COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF FLEMING MASON ENERGY COOPERATIVE CORPORATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT FACILITIES ACCORDING TO THE APPLICANT'S 1/01/2011 ~ 12/31/2012 CONSTRUCTION WORK PLAN

CASE NO. 2011-00058

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RESPONSE OF:

FLEMING MASON ENERGY COOPERATIVE, INC. ("FME") TO THE

"SECOND INFORMATION REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF TO FME"

FOR COMMISSION'S ORDER 2011-00058

DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 2011

FILED: SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

The Witnesses for All Response Contained Hereinafter:

Brandon Hunt ~ FME

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VERIFICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

SS:

COUNTY OF FLEMING

The undersigned, **Brandon Hunt**, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is System Engineer for FME, and that he has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the response for which she is identified as the witness, and the answers contained therein are true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge and belief.

Brandon Hunt

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said County and

State, this <u>20</u> day of <u>Sept</u> 2011.

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My Commission Expires:

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FLEMING MASON ENERGY COOPERATIVE, INC.

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Response to Commission Staff's Second Data Request Dated September 8, 2011

Question No. 1

Witness: Brandon Hunt

- Q1. Refer to Fleming Mason Energy's Response to Item 5.c. of Commission Staff's First Information Request ("Staff First Request"). The response states that, pursuant to its pole inspection process, Fleming-Mason Energy would inspect all of its poles "at a rate of once per five years." Explain how this pole inspection process would satisfy the Commission's regulation 807 KAR 5:006, Section 25(2)(d), which requires a jurisdictional electric utility to "inspect electric lines operating at voltages of less than sixty-nine (69) KV, including insulators, conductors and supporting facilities, " every two years.
- A1. The pole inspection referred to in Item 5.c. describes the rate at which each pole is visited and inspected for Fleming Mason Energy's pole change out program. Fleming Mason Energy also has a line inspection program that satisfies the Commission's regulation 807 KAR 5:006, Section 25(2)(d). Insulators, conductors and supporting facilities are visually inspected every two years under this line inspection program.

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Question No. 2

Witness: Brandon Hunt

- Q2. Refer to Fleming Mason Energy's Response to Item 13 of Staff's First Request. Describe the type of meters that Fleming Mason Energy proposes to install for new customers and the functions and capabilities of such meters, as well the ability to upgrade such meters to take advantage of potential upgrade to an AMR/AMI system.
- A2. Fleming Mason Energy is currently installing Landis and Gyr Focus meters on new customers. These meters are kilowatt-hour only meters that are not available to be retrofitted to become AMR/AMI capable. Fleming Mason Energy is still considering multiple AMR/AMI vendors, some of which do not have a relationship with Landis & Gyr. The change from Landis & Gyr meters will be made once a firm commitment has been made to an AMR/AMI vendor.

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Question No. 3

Witness: Brandon Hunt

- Q3. Refer to Fleming Mason Energy's response to Items 14 and 17 of staff's First Request.
 Is Fleming Mason Energy considering implementation of any demand-side management
 or energy efficiency programs independent of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.?
 Provide a detailed explanation of your response.
- A3. Fleming-Mason Energy does provide other DSM and energy efficiency programs in addition to the ones offered in conjunction with East Kentucky Power. The onbill financing program developed with MACED and three other cooperatives is an example of Fleming-Mason Energy working to meet the needs of our members by providing innovative energy programs.

Many of the DSM and energy programs planned will utilize a new Automated Meter Infrastructure (AMI) as the backbone. Fleming-Mason Energy will utilize the AMI system to provide new rate structures such as time-of-use and pre-pay to allow members to make smarter energy choices. The use of water heater and A/C switching devices to meet energy demand will be used in conjunction with EKP to meet current and future demands on the electric system. In addition to the physical programs, the AMI system will allow us to educate and inform our members much better on their usage at home and at work. DSM and energy efficiency are important tools for EKP and Fleming-Mason Energy to use in the future to continue providing reliable and affordable energy to our members.