties. The Commission cautions the parties that if the reasons for the late motion for intervention continue in the pendency of the case, the Commission may view this as unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings.

The Commission directs Joint Intervenors to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085<sup>4</sup> regarding filings with the Commission.

#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. Joint Intervenors' motion to intervene and motion for leave to file a late intervention motion is granted.
- 2. Joint Intervenors are entitled to the full rights of a party and shall be served with the Commission's Orders and with filed testimony, exhibits, pleadings, correspondence, and all other documents submitted by parties after the date of this Order.
- 3. Joint Intervenors shall comply with all provisions of the Commission's regulations, 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, related to the service and electronic filing of documents.
- 4. Joint Intervenors shall adhere to the procedural schedule set forth in the Commission's September 11, 2025 Order and as amended by subsequent Orders.
- 5. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8(9), within seven days of service of this Order, Joint Intervenors shall file a written statement with the Commission that:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-* 19 (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

- a. Certifies that they, or their agent(s), possesses the facilities to receive electronic transmissions; and
- b. Sets forth the electronic mail address to which all electronic notices and messages related to this proceeding shall be served.
- 6. Each of the Joint Intervenors shall file a separate copy with the Commission of their individual agreement regarding their joint participation in this matter within ten days of entering into the agreement.

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ATTEST:

**Executive Director** 

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