

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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	)	CASE NO.
PRACTICES TO ESTABLISH REGULATORY	)	2020-00174
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES; (4) APPROVAL OF	)	
A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE	)	
AND NECESSITY; AND (5) ALL OTHER	)	
REQUIRED APPROVALS AND RELIEF	)	

**RESPONSES TO SECOND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO THE ATTORNEY  
GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, BY AND THROUGH HIS  
OFFICE OF RATE INTERVENTION, AND KENTUCKY INDUSTRIAL UTILITY  
CUSTOMERS, INC. FROM PSC STAFF**

The Office of the Attorney General, Office of Rate Intervention and Kentucky Industrial  
Utility Customers provide the following responses to the Second Data Request filed by PSC  
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1. Refer to the Direct Testimony of Stephen J. Baron, page 24 lines 6-12.
  - a. Describe all analyses the Attorney General/KIUC conducted to determine that Kentucky Power's calculation is "reasonable" and that it provides solar customers a "fair compensation for their excess energy." Where applicable, provide your response in Excel spreadsheet format with formulas intact and unprotected, and all rows and columns fully accessible.
  - b. Name and describe the other "more detailed and comprehensive methodologies [that could be] used to develop an excess energy avoided cost rate." Provide a citation for each jurisdiction that employs said methodologies.

Response:

- a. Mr. Baron's review of the Company's avoided cost calculations that it used to develop its proposed excess energy payment rate was based on a review of the Company's excel spreadsheets and exhibits. As discussed in Mr. Baron's testimony, a fair compensation for excess energy should be based on the value of such excess energy to the Kentucky Power Company system. Setting the excess energy compensation rate at avoided cost provides a reasonable measure of the value of the excess energy to the system.
- b. There are numerous methodologies that can be used to develop the avoided cost to the system associated with excess rooftop solar energy. The primary methodology that Mr. Baron was referring to in his testimony is based on the use of a production cost model to measure the avoided cost of typical rooftop solar generation, less the typical customer usage that would be served by such generation. The "net" of these two load shapes, by hour, would be the net excess generation that is exported to the grid. Through the use of a production cost model, the estimated avoided cost associated with typical exported energy can be calculated by comparing the total system production cost with and without the exported energy. The dollar amount of the avoided cost divided by the MWh of exported energy provides a measure of the value of exported energy per MWh.

To the extent that a capacity avoided cost is also justified, this value can be determined by applying an effective load carrying capability ("ELCC") percentage (a measure of solar capacity value) to the nameplate rating of the solar generator, times a measure of avoided capacity cost (for example, the levelized cost of a combustion turbine). This avoided cost must then be adjusted to reflect the fact that only a portion of the solar generation is actually

exported to the grid (the other portion is used to offset the customer's own usage).

These methodologies were discussed in testimony in a recent Rocky Mountain Power Company proceeding in Utah (Docket No. 17-35-061).