COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC TARIFF FILING OF
KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY
FOR APPROVAL OF AN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT RIDER SPECIAL
CONTRACT WITH BITIKI-KY, LLC

CASE NO. 2022-00371

MOTION OF JOINT INTERVENORS KENTUCKIANS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH, KENTUCKY SOLAR ENERGY SOCIETY, MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION, AND KENTUCKY RESOURCES COUNCIL FOR LEAVE TO ALLOW WITNESSES STACY SHERWOOD AND CHELSEA HOTALING TO TESTIFY VIRTUALLY AND FOR WITNESS STACY SHERWOOD TO BE PERMITTED TO TESTIFY AT A TIME CERTAIN

Come Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, Kentucky Solar Energy Society, Mountain Association, and the Kentucky Resources Council, Inc. ("Joint Intervenors") and respectfully move the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") to allow Joint Intervenors' witnesses, Stacy Sherwood and Chelsea Hotaling, to participate in the scheduled hearing in this matter virtually, and for Witness Sherwood to be permitted to testify before 1:00pm EST on the day of the hearing due to a prior and unavoidable scheduling conflict. In support of this motion, Joint Intervenors state the following as good cause for the request for relief.

 COVID-19 presents an increased risk for Ms. Hotaling, who has an autoimmune condition. Just recently, in the beginning of April 2023, the CDC added a new highly contagious Omicron variant to its tracker (<u>https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-</u> <u>tracker/#variant-proportions</u>). In order to minimize risk to her health associated with travel and in-person participation, Joint Intervenors respectfully request leave for Ms. Hotaling to testify virtually.

- 2. Witness Sherwood has a previously-planned travel commitment that will prevent her from traveling to Kentucky for the May 31 hearing, and a conflict starting at 1:00 pm on May 31, and depending on the length of the hearing may need, if possible, to be taken out of order to participate in this hearing. The commitment is one that has been planned since June of 2022, and she will not have access to a computer or internet service following 1:00 pm. Joint Intervenors request that Ms. Sherwood be permitted to testify virtually, and at a time certain prior to 1:00 pm, to allow her full participation in this hearing.
- 3. Both Witnesses Hotaling and Sherwood are capable of providing testimony remotely and Joint Intervenors do not believe that their participation in this manner will not prejudice any party.
- Both Witnesses Hotaling and Sherwood have previously testified in other cases from a remote location without incident, including in Colorado, Louisiana, and Pennsylvania.

WHEREFORE, Joint Intervenors respectfully move the Commission to grant leave for Ms. Hotaling and Ms. Sherwood to testify in the hearing virtually and for Witness Sherwood to be taken out of order if necessary in order to be allowed to testify prior to 1:00 pm EST on May 31.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Wilmes, Esq. Tom FitzGerald, Esq.

Kentucky Resources Council, Inc. P.O. Box 1070 Frankfort, KY 40602 (859)312-4162 Ashley@kyrc.org FitzKRC@aol.com

Counsel for Joint Intervenors Kentucky Resources Council, Metropolitan Housing Coalition, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, Kentucky Solar Energy Society, and Mountain Association

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that electronic version of the *Motion of Joint Intervenors Kentuckians* for the Commonwealth, Kentucky Solar Energy Society, Mountain Association, and Kentucky Resources Council for Leave to Allow Witnesses Stacy Sherwood and Chelsea Hotaling to Testify Virtually and for Witness Stacy Sherwood to be Permitted to Testify at a Time Certain in this action is being electronically transmitted to the Commission on May 2, 2023, and that there are currently no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding.

Tom FitzGerald, Esq.