

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

Electronic Investigation Of The Service, Rates And)
Facilities Of Kentucky Power Company) Case No. 2021-00370

Affidavit Of Scott E. Bishop

Scott E. Bishop, after being duly sworn, states and deposes as follows:

1. I am of the age of majority and competent to make this affidavit. The statements contained in this affidavit, except as otherwise described below, are based on my own personal knowledge, or my review of the records of Kentucky Power Company within my custody and control.

2. I am employed by Kentucky Power Company (“Kentucky Power” or “Company”) as a Regulatory Consultant Sr. My business address is 1645 Winchester Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky 41101 .

3. I have previously filed written direct testimony in the Company’s most recent base rate case, Case No. 2020-00174, and testified before the Commission in the November 2020 hearing in that proceeding.

4. I am regularly involved in preparing and transmitting draft newspaper notices to the Kentucky Press Service (“KPS”) on behalf of Kentucky Power for hearings before the Public Service Commission.

5. I spoke to Rachel McCarty of KPS on October 7, 2021 to confirm my understanding of KPS’ process for receiving and placing public notices of Commission hearings

with the newspapers of general circulation for each of the 20 counties in the Company's service territory.

6. Attached for reference as **Exhibit 1** to this affidavit is a list of newspapers of general circulation in Kentucky Power's service territory and the respective days on which each newspaper circulated.

7. Kentucky Power requires one business day to prepare a draft newspaper hearing notice for transmission to KPS for publication.

8. Ms. McCarty indicated that the KPS can best ensure that a notice is published in each newspaper in the Company's service territory if the initial draft notice is received by KPS on the morning of the Wednesday the week before the notice is to be published. The requested date for delivery exists without regard to the day of the week the newspaper is circulated. For example, KPS requests that a notice to be published on Monday or Friday of the following week be received by the KPS no later than noon of the Wednesday before the week the notice is to be published.

9. This schedule permits KPS to create a proof of the notice for review by Kentucky Power on that Wednesday afternoon. In most instances, Kentucky Power can review and approve the proof within two hours of receipt from KPS and return the approved proof (assuming no changes are necessary) to KPS by end of day Wednesday.

10. KPS transmits on the following day (Thursday) the final approved notice to each of the 20 newspapers of general circulation for publication in which the notice is to be printed.

KPS contacts each of the 20 newspapers on that Thursday and Friday to ensure each paper received the notice and is able to publish it as scheduled the following week.

11. Nineteen of the 20 newspapers publish only once a week. Each newspaper publishes on the days of the week indicated in **Exhibit 1**.

12. Kentucky Power requests receipt of an order establishing a hearing date no later than close of business Monday of any given week in order to ensure the notice can be published the following week.

13. Below is an example of the timing described:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
18 Kentucky Power receives notice of scheduled hearing by close of business	19 Kentucky Power prepares draft notice to be sent to KPS	20 Kentucky Power sends draft notice to KPS KPS returns proof and Kentucky Power approves proof	21 KPS sends proof to respective newspapers for publication the following week	22 KPS follows up with newspapers to ensure notice will be published the following week
25 Notice scheduled to be published by: - Ashland Daily Independent	26 Notice scheduled to be published by: - The Greenup Beacon - Vanceburg Lewis County Herald - Appalachian News Express	27 Notice scheduled to be published by: - Carter County Times - Jackson Times Voice - Inez Mountain Citizen - Louisa Big Sandy News - Mountain Eagle - Booneville Sentinel - Manchester Enterprise - Floyd Co Times Chronicle - Paintsville Herald	28 Notice scheduled to be published by: - Hyden Leslie Co. News - Hazard Herald - Rowan Co News - Troublesome Creek Times - Salyersville Independent - West Liberty Licking Valley Courier	29 Notice scheduled to be published by: - Sandy Hook Elliott Co News

This represents a “best case”. An order issued on a Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday could require an additional week.

14. Ms. McCarty advised me that most of the newspapers in Kentucky Power’s service territory will publish the week of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, but that some newspapers may publish earlier in the week instead of on their regular publishing days.

15. KPS also advised that the Sandy Hook Elliott County News and West Liberty Licking Valley Courier in Morgan County usually do not publish the last two weeks of the calendar year.

16. Occasionally in the past, one or more of the newspapers failed to publish a hearing notice when scheduled despite the good faith efforts of KPS to ensure timely publication. Further, there are times when the newspaper does not have space to accommodate the hearing notice and it cannot be published as scheduled. Thus, Kentucky Power requests two opportunities within the period prescribed by KAR 5:001, Section 9(2)(b) to publish the required hearing notices to ensure the notice is published more than seven days but no less than 21 days prior to any hearing.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

KENTUCKY POWER PAPERS

<u>Ashland Daily Independent – Boyd Co</u>	<u>M,W,R,F,S</u>
<u>Carter County Times – Carter Co</u>	<u>W</u>
<u>The Greenup Beacon – Greenup Co</u>	<u>T</u>
<u>Jackson Times Voice – Breathitt Co</u>	<u>W</u>
<u>Inez Mountain Citizen -</u>	<u>W</u>
<u>Louisa Big Sandy News – Lawrence Co</u>	<u>W</u>
<u>Mountain Eagle – Letcher Co</u>	<u>W</u>
<u>Hyden Leslie Co News – Leslie Co</u>	<u>R</u>
<u>Hazard Herald – Perry Co</u>	<u>R</u>
<u>Rowan Co News – Rowan Co</u>	<u>R</u>
<u>Troublesome Creek Times – Knott Co</u>	<u>R</u>
<u>Vanceburg Lewis County Herald – Lewis Co</u>	<u>T</u>
<u>Booneville Sentinel – Owsley Co</u>	<u>W</u>
<u>Manchester Enterprise – Clay Co</u>	<u>W</u>
<u>Appalachian News Express – Pike Co</u>	<u>T</u>
<u>Floyd Co Times Chronicle – Floyd Co</u>	<u>W</u>
<u>Salyersville Independent – Magoffin Co</u>	<u>R</u>
<u>Sandy Hook Elliott Co News – Elliott co</u>	<u>F</u>
<u>Paintsville Herald – Johnson Co</u>	<u>W</u>
<u>West Liberty Licking Valley Courier – Morgan Co</u>	<u>R</u>

M = Monday

T = Tuesday

W = Wednesday

R = Thursday

F = Friday

S = Saturday

Sunday – None of our papers publish on Sunday



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I, S. Smithhisler, did witness the participants named above electronically sign this document.



