

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF)	
JACKSON ENERGY COOPERATIVE)	
CORPORATION FOR PASS-THROUGH OF)	Case No. 2021-00112
EAST KENTUCKY POWER COOPERATIVE,)	
INC.'S WHOLESALE RATE ADJUSTMENT)	

JACKSON ENERGY COOPERATIVE
CORPORATION'S APPLICATION

Comes now Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation (“Jackson Energy”), by counsel, pursuant to KRS 278.455(2), 807 KAR 5:007 and other applicable law, and does hereby request the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“Commission”) to grant it a pass-through of East Kentucky Power Cooperative Inc.’s (“EKPC”) wholesale rate adjustment, respectfully stating as follows:

1. Jackson Energy is a not-for-profit, member-owned, rural electric distribution cooperative organized under KRS Chapter 279. Jackson Energy is engaged in the business of distributing retail electric power to approximately 51,700 members in the Kentucky counties of Breathitt, Clay, Estill, Garrard, Jackson, Laurel, Lee, Leslie, Lincoln, Madison, Owsley, Powell, Pulaski, Rockcastle and Wolfe.

2. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 14(1) and 807 KAR 5:007, Sections 1(2) and Section 2(2), Jackson Energy’s mailing address is 115 Jackson Energy Lane, McKee, Kentucky 40447 and its electronic mail address is psc@jacksonenergy.com.

3. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 14(2), Jackson Energy is a Kentucky corporation that was incorporated on July 26, 1938 and is currently in good standing to conduct business within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

4. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:007, Sections 1(3) and Section 2(2), Jackson Energy is one of the sixteen owner-member cooperatives of EKPC. EKPC has filed an Application for a general adjustment of its existing wholesale rates to its owner-members, including Jackson Energy.¹ In accordance with KRS 278.455, Jackson Energy seeks to pass-through the increase in EKPC's wholesale rates to Jackson Energy to Jackson Energy's retail members.

5. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:007 Section 2(1), attached as **Exhibit 1** to this Application are the proposed tariffs of Jackson Energy incorporating the new rates and proposing an effective date of May 1, 2021, which is the same effective date proposed by EKPC in its rate case.

6. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:007 Sections 1(4) and Section 2(2), attached as **Exhibit 2** to this Application is a comparison of the current and the proposed rates of Jackson Energy.

7. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:007 Sections 1(5)(a)-(b) and Section 2(2), attached as **Exhibit 3** to this Application is a billing analysis which shows the existing and proposed rates for each of Jackson Energy's rate classes. Jackson Energy further states that the effects of the increase in rates from its wholesale supplier, EKPC, are being passed through to its retail members through its retail tariffs on a proportional basis and that the rate design structure proposed for each retail rate schedule does not change the rate design currently in effect.

8. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:007 Sections 1(6) and Section 2(2), a certification that a complete copy of this filing has been mailed to the Kentucky Attorney General's Office of Rate

¹ See *In the Matter of the Electronic Application of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. for a General Adjustment of Rates, Approval of Depreciation Study, Amortization of Certain Regulatory Assets and Other General Relief*, Application, Case No. 2021-00103 (filed April 1, 2021).

Intervention and an electronic copy was also sent to rateintervention@ag.ky.gov is attached as **Exhibit 4**.

9. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:007 Sections 1(7)(b) and (8) and Section 2(2), notice of the proposed rate changes has been given, not more than thirty (30) days prior to April 1, 2021, by publication in a newspaper of general circulation throughout Jackson Energy's service territory. A copy of the notice is attached as **Exhibit 5** and contains all of the required information pursuant to 807 KAR 5:007, Section 3.

10. This application is supported by the Testimony of Mr. John Wolfram, which is attached as **Exhibit 6**.

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, Jackson Energy respectfully requests that the Commission accept this Application for filing and allow Jackson Energy to pass-through to its retail members the increase in the wholesale rates granted to EKPC and for the effective date of Jackson Energy's pass-through rates to be the same as the effective date of EKPC's rate increase.

Done this 1st day of April 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



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Application – Exhibit 1

Proposed Tariffs

Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation

Schedule 10 - Residential Service

Availability

Available only to the consumers for residential uses.

Rate

Customer Charge Per Month	\$24.83	I
All kWh	\$0.09025	I

Minimum Charges

The minimum monthly charge is the customer charge.

Type of Service

Single-phase, 120/240 volt, 150 KVA or below.

Fuel Adjustment Clause

This tariff is subject to the Fuel Adjustment Clause Rider.

Energy Emergency Control Program

This tariff is subject to the Energy Emergency Control Program Rider.

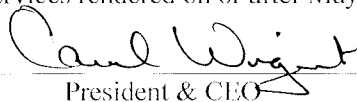
Environmental Surcharge

This tariff is subject to the Environmental Surcharge Rider.

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Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation

Schedule 11 -- Residential Service -- Off Peak Retail Marketing Rate

Availability

Available to the consumers eligible for the Schedule 10, Residential Service tariff. The electric power and energy furnished under this tariff shall be separately metered for each point of delivery. Other power and energy sold will be billed under Schedule 10, Residential Service. The current use of this marketing rate is for Electric Thermal Storage units.

Rate

All kWh	\$0.05856	1
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Schedule of Hours

This rate is only applicable for the below listed off-peak hours:

<u>Months</u>	
October through April	12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
May through September	10:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Type of Service

Single-phase, 120/240 volt.

Fuel Adjustment Clause

This tariff is subject to the Fuel Adjustment Clause Rider.

Energy Emergency Control Program

This tariff is subject to the Energy Emergency Control Program Rider.

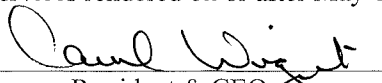
Environmental Surcharge

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Schedule 20 – Commercial Service Less Than 50 kW

Availability

Available to commercial loads whose load requirements monthly average over a 12-month period is less than 50KW. Service under this schedule is not available to seasonal customers unless otherwise provided for.

Rate

Customer Charge Per Month	\$40.84	I
All kWh	\$0.08683	I

Minimum Charges

The minimum monthly charge is the customer charge.

Fuel Adjustment Clause

This tariff is subject to the Fuel Adjustment Clause Rider.

Energy Emergency Control Program

This tariff is subject to the Energy Emergency Control Program Rider.

Environmental Surcharge

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Schedule 22 - Commercial Service – Off Peak Retail Marketing Rate

Availability

Available to the consumers eligible for the Schedule 20, Commercial Service Less than 50KW. The electric power and energy furnished under this tariff shall be separately metered for each point of delivery. Other power and energy sold will be billed under Schedule 20, Commercial Service Less than 50KW. The current use of this marketing rate is for Electric Thermal Storage units.

Rate

All kWh	\$0.05210	I
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Schedule of Hours

This rate is only applicable for the below listed off-peak hours:

<u>Months</u>	
October through April	12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
May through September	10:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Type of Service

Single-phase, 120/240 volt.

Fuel Adjustment Clause

This tariff is subject to the Fuel Adjustment Clause Rider.

Energy Emergency Control Program

This tariff is subject to the Energy Emergency Control Program Rider.

Environmental Surcharge

This tariff is subject to the Environmental Surcharge Rider.

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Schedule 40 – Large Power Loads 50 kW and Over

Availability

Available to large power loads whose load requirements monthly average over a 12-month period is 50kW and over.

Rate

Customer Charge Per Month	\$58.93	I
Demand Charge Per Month	\$ 6.82 per kW	I
All kWh Per Month	\$0.06375	I

Determination Billing Demand

The billing demand shall be the maximum kilowatt load used by the consumer for any period of fifteen consecutive minutes during the month for which the bill is rendered and adjusted for power factor as provided below.

Power Factor

The consumer agrees to maintain unity power factor as nearly as practicable. The Cooperative reserves the right to measure such power factor at the time of the maximum demand to determine if the power factor is less than 90%. Power factor penalty formula will be as follows:

$$\text{Power factor penalty} = \frac{(\text{maximum kW demand} \times 90\% \text{ pf})}{\text{actual power factor}} - (\text{maximum kW demand}) \times \$/\text{kW}$$

Special Provisions

Primary Service: If service is furnished at available voltage, a discount of 5% shall apply to the demand and energy charges.

Minimum Monthly Charge

The minimum monthly charge is the energy charge.

Fuel Adjustment Clause

This tariff is subject to the Fuel Adjustment Clause Rider.

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Schedule 46 -- Large Power Rate - 500 kW and Over

Availability

Available to all consumers whose load requirements monthly average over a 12-month period is 500kW and over.

Rate

Customer Charge Per Month	\$1,759.56	I
Demand Charge Per Month	\$ 7.08 per kW	I
All kWh Per Month	\$0.04847	I

Determination Billing Demand

The monthly billing demand shall be the greater of (a) or (b) listed below:

- (a) The contract demand
- (b) The ultimate consumer's peak demand during the current month or preceding eleven months. The peak demand shall be the highest average rate at which energy is used during any fifteen-minute interval in the below listed hours for each month and adjusted for power factor as provided herein:

<u>Months</u>	<u>Hours Applicable for Demand Billing -- EST</u>
October through April	7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
May through September	10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Power Factor

The consumer agrees to maintain unity power factor as nearly as practicable. The Cooperative reserves the right to measure such power factor at the time of the maximum demand to determine if the power factor is less than 90%. Power factor penalty formula will be as follows:

$$\text{Power factor penalty} = \frac{(\text{maximum kW demand} \times 90\% \text{ pf}) - (\text{maximum kW demand}) \times \$/\text{kW}}{\text{actual power factor}}$$

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Schedule 47 – Large Power Rate – 500 kW and Over

Availability

Available to all consumers whose load requirements monthly average over a 12-month period is 500kW and over.

Rate

Customer Charge Per Month	\$1,759.56	1
Demand Charge Per kW of Contract Demand	\$ 7.08 per kW	1
Demand Charge Per kW for Billing Demand in Excess of Contract Demand	\$ 9.83 per kW	1
All kWh Per Month	\$00.04954	1

Determination Billing Demand

The monthly billing demand shall be the contract demand plus any excess demand. Excess demand occurs when the ultimate consumer's peak demand during the current month exceeds the contract demand. The peak demand shall be the highest average rate at which energy is used during any fifteen-minute interval in the below listed hours for each month and adjusted for power factor as provided herein:

<u>Months</u>	<u>Hours Applicable for Demand Billing - EST</u>
October through April	7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
May through September	10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Power Factor

The consumer agrees to maintain unity power factor as nearly as practicable. The Cooperative reserves the right to measure such power factor at the time of the maximum demand to determine if the power factor is less than 90%. Power factor penalty formula will be as follows:

$$\text{Power factor penalty} = \frac{(\text{maximum kW demand} \times 90\% \text{ pf})}{\text{actual power factor}} - (\text{maximum kW demand}) \times \$/\text{kW}$$

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President & CEO

Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation

Schedule 50 -- Schools, Churches, Community Halls, and Community Parks

Availability

Non-commercial and non-industrial loads such as schools, churches, community buildings, parks, and organizations shall be on this rate.

Rate

Customer Charge Per Month	\$23.27	1
All kWh	\$0.09380	1

Minimum Charges

The minimum monthly charge is the customer charge.

Fuel Adjustment Clause

This tariff is subject to the Fuel Adjustment Clause Rider.

Energy Emergency Control Program

This tariff is subject to the Energy Emergency Control Program Rider.

Environmental Surcharge

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Schedule 52 - All Electric Schools (A.E.S.)

Availability

Available to all public or non-profit private schools whose total energy requirements, including but not limited to, heating, air-conditioning, lighting, and water heating is supplied by electricity furnished by the Cooperative.

Rate

Customer Charge Per Month	\$57.90	I
All kWh	\$0.07732	I

Minimum Charges

The minimum monthly charge is the customer charge.

Fuel Adjustment Clause

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Energy Emergency Control Program

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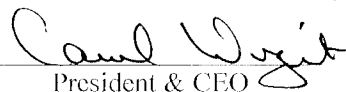
Environmental Surcharge

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Schedule OL - Outdoor Lighting Service

Underground Service

If the consumer requests underground service then the consumer shall pay the monthly rate plus any additional charges as determined by the Cooperative. In addition, the consumer shall furnish all ditching, back filling, and repaving/seeding/sodding as necessary to comply with the Cooperative's specifications. Upon termination of this service the Cooperative shall not be required to remove underground wiring or conduits.

Fuel Adjustment Clause

This tariff is subject to the Fuel Adjustment Clause Rider.

Energy Emergency Control Program

This tariff is subject to the Energy Emergency Control Program Rider.

Environmental Surcharge

This tariff is subject to the Environmental Surcharge Rider.

Rate Per Light Per Month

Street Lighting:

400 Watt Mercury Vapor	Cobra Head Light	CH1	\$15.94	I
200 Watt HPS 22,000 Lumens	Cobra Head Light	HP3	\$17.37	I
250 Watt HPS 27,500 Lumens	Cobra Head Light	CH2	\$13.81	I
400 Watt HPS 50,000 Lumens	Cobra Head Light	CH3	\$13.41	I

Residential & Commercial Standard Lighting:

175 Watt Mercury Vapor	Security Light	MVL	\$ 9.61	I
400 Watt Mercury Vapor	Flood Light	DF1	\$18.24	I
1,000 Watt Mercury Vapor	Flood Light	DF2	\$36.62	I
100 Watt HPS 9,500 Lumens	Security Light	HP1	\$ 9.61	I
250 Watt HPS 27,500 Lumens	Flood Light	DF3	\$15.40	I
400 Watt HPS 50,000 Lumens	Flood Light	DF4	\$17.84	I
70 Watt EvLuma LED	Security Light	ENV	\$ 9.97	I
129 Watt Cooper Night Falcon LED	Flood Light	CNF	\$15.65	I

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Specialty Lighting:

175 Watt Mercury Vapor	Acorn Light	ACL	\$17.69	1
100 Watt HPS 9,500 Lumens	Acorn Light	ACH	\$12.48	1
100 Watt HPS 9,500 Lumens	Colonial Light	CPII	\$ 8.15	1
175 Watt Mercury Vapor	Colonial Light	CPI	\$ 9.47	1
400 Watt HPS 50,000 Lumens	Interstate Light	INT	\$22.22	1
70 Watt HPS 4,000 Lumens	Colonial Light	CL2	\$12.54	1


Poles shall be furnished by the Cooperative at the following rates per pole per month:

15 ft Aluminum Pole	\$ 5.31	1
30 ft Wood Pole	\$ 4.65	1
30 ft Aluminum Pole for Cobra Head	\$25.27	1
35 ft Wood Pole	\$ 9.06	1
35 ft Aluminum Pole	\$30.57	1
35 ft Aluminum Pole for Cobra Head	\$30.05	1
40 ft Wood Pole	\$10.40	1
40 ft Aluminum Pole	\$34.91	1
40 ft Aluminum Pole for Cobra Head	\$60.84	1
45 ft Wood Pole	\$12.53	1
50 ft Wood Pole	\$17.49	1
Power Installed Foundation	\$ 8.68	1

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Existing & Proposed
Rate Comparison

**JACKSON ENERGY COOPERATIVE
PRESENT & PROPOSED RATES**

Rate	Code	Item	Present	Proposed	
Residential Service	10	Customer Charge	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.83	
		Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.08722	\$ 0.09025	
Residential Off Peak ETS	11	Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.05659	\$ 0.05856	
Commercial Service < 50 KW	20	Customer Charge	\$ 39.47	\$ 40.84	
		Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.08391	\$ 0.08683	
Commercial Off Peak ETS	22	Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.05035	\$ 0.05210	
Large Power Loads 50 KW +	40	Customer Charge	\$ 56.95	\$ 58.93	
		Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.06161	\$ 0.06375	
		Demand Charge per kW	\$ 6.59	\$ 6.82	
Large Power Rate 500 KW +	46	Customer Charge	\$ 1,700.47	\$ 1,759.56	
		Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.04684	\$ 0.04847	
		Demand Charge per kW	\$ 6.84	\$ 7.08	
Large Power Rate 500 kW +	47	Customer Charge	\$ 1,700.47	\$ 1,759.56	
		Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.04788	\$ 0.04954	
		Demand Charge Contract per kW	\$ 6.84	\$ 7.08	
		Demand Charge Excess per kW	\$ 9.50	\$ 9.83	
Schools Churches Halls Parks	50	Customer Charge	\$ 22.49	\$ 23.27	
		Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.09065	\$ 0.09380	
All Electric Schools AES	52	Customer Charge	\$ 55.96	\$ 57.90	
		Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.07472	\$ 0.07732	
Lighting					
		Cobra Head Light	400 Watt Mercury Vapor	\$ 15.40	\$ 15.94
		Cobra Head Light	200 Watt HPS 22,000 Lumens	\$ 16.79	\$ 17.37
		Cobra Head Light	250 Watt HPS 27,500 Lumens	\$ 13.35	\$ 13.81
		Cobra Head Light	400 Watt HPS 50,000 Lumens	\$ 12.96	\$ 13.41
		Security Light	175 Watt Mercury Vapor	\$ 9.29	\$ 9.61
		Flood Light	400 Watt Mercury Vapor	\$ 17.63	\$ 18.24
		Flood Light	1,000 Watt Mercury Vapor	\$ 35.39	\$ 36.62
		Security Light	100 Watt HPS 9,500 Lumens	\$ 9.29	\$ 9.61
		Flood Light	250 Watt HPS 27,500 Lumens	\$ 14.88	\$ 15.40
		Flood Light	400 Watt HPS 50,000 Lumens	\$ 17.24	\$ 17.84
		Security Light	70 Watt EvLuma LED	\$ 9.64	\$ 9.97
		Flood Light	129 Watt Cooper Night Falcon LED	\$ 15.12	\$ 15.65
		Acorn Light	175 Watt Mercury Vapor	\$ 17.10	\$ 17.69
		Acorn Light	100 Watt HPS 9,500 Lumens	\$ 12.06	\$ 12.48
		Colonial Light	100 Watt HPS 9,500 Lumens	\$ 7.88	\$ 8.15
		Colonial Light	175 Watt Mercury Vapor	\$ 9.15	\$ 9.47
		Interstate Light	400 Watt HPS 50,000 Lumens	\$ 21.47	\$ 22.22
		Colonial Light	70 Watt HPS 4,000 Lumens	\$ 12.12	\$ 12.54
		Pole	15 ft Aluminum Pole	\$ 5.13	\$ 5.31
		Pole	30 ft Wood Pole	\$ 4.49	\$ 4.65
		Pole	30 ft Aluminum Pole for Cobra Head	\$ 24.42	\$ 25.27
		Pole	35 ft Wood Pole	\$ 8.76	\$ 9.06
		Pole	35 ft Aluminum Pole	\$ 29.54	\$ 30.57
		Pole	35 ft Aluminum Pole for Cobra Head	\$ 29.04	\$ 30.05
		Pole	40 ft Wood Pole	\$ 10.05	\$ 10.40
		Pole	40 ft Aluminum Pole	\$ 33.74	\$ 34.91
		Pole	40 ft Aluminum Pole for Cobra Head	\$ 58.80	\$ 60.84
		Pole	45 ft Wood Pole	\$ 12.11	\$ 12.53
		Pole	50 ft Wood Pole	\$ 16.90	\$ 17.49
		Pole	Power Installed Foundation	\$ 8.39	\$ 8.68

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Billing Analysis for
Each Rate Class

JACKSON ENERGY COOPERATIVE
Billing Analysis for Pass-Through Rate Increase

Total Revenue Increase Allocated by East Kentucky Power Cooperative: \$3,235,273

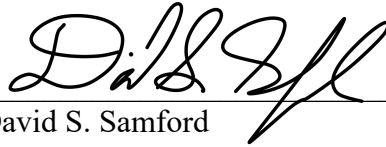
#	Item	Code	Present Revenue	Present Share	Allocation Revenue	Allocation Share	Allocated Increase	Proposed Revenue	Proposed Share	Increase (\$)	Base %	Total %	Rounding
1	<u>Base Rates</u>												
2	Residential Service	10	\$ 68,824,783	73.92%	\$ 68,824,783	73.92%	\$ 2,391,608	\$ 71,214,260	73.92%	\$ 2,389,478	3.47%	3.25%	\$ (2,130)
3	Residential Off Peak ETS	11	\$ 266,108	0.29%	\$ 266,108	0.29%	\$ 9,247	\$ 275,353	0.29%	\$ 9,245	3.47%	3.33%	\$ (2)
4	Commercial Service < 50 KW	20	\$ 6,758,870	7.26%	\$ 6,758,870	7.26%	\$ 234,866	\$ 6,993,681	7.26%	\$ 234,811	3.47%	3.23%	\$ (54)
5	Commercial Off Peak ETS	22	\$ 1,873	0.00%	\$ 1,873	0.00%	\$ 65	\$ 1,938	0.00%	\$ 65	3.48%	3.34%	\$ 0
6	Large Power Loads 50 KW +	40	\$ 6,207,448	6.67%	\$ 6,207,448	6.67%	\$ 215,704	\$ 6,423,400	6.67%	\$ 215,951	3.48%	3.28%	\$ 247
7	Large Power Rate 500 KW +	46	\$ 1,103,664	1.19%	\$ 1,103,664	1.19%	\$ 38,351	\$ 1,142,103	1.19%	\$ 38,439	3.48%	3.31%	\$ 87
8	Large Power Rate 500 KW +	47	\$ 3,618,933	3.89%	\$ 3,618,933	3.89%	\$ 125,755	\$ 3,744,936	3.89%	\$ 126,003	3.48%	3.30%	\$ 248
9	Schools Churches Halls Parks	50	\$ 2,640,672	2.84%	\$ 2,640,672	2.84%	\$ 91,761	\$ 2,732,414	2.84%	\$ 91,742	3.47%	3.25%	\$ (19)
10	All Electric Schools AES	52	\$ 922,637	0.99%	\$ 922,637	0.99%	\$ 32,061	\$ 954,691	0.99%	\$ 32,054	3.47%	3.28%	\$ (7)
11	Lighting	L	\$ 2,758,463	2.96%	\$ 2,758,463	2.96%	\$ 95,854	\$ 2,853,650	2.96%	\$ 95,187	3.45%	3.45%	\$ (667)
12	Total Base Rates		\$ 93,103,451	100.00%	\$ 93,103,451	100.00%	\$ 3,235,273	\$ 96,336,427	100.00%	\$ 3,232,976	3.47%		\$ (2,297)
13													
14	<u>Riders</u>												
15	FAC		\$ (2,088,973)				\$ (2,088,973)						
16	ES		\$ 8,585,944				\$ 8,585,944						
17	Misc Adj		\$ 39,721				\$ 39,721						
18	FAC Net Add/Reverse		\$ -				\$ -						
19	Total Riders		\$ 6,536,692				\$ 6,536,692						
20	Total Revenue		\$ 99,640,143				\$ 102,873,119			\$ 3,232,976		3.24%	
21	Target Revenue									\$ 3,235,273			
22	Rate Rounding Variance									\$ (2,297)			
23	Rate Rounding Variance									-0.07%			

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Certificate of Service to
The Attorney General

Exhibit 4
Statement of Service to the Attorney General

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:007, Sections 1(6) and Section 2(2), the undersigned does hereby certify that a complete copy of this filing has been mailed to the Kentucky Attorney General's Office of Rate Intervention and an electronic copy was also sent to rateintervention@ag.ky.gov on this 1st day of April 2021.



David S. Samford

*Counsel for Jackson Energy
Cooperative Corporation*

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Customer Notice

NOTICE

In accordance with the requirements of the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) as set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 17 and 807 KAR 5:007, Section 3, of the Rules and Regulations of the Commission, notice is hereby given to the member consumers of Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation (“Jackson Energy”) of a proposed rate adjustment. Jackson Energy intends to propose an adjustment of its existing rates to pass through the rate increase of its wholesale power supplier, East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc., pursuant to KRS 278.455(2), by filing an application with the Commission on April 1, 2021, in Case No. 2021-00112. The application will request that the proposed rates become effective May 1, 2021. The present and proposed rates for each customer classification to which the proposed rates will apply are set forth below:

Rate	Code	Item	Present	Proposed	
Residential Service	10				
		Customer Charge	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.83	
		Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.08722	\$ 0.09025	
Residential Off Peak ETS	11				
		Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.05659	\$ 0.05856	
Commercial Service < 50 KW	20				
		Customer Charge	\$ 39.47	\$ 40.84	
		Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.08391	\$ 0.08683	
Commercial Off Peak ETS	22				
		Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.05035	\$ 0.05210	
Large Power Loads 50 KW +	40				
		Customer Charge	\$ 56.95	\$ 58.93	
		Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.06161	\$ 0.06375	
		Demand Charge per kW	\$ 6.59	\$ 6.82	
Large Power Rate 500 KW +	46				
		Customer Charge	\$ 1,700.47	\$ 1,759.56	
		Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.04684	\$ 0.04847	
		Demand Charge per kW	\$ 6.84	\$ 7.08	
Large Power Rate 500 kW +	47				
		Customer Charge	\$ 1,700.47	\$ 1,759.56	
		Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.04788	\$ 0.04954	
		Demand Charge Contract per kW	\$ 6.84	\$ 7.08	
		Demand Charge Excess per kW	\$ 9.50	\$ 9.83	
Schools Churches Halls Parks	50				
		Customer Charge	\$ 22.49	\$ 23.27	
		Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.09065	\$ 0.09380	
All Electric Schools AES	52				
		Customer Charge	\$ 55.96	\$ 57.90	
		Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.07472	\$ 0.07732	
Lighting					
		Cobra Head Light	400 Watt Mercury Vapor	\$ 15.40	\$ 15.94
		Cobra Head Light	200 Watt HPS 22,000 Lumens	\$ 16.79	\$ 17.37
		Cobra Head Light	250 Watt HPS 27,500 Lumens	\$ 13.35	\$ 13.81

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Cobra Head Light		400 Watt HPS 50,000 Lumens	\$ 12.96	\$ 13.41
Security Light		175 Watt Mercury Vapor	\$ 9.29	\$ 9.61
Flood Light		400 Watt Mercury Vapor	\$ 17.63	\$ 18.24
Flood Light		1,000 Watt Mercury Vapor	\$ 35.39	\$ 36.62
Security Light		100 Watt HPS 9,500 Lumens	\$ 9.29	\$ 9.61
Flood Light		250 Watt HPS 27,500 Lumens	\$ 14.88	\$ 15.40
Flood Light		400 Watt HPS 50,000 Lumens	\$ 17.24	\$ 17.84
Security Light		70 Watt EvLuma LED	\$ 9.64	\$ 9.97
Flood Light		129 Watt Cooper Night Falcon LED	\$ 15.12	\$ 15.65
Acorn Light		175 Watt Mercury Vapor	\$ 17.10	\$ 17.69
Acorn Light		100 Watt HPS 9,500 Lumens	\$ 12.06	\$ 12.48
Colonial Light		100 Watt HPS 9,500 Lumens	\$ 7.88	\$ 8.15
Colonial Light		175 Watt Mercury Vapor	\$ 9.15	\$ 9.47
Interstate Light		400 Watt HPS 50,000 Lumens	\$ 21.47	\$ 22.22
Colonial Light		70 Watt HPS 4,000 Lumens	\$ 12.12	\$ 12.54
Pole		15 ft Aluminum Pole	\$ 5.13	\$ 5.31
Pole		30 ft Wood Pole	\$ 4.49	\$ 4.65
Pole		30 ft Aluminum Pole for Cobra Head	\$ 24.42	\$ 25.27
Pole		35 ft Wood Pole	\$ 8.76	\$ 9.06
Pole		35 ft Aluminum Pole	\$ 29.54	\$ 30.57
Pole		35 ft Aluminum Pole for Cobra Head	\$ 29.04	\$ 30.05
Pole		40 ft Wood Pole	\$ 10.05	\$ 10.40
Pole		40 ft Aluminum Pole	\$ 33.74	\$ 34.91
Pole		40 ft Aluminum Pole for Cobra Head	\$ 58.80	\$ 60.84
Pole		45 ft Wood Pole	\$ 12.11	\$ 12.53
Pole		50 ft Wood Pole	\$ 16.90	\$ 17.49
Pole		Power Installed Foundation	\$ 8.39	\$ 8.68

The effect of the change requested, in both dollar amounts and as a percentage, for each customer classification to which the proposed rates will apply is set forth below:

Rate Class	Code	Increase	
		Dollars	Percent
Residential Service	10	\$ 2,389,478	3.25%
Residential Off Peak ETS	11	\$ 9,245	3.33%
Commercial Service < 50 KW	20	\$ 234,811	3.23%
Commercial Off Peak ETS	22	\$ 65	3.34%
Large Power Loads 50 KW +	40	\$ 215,951	3.28%
Large Power Rate 500 KW +	46	\$ 38,439	3.31%
Large Power Rate 500 kW +	47	\$ 126,003	3.30%
Schools Churches Halls Parks	50	\$ 91,742	3.25%
All Electric Schools AES	52	\$ 32,054	3.28%
Lighting		\$ 95,187	3.45%
Total		\$3,232,976	3.24%

The amount of the average usage and the effect upon the average bill for each customer classification to which the proposed rates will apply is set forth below:

Rate Class		Average	Increase	
		Usage (kWh)	Dollars	Percent
Residential Service	10	1,128	\$4.25	3.25%
Residential Off Peak ETS	11	894	\$1.76	3.33%
Commercial Service < 50 KW	20	1,432	\$5.55	3.23%
Commercial Off Peak ETS	22	775	\$1.36	3.34%
Large Power Loads 50 KW +	40	39,200	\$114.99	3.28%
Large Power Rate 500 KW +	46	731,680	\$1,601.62	3.31%
Large Power Rate 500 kW +	47	895,800	\$2,032.31	3.30%
Schools Churches Halls Parks	50	2,146	\$7.54	3.25%
All Electric Schools AES	52	43,668	\$115.30	3.28%
Lighting		NA		3.45%

A person may examine the application and any related documents Jackson Energy has filed with the PSC at the utility's principal office, located at:

Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation
115 Jackson Energy Lane
McKee, Kentucky 40447
(606) 364-1000
www.jacksonenergy.com

A person may also examine the application: (i) at the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; or (ii) through the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Commission through its Web site or by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Jackson Energy, but the Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Commission at Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of the notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.

Case No. 2021-00112
Application – Exhibit 6

Testimony of John Wolfram
Catalyst Consulting, LLC

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

**JOHN WOLFRAM
PRINCIPAL OF CATALYST CONSULTING, LLC**

ON BEHALF OF

**BIG SANDY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION
BLUE GRASS ENERGY COOPERATIVE CORPORATION
CLARK ENERGY COOPERATIVE, INC.
CUMBERLAND VALLEY ELECTRIC INC.
FARMERS RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION
FLEMING-MASON ENERGY COOPERATIVE, INC.
GRAYSON RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION
INTER-COUNTY ENERGY COOPERATIVE CORPORATION
JACKSON ENERGY COOPERATIVE CORPORATION
LICKING VALLEY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION
NOLIN RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION
OWEN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC.
SALT RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION
SHELBY ENERGY COOPERATIVE INC.
SOUTH KENTUCKY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION
TAYLOR COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION**

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**DIRECT TESTIMONY
OF
JOHN WOLFRAM**

5 **I. INTRODUCTION**

6 **Q. Please state your name, business address and occupation.**

7 A. My name is John Wolfram. I am the Principal of Catalyst Consulting LLC. My business
8 address is 3308 Haddon Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40241.

9 **Q. On whose behalf are you testifying?**

10 A. I am testifying on behalf of each of the sixteen Owner-Members of East Kentucky Power
11 Cooperative, Inc. ("EKPC").

12 **Q. Please summarize your education and professional experience.**

13 A. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of
14 Notre Dame in 1990 and a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Drexel
15 University in 1997. I founded Catalyst Consulting LLC in June 2012. From March 2010
16 through May 2012, I was a Senior Consultant with The Prime Group, LLC. I have
17 developed cost of service studies or rates for numerous electric and gas utilities, including
18 electric distribution cooperatives, generation, and transmission cooperatives, municipal
19 utilities, and investor-owned utilities. I have performed economic analyses, rate
20 mechanism reviews, ISO/RTO membership evaluations, and wholesale formula rate
21 reviews. I have also been employed by the parent companies of Louisville Gas and Electric
22 Company ("LG&E") and Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU"), by the PJM
23 Interconnection, and by the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company.

24 **Q. Have you previously testified before the Kentucky Public Service Commission**
25 **("Commission")?**

1 A. Yes. To date I have testified in over thirty different regulatory proceedings before this
2 Commission, most recently in Case No. 2021-00066.¹

3 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

4 A. The purpose of my testimony is to support the proposed rates of the Owner-Members of
5 EKPC, reflecting the flow through of the effects of the increase in wholesale rates proposed
6 by EKPC in Case No. 2021-00103,² pursuant to KRS 278.455.

7 **Q. Are you sponsoring any Exhibits?**

8 A. Yes. I have prepared the following exhibits to the Application in this docket:

- 9 • Exhibit 2: Comparison of Current and Proposed Rates
- 10 • Exhibit 3: Billing Analysis

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12 **II. PASS THROUGH OF WHOLESALE RATE INCREASE**

13 **Q. What does KRS 278.455(2) permit for the pass-through of wholesale rate increases?**

14 A. KRS 278.455(2) specifies that

15 “Notwithstanding any other statute, **any revenue increase authorized by**
16 **the Public Service Commission** or any revenue decrease authorized in
17 subsection (1) of this section **that is to flow through the effects of an**
18 **increase or decrease in wholesale rates may, at the distribution**
19 **cooperative's discretion, be allocated to each class and within each tariff**
20 **on a proportional basis that will result in no change in the rate design**
21 **currently in effect....”** (emphasis added)

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¹ See *In the Matter of: The Electronic Application of Kenergy Corp. For A General Adjustment Of Rates Pursuant To Streamlined Procedure Pilot Program Established In Case No. 2018-00407*, Order, Case No. 2021-00066 (Ky. P.S.C. March 11, 2021).

² See *In The Matter Of: Electronic Application Of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. For A General Adjustment Of Rates, Approval Of Depreciation Study, Amortization Of Certain Regulatory Assets, And Other General Relief*, Case No. 2021-00103 (filed April 1, 2021).

1 **Q. Did EKPC provide you with the relevant data regarding its proposed wholesale**
2 **increase?**

3 A. Yes. EKPC provided me with a summary of the proposed increase in dollars by
4 distribution cooperative and by wholesale rate class, including the total proposed revenue
5 increase in dollars for each distribution cooperative.

6 **Q. Please generally describe the approach you used to determine the proposed rates for**
7 **each distribution cooperative.**

8 A. For each distribution cooperative, I first collected 2019 billing information for each rate
9 class in the cooperative's Commission-approved tariffs, to correspond with the 2019 test
10 period used by EKPC in Case No. 2021-00103. I calculated the billings for each rate class
11 and for each base rate billing component within the respective classes (*e.g.*, customer
12 charge, energy charge, demand charge). I also compiled annual amounts for rate riders,
13 billing adjustments, and other non-base-rate billing items by class. I then determined
14 "present" rates and revenues by accounting for a limited number of adjustments that I
15 describe below. Then I allocated the EKPC revenue increase proportionately, first to each
16 rate class, and then to the individual base rate billing components of each class. I
17 determined the proposed per-unit charges such that the rate class revenue allocation shares
18 and the billing component allocation shares were maintained. In other words, I allocated
19 the increase first to the rate classes and then to the billing components on a proportionate
20 basis, resulting in no change in the rate design currently in effect.

21 **Q. How did you adjust 2019 amounts to determine the "present" amounts?**

1 A. I adjusted 2019 data on an extremely limited basis. Because the Commission approved a
2 Fuel Adjustment Clause (“FAC”) roll-in effective February 1, 2020,³ it was necessary to
3 adjust 2019 amounts to reflect the revised base energy charges and FAC charges. I adjusted
4 2019 amounts to account for the FAC roll-in for all Owner-Members. Also, there were a
5 small number of large commercial or industrial retail members that either switched rates
6 or revised their contract demand amounts since 2019; I adjusted the billing determinants
7 for these end-users to ensure that the rate calculations would result in no change in the
8 retail rate design currently in effect. These types of adjustments are reflected where
9 applicable in the “Present Rates” and “Present Revenues” in Exhibit 3 and are needed to
10 ensure that the full effects of the wholesale rate increase are flowed through
11 proportionately. Other than the FAC roll-in and limited number of rate switching/contract
12 demand changes, I did not make any other adjustments to the test year data.

13 **Q. Did you consider the recent Commission Order in Case No. 2020-00095⁴ (the**
14 **“Kenergy Order”) in which the Commission clarified “proportional” for the purposes**
15 **of the pass-through calculations?**

16 A. Yes. As I understand it, in simple terms the *Kenergy* Order states that a distribution
17 cooperative should base its “proportions” in the pass-through calculation upon the most
18 recent Commission approved revenue allocation and billing component revenue allocation
19 from the cooperative’s last rate order. Here, my approach was to first attempt to determine

³ See *In The Matter Of Electronic Examination Of The Application Of The Fuel Adjustment Clause Of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. From November 1, 2016 Through October 31, 2018*, Order, Case No. 2019-00003 (Ky. P.S.C. Dec. 26, 2019); *In The Matter Of: Electronic Examination Of The Application Of The Fuel Adjustment Clause Of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. Cooperatives From November 1, 2016 Through October 31, 2018*, Order, Case No. 2019-00008 (Ky. P.S.C. Dec. 26, 2019; Order, Case No. 2019-00008 (Ky. P.S.C. Jan. 22, 2020).

⁴ *In the Matter of: Electronic Application of Kenergy Corp. for a Declaratory Order*, Order, Case No. 2020-00095 (Ky. P.S.C. March 11, 2021).

1 the proposed rates based on the allocations from the last rate order. If those results proved
2 to be self-evidently unreasonable, I then determined the proposed rates based on the present
3 test year allocations, consistent with the method approved in the pass-through filings for
4 EKPC's last two rate cases.⁵

5 **Q. Did the *Kenergy* Order method produce reasonable results for the EKPC distribution**
6 **cooperatives?**

7 A. It did for Clark Energy and Cumberland Valley Electric because these utilities relied upon
8 a 2019 test year in their last filings.⁶ In other words for these utilities, the *Kenergy* Order
9 method and the present test year allocation method are identical. For the other cooperatives
10 that I analyzed using the *Kenergy* Order method,⁷ the analysis did not produce reasonable
11 rates for all rate classes. Thus, for those utilities I used the present test year allocations
12 instead of the last rate order allocations to develop proposed rates.

13 **Q. Please describe how the *Kenergy* Order method provided unreasonable results for**
14 **certain rate classes of the Owner-Members.**

15 A. Relying on the last rate order to allocate the total increase to the rate classes seems
16 reasonable in theory, but has limitations based on how the customer mix within the rate
17 classifications has changed over time. For some cooperatives, the list of rate classes with

⁵ See *In The Matter Of Application Of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. For General Adjustment Of Electric Rates*, Order, Case No. 2010-00167 (Ky. P.S.C. Jan. 14, 2011); *In The Matter Of Application For General Adjustment of Electric Rates of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.*, Order, Case No. 2006-00472 (Ky. P.S.C. Dec. 5, 2011).

⁶ The same result is anticipated for Licking Valley RECC, who expects an order imminently in its streamlined rate filing currently before the Commission in Case No. 2020-00338, *In the Matter Of: Electronic Application of Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation For A General Adjustment Of Rates Pursuant To Streamlined Procedure Pilot Program Established In Case No. 2018-00407*. Licking Valley anticipates providing updated schedules in this docket following that order.

⁷ The other cooperatives include all but Licking Valley RECC (see previous footnote) and Salt River Electric Cooperative, whose last rate order in Case No. 92-560 is dated September 28, 1993. I did not compute proposed rates using the *Kenergy* Order method for these two utilities.

1 active members differed from the last rate order and the present test year. The *Kenergy*
2 Order does not specify how to address this kind of variance.

3 More importantly, relying on the last rate order to allocate the class revenue to the
4 individual billing components was more problematic. For certain two-part rate classes like
5 residential, the percentage split between customer charge revenue and energy charge
6 revenue does not typically fluctuate much over time between rate cases, so for those classes
7 the results were mostly reasonable. However, for rate classes with more than two parts –
8 for example, a large customer class with four parts (customer charge, energy charge,
9 contract demand charge, and excess demand charge) – it was more common for the
10 percentage shares across the components to vary significantly between the last rate order
11 method and the present test year method. For example, there might be zero excess demand
12 kW (and thus revenue) in the present test year, but 25 percent excess demand revenue in
13 the last rate order. The converse could also be true. In either event, holding the last rate
14 order component percentages fixed and applying them to 2019 billing units often resulted
15 in skewed charges on a per-unit basis. For most cooperatives, applying the last rate order
16 component percentages yielded declines in the excess demand charge which would have
17 resulted in a significant change to the rate design currently in effect (where the excess
18 demand charge currently exceeds the contract demand charge). This appears to run afoul
19 of the proportionality standard in KRS 278.455(2) and would result in a rate design change.
20 It could also violate the ratemaking principle of gradualism. In situations like this, the
21 cooperative elected to use the present test year allocations in full to develop proposed rates.

1 **Q. Did any cooperative use a hybrid approach where it employed the last rate order**
2 ***Kenergy* Order method for some of its rate classes and the traditional test year method**
3 **for other rate classes?**

4 A. No. Each cooperative used one method or the other. No cooperative opted to determine
5 some rates from the *Kenergy* Order method and other rates from the present test year
6 allocation method. Only one method was used consistently for determining all proposed
7 rates for any particular Owner-Member.

8 **Q. Is it reasonable to use present test year allocations in instances where the *Kenergy***
9 **Order method produced unreasonable results?**

10 A. Yes. In 1944, in *Federal Power Commission v. Hope Natural Gas Co.*, the Supreme Court
11 held that, in setting maximum rates, the utility commission would not be "bound to the use
12 of any single formula or combination of formulae in determining rates." Rather, it would
13 be the "result reached, not the method employed" that would be controlling.⁸ I am not an
14 attorney, but it is my understanding that Kentucky law fully embraces the *Hope* Doctrine.
15 The approach here was to use the *Kenergy* Order method to the fullest practical extent; in
16 the cases where the *Kenergy* Order method did not produce reasonable rates, the use of the
17 present test year allocations did so, consistent with previous Commission orders in pass-
18 through rate cases. For this reason, the determination of proposed rates based on the
19 present test year allocations should be accepted as it has been in the past, specifically in
20 Case Nos. 2010-00167 and 2008-00409.

⁸ *Fed. Power Comm'n v. Hope Natural Gas Co.*, 320 U.S. 591, 602 (1944).

1 **Q. The *Kenergy* Order states that any revenue distortions could be addressed through**
2 **subsequent rate filings by a distribution cooperative. If the last rate order approach**
3 **is strictly applied, what is likely to happen?**

4 A. The overall revenue impact of the rate pass-through is consistent regardless of whether the
5 *Kenergy* Order last rate order method or the present test year approach is applied. Either
6 way, the distribution cooperative should be able to successfully absorb and pass through
7 any increase in its wholesale power expense to its end-use retail members, even if the pass-
8 through introduces some revenue distortions within a particular rate class. The bigger
9 problem under the *Kenergy* Order method is that some end-use retail customer classes will
10 immediately see very significant changes in their monthly bills. This skewing effect
11 between retail customer classes will likely force most of EKPC's distribution cooperatives
12 to file near-simultaneous rate cases shortly after EKPC's wholesale rates take effect. Since
13 the goal behind the enactment of KRS 278.455 was to avoid the need for each distribution
14 cooperative to file a rate case following an increase in wholesale rates, the *Kenergy* Order
15 approach could work at somewhat cross-purposes to the policy embodied in the statute.

16 **Q. Did you treat any retail rate classes differently than the others in the pass-through**
17 **calculation?**

18 A. For the most part, I made no distinction between retail rate classes taking service under
19 EKPC's different wholesale rate classes (Rate B, Rate C, Rate E, etc.), consistent with
20 previous Commission orders and Owner-Member pass-through rate filings. However, I
21 did separately calculate proposed rates for retail members served under EKPC Rate G -
22 Special Electric Contract Rate, as well as for those served under EKPC's other large special
23 contracts. These are listed separately in Exhibit 2. These classes are given separate

1 consideration by EKPC, so I determined the retail rate increases associated with these
2 classes using the specific data provided to me for these classes by EKPC. This is consistent
3 with the treatment afforded these particular classes in EKPC’s last rate case in Case No.
4 2010-00167,⁹ which was based on KRS 278.455(3):

5 “Any increase or decrease as provided for in subsections (1) and (2) of this
6 section shall not apply to special contracts under which the rates are subject
7 to change or adjustment only as stipulated in the contract.”
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9 **Q. How did you determine proposed rates for any rate classes under which no retail**
10 **members took service in 2019 (“vacant rate classes”)?**

11 A. For vacant rate classes, I first checked to see if the per-unit charges were identical to any
12 per-unit charges of other, non-vacant rate classes; if so, I set the proposed vacant rate class
13 per-unit charge equivalently. Otherwise, I increased the vacant rate class per-unit charges
14 by the same percentage as the overall base rate increase for the utility. There is no revenue
15 impact associated with these changes, but the changes are necessary for the flow through
16 of the effects of the proposed EKPC rate increase to result in no change to the retail rate
17 design currently in effect, particularly on an inter-class basis. (For example, increasing
18 other per-unit rates without also increasing the vacant rate class rates will skew the current
19 retail rates relative to one another and could inappropriately provide incentives for rate
20 switching at the retail level.)

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22 **III. CONCLUSION**

23 **Q. What is your recommendation to the Commission in this case?**

⁹ *In The Matter Of Application Of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. For General Adjustment Of Electric Rates, Order, Case No. 2010-00167 (Ky. P.S.C. Jan. 14, 2011).*

1 A. In this docket, the proposed rates are allocated to each retail class and within each retail
2 tariff on a proportional basis, and result in no change in the retail rate design currently in
3 effect. The proposed rates are fair, just, and reasonable, and are also consistent with KRS
4 278.455 and prior Commission precedent, specifically Case Nos. 2010-00167 and 2008-
5 00409. The proposed rates should be approved.

6 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

7 A. Yes, it does.

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VERIFICATION OF JOHN WOLFRAM

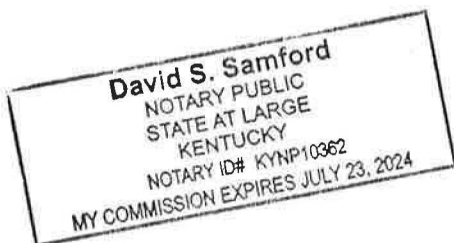
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John Wolfram, being duly sworn, states that he has supervised the preparation of his Direct Testimony in this case and that the matters and things set forth therein are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry.



John Wolfram

The foregoing Verification was signed, acknowledged and sworn to before me this 31st day of March, 2021, by John Wolfram.





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