

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

Electronic 2022 Integrated Resource Planning Report)
Of Kentucky Power Company) Case No. 2023-00092

Kentucky Power Company’s Motion to Excuse Certain Appearances at Hearing, or in the Alternative, for Certain Individuals to Participate Virtually

Kentucky Power Company (“Kentucky Power” or the “Company”) moves the Public Service Commission of Kentucky (“Commission”) to enter an order **on or before December 15, 2023** to excuse the following persons from appearing at the panel hearing scheduled for January 9, 2024 in this matter, or in the alternative, to allow the following persons to attend remotely by videoconference: Kelly Pearce, Akarsh Sheilendranath, Nicolas C Koehler, Carlos Casablanca, and Jim McMahon. Each of these persons had some responsibility in the preparation of the Company’s 2022 Integrated Resource Planning (“IRP”) Report, but did not sponsor any responses to data requests in this proceeding. In support of its motion, Kentucky Power states as follows:

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:058, Section 4(2), the Company identified in its 2022 Integrated Resource Planning Report the “individuals responsible for its preparation, who shall be available to respond to inquiries during the Commission’s review of the plan.”¹ The Company identified the following individuals in the IRP:

Kelly Pearce, Managing Director Integrated Resource Planning & Strategy

Akarsh Sheilendranath, Director Resource Planning Strategy

Greg Soller, Resource Planning Manager

Brian West, VP Regulatory & Finance

¹ See IRP Report at p. 1,182 of 1,182.

Reid Newman, Manager Economic Forecasting

Kamran Ali, VP Transmission Planning & Analysis

Nicolas C Koehler, Director Transmission Planning

Carlos Casablanca, Managing Director Distribution Planning & Analysis

Gary Spitznogle, VP Environmental Services

Legal Counsel: Katie M. Glass, Stites & Harbison PLLC

Consultants: Thomas Haratym, Charles River Associates; Jim McMahon, Charles River Associates; and Jeffrey Huber, GDS Associates

The Company seeks to excuse the appearance of Kelly Pearce, Akarsh Sheilendranath, Nicolas C. Koehler, Carlos Casablanca, and Jim McMahon at the January 9, 2024 hearing in this matter. Although these individuals had at least some responsibility in the preparation of the IRP Report, and were otherwise “available to respond to inquiries during the Commission’s review of the plan,” none of these individuals sponsored any responses to the numerous data requests covering a wide variety of topics issued by any party or Commission Staff in this matter. The Company further believes that the remaining individuals that will appear at the January 9, 2024 panel hearing can sufficiently address the Commission’s and the parties’ inquiries, based on the Company’s review of the topics and questions in the data requests issued thus far in this case.² Further, each of the identified individuals are based outside the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Thus, due to their limited involvement and location outside the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Company requests that the identified individuals be excused from appearing at the January 9, 2024 hearing in this matter in order to reduce the time, expense, and other difficulties associated with preparing for and travelling to the hearing.

² Alex E. Vaughan and Everett G. Phillips also will appear and be available to testify at the panel hearing.

Although virtual participation by the identified individuals would only partially address the Company's concerns with the time, expense, and other difficulties associated with preparing for and attending the hearing, the Company proposes, in the alternative, that the Commission allow the identified individuals to participate in the panel hearing virtually by videoconference. Each of the identified individuals are equipped with the technology necessary to enable remote participation, and if granted leave to appear remotely, will participate in a test of technology with Commission Staff to ensure that their audio and video capabilities, and ability to share documents remotely, are sufficient. The identified individuals' virtual participation would not prejudice the Commission or any party.

WHEREFORE, Kentucky Power Company respectfully requests the Commission to enter an Order on or before December 15, 2023:

1. Excusing the following individuals from appearing and participating at the January 9, 2024 panel hearing in this matter: Kelly Pearce, Akarsh Sheilendranath, Nicolas C. Koehler, Carlos Casablanca, and Jim McMahon; or
2. In the alternative, permitting the following individuals to appear and participate remotely by videoconference at the January 9, 2024 panel hearing in this matter: Kelly Pearce, Akarsh Sheilendranath, Nicolas C. Koehler, Carlos Casablanca, and Jim McMahon; and
3. Granting Kentucky Power all further relief to which it may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,



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