

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

In The Matter Of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY FOR AN ORDER APPROVING THE COMPANY'S AMENDED TARIFF E.D.R. TO INCREASE CAPACITY AVAILABLE TO BE SERVICED UNDER THE TARIFF AND FOR REQUIRED DEVIATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION'S SEPTEMBER 24, 1990 ORDER IN ADMINISTRATIVE CASE NO. 327

: **Case No 2022-00181**

**MOTION TO INTERVENE OF
KENTUCKY INDUSTRIAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS, INC.**

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11), KRS 278.310, and KRS 278.040(2), Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers, Inc. (“KIUC”) requests that it be granted full intervenor status in the above-captioned proceeding(s) and states in support thereof as follows:

1. 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11)(a)(1) requires that a person requesting leave to intervene as a party to a case before the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“Commission”), by timely motion, must state his or her interest in the case and how intervention is likely to present issues or develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings.

2. 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11)(b) provides that the Commission shall grant a person leave to intervene if the Commission finds that he or she has made a timely motion for intervention and that he or she has a special interest in the case that is not otherwise adequately represented or that his or her intervention is likely to present issues or to develop facts that assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings.

3. KIUC is an association of the largest electric and gas public utility customers in Kentucky. The purpose of KIUC is to represent the industrial viewpoint on energy and utility issues before this Commission and before all other appropriate governmental bodies. The attorneys for KIUC authorized to represent them in this proceeding and to take service of all documents are:

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4. KIUC filed a timely motion to intervene in this proceeding.

5. KIUC has a special interest in this case. KIUC members are served by Kentucky Power Company (“Kentucky Power” or “Company”). The member(s) of KIUC who will participate herein is: Catlettsburg Refining LLC, a subsidiary of Marathon Petroleum LP.¹

6. KIUC’s special interest cannot be adequately represented by any existing party. While the Kentucky Attorney General’s Office of Rate Intervention is statutorily charged with representing the interests of “*consumers*” pursuant to KRS 367.150(8), that duty relates primarily to residential customers. In contrast, KIUC’s interest is exclusively related to large industrial customers, who take service on different rate schedules than residential customers.

7. KIUC’s concern in this case is to ensure that the proposed economic development rate discounts to primarily serve new cryptocurrency mining facilities will not raise rates on other customers. Even if the crypto facilities make a small contribution to fixed costs, rates on other customers could be impacted through the FAC. Kentucky Power is currently making substantial market purchases to serve native load at very high market prices. This is the primary reason for recent very significant increases in the FAC. When the Rockport contracts expire in December

¹ KIUC will supplement the names of additional KIUC member intervenors, if necessary.

2022, Kentucky Power may not have the excess capacity necessary to meet the requirements of Order 327, and its reliance on expensive market purchases will likely increase. KIUC is very supportive of economic development, but that must be measured against the rate impact on other customers.

8. KIUC's intervention is likely to present issues or develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matters at hand. KIUC has participated in ratemaking matters before this Commission since 1978 and was formally incorporated in 1983. Over the past 30 years alone, KIUC has intervened in nearly one hundred cases addressing electric rate and service issues. In these proceedings, KIUC currently expects to, at minimum, conduct discovery and actively participate at the evidentiary hearing. Hence, KIUC will be a helpful and active participant should its request to intervene be granted.

9. KIUC intends to play a constructive role in the Commission's decision-making process.

10. KIUC's intervention will not unduly complicate or disrupt the proceedings.

WHEREFORE, KIUC requests that it be granted full intervenor status in the above-captioned proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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