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RE: **Case No. 2022-00118** (Post-Case Correspondence File)

Dear Ms. Bridwell:

By this letter, Kentucky Power Company provides the Commission with updates to the estimated in-service date for the Wooton-Stinnett 161 kV Transmission Rebuild Project (“Project”), for which the Commission approved a certificate of convenience and public necessity to construct by its Order dated September 22, 2022 in the above-referenced case. For the reasons stated below, the Company estimates an approximate 12-month delay in placing a portion of the transmission line into service due to delays in acquiring right-of-way for the entire line. The remaining portion of the transmission line will be placed into service as originally scheduled.

The Company has kept the Commission apprised of its property acquisition efforts via monthly property acquisition reports filed in the post-case files of this matter. As detailed in the Company’s most recent property acquisition report, filed August 7, 2023, the Company has not yet acquired the right-of-way for the 63 parcels affected by the transmission line or its right-of-way.

Since receiving the Commission’s order granting the CPCN, the Company has been working diligently to investigate and resolve constructability issues, finalize the transmission line route, and research and confirm real property ownership as part of right-of-way acquisition

As a result of further detailed investigation, including field surveys and title searches, the Company has discovered discrepancies in the property ownership information for 10 parcels previously provided by the county’s Property Valuation Administrator. The Company also has identified discrepancies in six third-party access easements that will require additional time and resources to identify the correct property owners. Two additional property owners have been identified through field survey and title searches. Moreover, the Company has identified six

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parcels owned by a collection of unidentified heirs, which will also require additional time and resources to identify all the heirs that have an interest in those properties.

As such, the Company plans to stagger the in-service dates for portions of the transmission line (Wooton – Leslie and Leslie – Stinnett). The Company plans to begin right-of-way acquisition for the Wooton – Leslie portion of the line and place that portion of the line into service during the fourth quarter of 2024 as originally planned. The Company plans to extend the in-service date for the Leslie – Stinnett portion of the line from the fourth quarter of 2024 to the fourth quarter of 2025 to allow the Company additional time to acquire right-of-way for this remaining portion of the line. In addition, these modifications to the in-service date, specifically staggering them, will allow for more efficient management of construction scheduling and resource requirements during Project construction.

In addition, this Project is considered to be Supplemental by PJM, and while the Company must inform PJM of the delay in its next regular quarterly report, no project modifications need to be made at PJM.

The Company will continue to provide monthly property acquisition reports, and will also provide the Commission with additional updates, like this one, regarding the estimated Project in-service date upon any material change.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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