

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY	)	
POWER COMPANY FOR (1) A CERTIFICATE OF	)	
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY	)	
AUTHORIZING THE DEPLOYMENT OF	)	CASE NO.
ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE; (2)	)	2024-00344
REQUEST FOR ACCOUNTING TREATMENT;	)	
AND (3) ALL OTHER NECESSARY WAIVERS,	)	
APPROVALS, AND RELIEF	)	

ORDER

On August 14, 2026, Kentucky Power Company (Kentucky Power) filed a motion for leave to deviate from meter testing requirements in 807 KAR 5:041, Sections 15(3) and 16 and 807 KAR 5:006, Section 14(3). Commission regulation 807 KAR 5:041, Section 15(3) requires periodic testing of meters based on a schedule provided in the section unless the utility applies for sample (statistical) testing under Section 16. Commission regulation 807 KAR 5:006, Section 14(3) requires utility inspections of service conditions prior to providing service, including the condition of its meter and service connection. Kentucky Power also filed a motion for an informal conference.¹

By Order dated July 22, 2025 (final Order), the Commission granted Kentucky Power's application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to replace its existing automatic meter reading (AMR) system with an advanced metering infrastructure system (AMI). In the present motion, Kentucky Power seeks to temporarily

¹ Kentucky Power's Motion for Informal Conference (filed Aug. 14, 2026).

suspend meter testing pursuant to 807 KAR 5:041 Sections 15(3) and 16 due to the cost of testing the approximately 162,000 AMI meters to be installed.² Kentucky Power seeks a permanent deviation from 807 KAR 5:006, Section 14(3), as it argues that such inspections are unnecessary because AMI meters are capable of sensing meter tampering and other defects and transmitting such information to Kentucky Power.³ Kentucky Power included a footnote in its motion outlining a general meter replacement plan that would replace all AMR meters in its Ashland service area, then 75 percent of AMR meters in its Pikeville service area, then all of its AMR meters in its Hazard service area, and finally the remaining 25 percent of AMR meters in its Pikeville service area.⁴

Kentucky Power requested deviations from 807 KAR 5:041, Sections 15(3) and 16 and 807 KAR 5:006, Section 14(3) in its CPCN application. The Commission denied Kentucky Power's requested deviation in the final Order, finding that Kentucky Power's plan for deployment is related to population density, as opposed to new service, complaints, or inspection plans or cycles.⁵ Further, the Commission determined that Kentucky Power did not provide sufficient evidence that the plan would comply with, or take into consideration, Kentucky Power's current meter testing plan.⁶ The Commission determined that once Kentucky Power had an actual plan of implementation it may apply

² Motion for Deviation (filed Aug. 14, 2026) at 2.

³ Motion for Deviation at 4.

⁴ Motion for Deviation at 2.

⁵ Final Order (Ky PSC July 22, 2025) at 19-20.

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for a deviation from certain requirements, but determined that a blanket deviation was not appropriate.⁷

Having considered the motion and being advised, the Commission finds that Kentucky Power's motion should be denied. The Commission has previously addressed these requests and the present motion does not raise any new issues or present any new facts providing good cause to grant the requested deviations. While Kentucky Power did include an outline of a meter replacement plan, it did not prove good cause for deviation from meter testing requirements that are intended to ensure fair, just and reasonable rates based on accurate meter reading. As to Kentucky Power's request for a permanent deviation from the meter testing requirement in 807 KAR 5:006, Section 14(3), the Commission notes that the regulation requiring inspection of new customer meters exists to protect both the utility and the customer from inaccurate meter readings, thus the Commission was unable to find good cause to grant this portion of the motion. Finally, as a result of the denial of the substantive portions of Kentucky Power's motion, the Commission further finds that the request for an informal conference should be denied as moot.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Kentucky Power's motion for deviation from meter testing required by 807 KAR 5:041, Sections 15(3) and 16 and 807 KAR 5:006, Section 14(3), is denied.
2. Kentucky Power's motion for an informal conference is denied.

⁷ Final Order (Ky. PSC July 22, 2025) at 20.

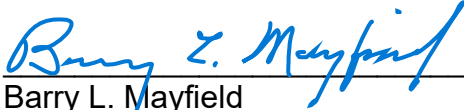
Entered on this 26th day of October, 2026.

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