

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC EMERGENCY DOCKET RELATED)
TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19)

Case No. 2020-00085

**JACKSON ENERGY COOPERATIVE CORPORATION'S MOTION
FOR DEVIATION FROM ITS PREPAY ELECTRIC SERVICE TARIFF**

AND

MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

Comes now Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation, by and through its legal counsel, and hereby moves the Commission for an order allowing it to deviate from its prepay electric service tariff as set forth in more detail in this motion.

As the Commission is aware, on March 16, 2020, this docket was established in response to a state of emergency related to the pandemic of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. The commission's order entered on March 16, 2020 directed utilities to temporarily cease disconnections of service due to nonpayment and to waive late payment charges.

On September 21, 2020, the Commission entered an order in this matter terminating the moratorium on utility disconnects for nonpayment. However, the Commission established a framework for utilities and consumers to work within for those consumers who may have accounts that are in arrears. The Commission specifically stated that a utility cannot deviate from its filed tariffs unless permitted by the order or by a subsequent order.

Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation ("Jackson Energy") is a rural electric distribution cooperative serving its members in eastern and southeastern Kentucky. Jackson Energy's prepay

electric service tariff is filed with Commission as “PSC No. 5, 1st Revised Sheet No. 27.” Section (E) of that tariff provides as follows:

After a member has been disconnected for non-pay and chooses the prepay option for reconnect, they will be offered a plan whereas future purchases will be split 70/30 until the old debt is retired. 70% will be applied to new purchases while 30% will be applied towards retirement of the previous balance. **For this plan a \$350.00 pervious account balance will be the maximum.** (emphasis added).

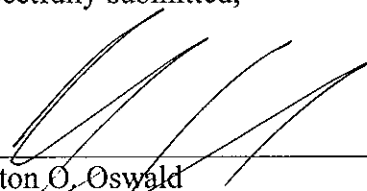
In reviewing its prepay accounts that are currently in arrears, Jackson Energy has noted that a number of its members have balances in excess of \$350.00. The current tariff places a ceiling on the amount of arrearage that can be resolved with a payment plan with the member maintaining service.

In order to comply with the Commission’s September 21, 2020 order and in an effort to offer additional flexibility in repayment to its members, Jackson Energy hereby requests a deviation from its prepay tariff. Specifically, Jackson Energy requests that the limit of \$350.00 be waived for arrearages that occurred during the period of time beginning on March 16, 2020 and ending on October 1, 2020. All remaining portions of the prepay tariff would remain unchanged.

Jackson Energy must begin almost immediately to make arrangements with its members for prepay accounts with arrearages. Accordingly, Jackson Energy respectfully requests that this motion be granted expedited treatment to reduce confusion and so that it may quickly work with its members to resolve these issues.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated herein, Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation hereby respectfully requests a deviation from its prepay electric service tariff.

Respectfully submitted,



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