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March 26, 2012

Mr. Jeff Derouen, Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
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RE: Case No 2012-00013 – First Request for Information (March 16, 2012)

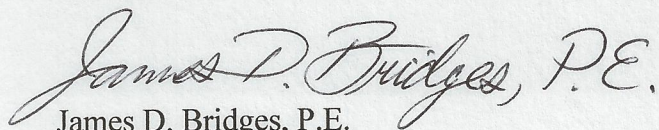
Dear Mr. Derouen:

Please find the enclosed response to the March 16, 2012 First Request For Information in the subject case. I will represent the sworn affiant for all 10 question responses and their subparts.

This response will be filed electronically. An original and one copy will be sent to you via US Postal Service on March 26, 2012.

Please contact me with questions or comments at (859) 240-8341.

Sincerely,



James D. Bridges, P.E.
President, Distribution System Solutions, Inc.
Electronically Filing on Behalf of
Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
jdbdss@gmail.com

Affiant, James D. Bridges, P.E., states that the answers given by him to the foregoing questions are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

James D. Bridges, P.E.
James D. Bridges, P.E., President, Distribution System Solutions, Inc.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the affiant, James D. Bridges, P.E., this 22 day of March, 2012.

Notary Donna Maxwell #418042
State-at-Large

My Commission expires 04-15-14.



Question:

Licking Valley refers to its Construction Work Plan ("CWP") as being for the period 2012-2015. Provide the specific date range applicable to the CWP.

Response:

The LVRECC 2012-2015 Construction Work Plan went into effect as of January 1, 2012. However no construction projects or improvements, other than new member extensions, will be started until the CPCN is awarded. The 2012-2015 CWP is projected to be in effect until year end 2015.

Question:

Refer to the February 16, 2012 letter from Rural Utility Service ("RUS") on page 3 of the Application. Provide the status of RUS's review and approval of the Environmental Report.

Response:

The Environmental Report was approved by RUS on March 6, 2012. Shown on following page 2a.



United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development

Witness: James Bridges
MAR 8 2012

Mr. Kerry K. Howard
General Manager/CEO
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Dear Mr. Howard:

The USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has reviewed the Environmental Report (ER) covering the facilities recommended in Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation's 2012-2015 Construction Work Plan (CWP). In accordance with 7 CFR Part 1794, Environmental Policies and Procedures, as amended, all projects proposed in the CWP appear to meet the criteria for a Categorical Exclusion (§1794.21[b],[7],[9],[15] and §1794.22[a][1][i],[5]). Except for project code 304, no additional environmental information needs to be submitted for review, provided there are no extraordinary circumstances, and the projects do not change from what has been described in the CWP/ER.

Project code 304 involves the construction of distribution exit feeders for the proposed Carty Substation. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) prohibits project segmentation. *Therefore, connected projects (any associated substations, transmission lines, and distribution exit feeders serving the same purpose/need for a given project) must be discussed in the same ER.* The ER for the Carty Substation project should also include project code 304. This ER must be reviewed and approved by RUS prior to construction of all associated projects. It is RUS' understanding that East Kentucky Power Cooperative will prepare the site-specific ER.

Your CWP was approved by Mike Norman on February 16, 2012, contingent on approval of the ER. Except for project code 304, Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation now has environmental approval for all projects in the CWP and is responsible for acquiring the necessary permits for construction and operation of the proposed projects. If any line conversion projects are sited through easements on public forest lands or cross protected streams and wetlands, additional state and federal permits/reviews may be required for these projects.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in helping us fulfill our environmental review requirements. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 720-1432 or Ms. Lauren McGee, Environmental Scientist, at (202) 720-1482 or lauren.mcgee@wdc.usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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