## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

#### In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF	)	
KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY FOR (1) A	)	
GENERAL ADJUSTMENT OF ITS RATES	)	CASE NO. 2023-00159
FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE; (2) APPROVAL	)	
OF TARIFFS AND RIDERS; (3) APPROVAL	)	
OF ACCOUNTING PRACTICES TO	)	
ESTABLISH REGULATORY ASSETS AND	)	
LIABILITIES; (4) A SECURITIZATION	)	
FINANCING ORDER; AND (5) ALL OTHER	)	
REQUIRED APPROVALS AND RELIEF	)	

#### DIRECT TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS OF

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ON BEHALF OF

WALMART INC.

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#### I. Introduction 1 2 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, AND OCCUPATION. A. My name is Lisa V. Perry. My business address is 2001 SE 10th St., Bentonville, AR 3 4 72716-0550. I am employed by Walmart Inc. ("Walmart") as Director, Utility 5 Partnerships. Q. ON WHOSE BEHALF ARE YOU TESTIFYING IN THIS CASE? 6 7 A. I am testifying on behalf of Walmart. 8 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE. 9 A. I received a J.D. in 1999 and a LL.M. in Taxation in 2000 from the University of Florida 10 Levin College of Law. From 2001 to 2019, I was in private practice with an emphasis 11 from 2007 to 2019 in Energy Law. My practice included representing large commercial 12 clients before the utility regulatory commissions in Colorado, Texas, New Mexico, 13 Arkansas, and Louisiana in matters ranging from general rate cases to renewable energy 14 programs. I joined the energy department at Walmart in September 2019 as Senior Manager, Energy Services. My Witness Qualifications Statement is attached as Exhibit 15 LVP-1. 16 17 Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TESTIMONY BEFORE THE 18 **KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ("COMMISSION")?** 19 A. Yes, I have testified in Case Nos. 2020-00174, 2020-00349, 2020-00350, and 2021-20 00481.

1	Q.	HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TESTIMONY BEFORE OTHER
2		STATE REGULATORY COMMISSIONS?
3	A.	Yes, I have submitted testimony with state regulatory commissions for Arkansas,
4		Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Oklahoma,
5		South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, and Wyoming. I have also provided legal
6		representation for customer stakeholders before the state regulatory commissions for
7		Colorado, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and New Mexico in the cases listed under
8		"Commission Dockets" in Exhibit LVP-1.
9	Q.	ARE YOU SPONSORING EXHIBITS IN YOUR TESTIMONY?
10	A.	Yes. I am sponsoring the exhibits listed in the Table of Contents.
11	Q.	PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE WALMART'S OPERATIONS IN
12		KENTUCKY.
13	A.	As shown on Walmart's website, Walmart operates 101 retail units and employs over
14		30,000 associates in Kentucky. In fiscal year ending 2023, Walmart purchased \$760.8
15		million worth of goods and services from Kentucky-based suppliers, supporting over
16		57,000 supplier jobs. <sup>1</sup>
17	Q.	PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE WALMART'S OPERATIONS WITHIN THE
18		SERVICE TERRITORY FOR KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
19		("KENTUCKY POWER" OR "COMPANY").
20	A.	Walmart has approximately nine retail stores and related facilities in the Company's
21		service territory. Most of these facilities are served on the Industrial General Service

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://corporate.walmart.com/about/location-facts/united-states/kentucky

1 ("IGS") Schedule, however, two stores take service under the Large General Service 2 ("LGS") schedule. 3 4 II. Purpose of Testimony and Summary of Recommendations 5 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY? 6 A. The purpose of my testimony is to respond to Kentucky Power's Application filed on 7 June 29, 2023 ("Application"), and to provide recommendations to assist the 8 Commission in its thorough and careful consideration of the customer impact of the 9 Company's proposed rate increase. 10 Q. IN SETTING THE REVENUE REQUIREMENT, RETURN ON EQUITY ("ROE"), ALLOCATION, AND RATE DESIGN CHANGES FOR THE 11 COMPANY, SHOULD THE COMMISSION CONSIDER THE IMPACT OF 12 13 THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASE ON BUSINESS CUSTOMERS? 14 A. Yes. Electricity is a significant operating cost for retailers such as Walmart. When 15 electric rates increase, the increased cost to retailers can put pressure on consumer 16 prices and on the other expenses required by a business to operate. The Commission 17 should thoroughly and carefully consider the impact on customers when examining the 18 requested revenue requirement and ROE, in addition to all other facets of this case, to 19 ensure that any increase in the Company's rates is the minimum amount necessary to 20 provide safe, adequate, and reliable service, while also providing Kentucky Power the 21 opportunity to recover its reasonable and prudent costs and earn a reasonable return on 22 its investment.

#### 1 Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE WALMART'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE 2 COMMISSION. A. Walmart's recommendations to the Commission are as follows: 3 4 (1) Walmart does not take a position on the Company's proposed cost of service 5 model at this time. However, to the extent that alternative cost of service 6 methodologies or modifications to the Company's methodology are proposed 7 by other parties, Walmart reserves the right to address any such changes in 8 accordance with the Commission's procedures in this case. 9 At the proposed revenue requirement, Walmart does not oppose the Company's (2) 10 proposed revenue allocation. (3) 11 If the Commission ultimately approves a revenue requirement less than that 12 proposed by the Company, the reduction in the revenue requirement increase 13 should be used for the dual purposes of: (1) further reducing existing class 14 subsidies by apportioning some of the reduction only to subsidizing rate classes; 15 and (2) reducing the impact to all customers by apportioning the remainder to 16 all rate classes. 17 (4) For the purposes of this case, Walmart does not oppose to the Company's rate 18 design for rates LGS and IGS. However, to the extent that alternative rate 19 designs or modifications to the Company's proposed rate designs are proposed 20 by other parties, Walmart reserves the right to address any such changes in 21 accordance with the Commission's procedures in this case. 22 (5) The Commission should reject the Distribution Reliability Rider ("DR Rider" 23 or "DRR") as proposed by the Company and require the Company to recover

1 investments in its distribution system, including costs associated with its DRR 2 Work Plan (defined later in my testimony), through base rates. 3 (6) The Commission should also reject the Company's proposal to recover costs 4 associated with generation facilities that it seeks to acquire as part of its 5 Community Solar Garden Program through the existing Tariff Power Purchase 6 Adjustment ("Tariff PPA"), and instead, require the Company to recover these 7 costs in its next general rate case. 8 (7) To the extent the Commission determines that approval of the DRR is 9 appropriate, such approval should be limited only to the recovery of approved 10 DRR Work Plan project costs in this proceeding. All cost recovery 11 considerations and determinations for future DRR Work Plan project expenses 12 should be included in the Company's next general rate case. 13 (8) If the Commission approves the DRR and/or allows the Company to recover 14 costs related to the Company's acquisition of generation assets as part of its 15 Community Solar Garden Program through Tariff PPA, then the Commission 16 should also require the Company to file a base rate case at the earliest possible 17 date on which these assets can be included in the Company's test year. 18 (9) If the Commission approves the DRR and/or allows the Company to recover 19 certain generation costs through Tariff PPA, or a modified form of those

1		recovery mechanisms, then it should reflect the shift of risk from investors to
2		customers in the Company's authorized ROE. <sup>2</sup>
3	Q.	DOES THE FACT THAT YOU MAY NOT ADDRESS AN ISSUE OR
4		POSITION ADVOCATED BY THE COMPANY INDICATE WALMART'S
5		SUPPORT?
6	A.	No. The fact that an issue is not addressed herein or in related filings should not be
7		construed as an endorsement of, agreement with, or consent to any filed position.
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9	III. R	evenue Requirement
10	Q.	WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMPANY'S PROPOSED
11		REVENUE REQUIREMENT INCREASE?
12	A.	Kentucky Power proposes a total annual revenue requirement increase of \$93,935,727
13		for the test year ending March 31, 2023, which represents an annual increase of
14		approximately 13.6 percent. <sup>3</sup>
15	Q.	ARE THERE ANY COSTS THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE
16		COMPANY'S REQUESTED REVENUE REQUIREMENT INCREASE OF
17		\$93.9 MILLION?
18	A.	Yes, there are. Based on timing issues, the requested revenue requirement increase does
19		not include approximately \$11.5 million in purchased power expense related to Winter
20		Storm Elliott for which the Company is seeking a prudency determination in this case. <sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Kentucky Power proposes an ROE of 9.9 percent and a proposed capital structure with 41.62 percent common equity. See Direct Testimony of Adrien M. McKenzie ("McKenzie Direct"), p. 9, lines 23-24; see Direct Testimony of Frank D. Messner ("Messner Direct"), p. 4, lines 5-6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Direct Testimony of Brian K. West ("West Direct"), p. 5, lines 11-15. <sup>4</sup> *Id.* at p. 6, lines 15-17 and p. 7, line 22 to p. 8, line 2.

It is my understanding that the Company is requesting for any portion of these Winter Storm Elliott costs that are found to be prudent to be included in the revenue requirement increase requested in this case up to the requested amount.<sup>5</sup> In other words, as I understand it, in the event the Commission approves a lower revenue requirement increase than what is originally requested, *i.e.*, the \$93.9 million, the Company is seeking to recover the approved Winter Storm Elliott costs up to that difference between the Company's requested increase and the approved increase. I am aware, however, that the Commission issued an Order to Show Cause in Case No. 2021-00370 concerning the Winter Storm Elliott costs.<sup>6</sup>

#### IV. Cost of Service, Revenue Allocation, and Rate Design

(A) Cost of Service

## Q. WHAT IS WALMART'S POSITION ON SETTING RATES BASED ON THE UTILITY'S COST OF SERVICE?

A. Walmart advocates that rates be set based on the utility's cost of service for each rate class. This produces equitable rates that reflect cost causation, sends proper price signals, and minimizes price distortions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> *Id.* at p. 7, line 20 to p. 8, line 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See In the Matter of: Electronic Investigation of the Service, Rates and Facilities of Kentucky Power Company, Case No. 2021-00370, Show Cause Order (issued June 23, 2023).

## Q. HOW IS COST CAUSATION DETERMINED IN THE RATE-MAKING PROCESS?

A. In cost of service regulation, the Commission must determine the revenue requirement that the Company is authorized to recover based on its prudently incurred costs including a reasonable return on the investment required to provide service. The utility's cost of service study is an analytical tool commonly used to determine the total cost and equitable assignment of cost responsibility to customers. This is accomplished by identifying, functionalizing, classifying, and allocating the allowable costs to customer classes in the manner that customers cause those costs to be incurred.

## Q. DOES WALMART TAKE A POSITION ON THE COMPANY'S PROPOSED COST OF SERVICE METHODOLOGY AT THIS TIME?

A. No. However, to the extent that alternative cost of service methodologies or modifications to the Company's methodology are proposed by other parties, Walmart reserves the right to address any such changes in accordance with the Commission's procedures in this case.

7 (B) Revenue Allocation

#### Q. WHAT IS REVENUE ALLOCATION?

A. Revenue allocation, sometimes referred to as rate spread, is the assignment of the revenue responsibility to each customer class. A revenue allocation that assigns revenue to each class at the cost of service is free of inter-class subsidies.

Q. ARE THERE INSTANCES IN WHICH THE COMMISSION WOULD ASSIGN
DIFFERENT REVENUE TO INDIVIDUAL CLASSES THAN IS CALLED FOR
WITHIN THE COST OF SERVICE STUDY, RESULTING IN INTER-CLASS
SUBSIDIES?

A. Yes. At times, the regulator may find it necessary to approve a level of revenue requirement to a particular class which differs from the cost responsibility amount determined in the cost of service study. This is often driven by the need to ensure that customers are not seriously adversely impacted by major changes to the level of rates. Other reasons can include perceived differences in cost of service study results and reality, relative risks assigned to classes, social goals associated with the role of the prices in a particular jurisdiction, and in response to the state of the economy within or external to the regulatory jurisdiction. The Commission may exercise its discretion based on one or more of these concerns to adjust revenue allocation to support policy or advance the public interest. However, these adjustments often result in rates that are not cost-based and, as a result, not just, reasonable, and equitable, and fail to provide proper price signals to the subsidized class of customers.

#### Q. WHAT IS THE ULTIMATE GOAL WHEN ALLOCATING REVENUE?

A. To the extent possible, inter-class subsidies should be eliminated through a revenue allocation that reflects the cost of service. If this is not possible in the immediate case, the Commission should establish a clear path to the elimination or reduction of undesired subsidies, continually moving each class closer to their respective cost of service until undesired subsidies are eliminated and price signals, thus system efficiency, are improved.

## Q. HOW DOES THE COMPANY REPRESENT THE ACCURACY OF THE PROPOSED CLASS REVENUES IN THEIR REFLECTION OF THE UNDERLYING COSTS OF EACH CLASS?

The Company represents this relationship in their cost of service results through the use of class-specific rates of return. These are converted into a relative rate of return ("RROR") for each class, which describes the relationship between each class-specific rate of return and the total system rate of return. An RROR greater than one means that the rate class is paying rates in excess of the costs incurred to serve that class, and an RROR less than one means that the rate class is paying rates less than the costs incurred to serve that class. When rates are set such that a class does not have an RROR equal to one this means there are inter-class subsidies. Relatedly, those rate classes with an RROR greater than one subsidize some of the revenue responsibility burden for the classes with an RROR less than one.

## Q. WHAT IS THE RROR FOR EACH CLASS AT PRESENT RATES AND THE COMPANY'S PROPOSED REVENUE ALLOCATION?

16 A. The present and proposed RROR for each class is shown in Table 1 below.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See Exhibit LVP-2.

**Table 1: Present and Proposed Relative Rates of Return** 

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Class Relative Rates of Return					
	Present			Proposed	
Customer Class	Rate of Return Relative Rate % of Return			Rate of Return	Relative Rate of Return
Residential (RS)	0.75	0.25		4.66	0.67
General Service (GS)	6.44	2.13		10.35	1.49
Large General Service (LGS)	12.19	4.04		16.10	2.32
Industrial General Service (IGS)	3.42	1.13		7.33	1.06
Municipal Waterworks (MW)	15.14	5.01		19.05	2.75
Outdoor Lighting (OL)	9.09	3.01		13.00	1.88
Street Lighting (SL)	14.10	4.67		18.01	2.60
Total Jurisdiction	3.02	1.00		6.93	1.00
Source: Direct Testimony of Jaclyn	n N. Cost, Ex. JNC-2	2, pp. 1-2			

## Q. DOES THE COMPANY'S PROPOSED REVENUE ALLOCATION MOVE RATE CLASSES CLOSER TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COSTS OF SERVICE?

Per the proposed RROR results, yes. The Company's proposed revenue allocation assigns an above average increase to the residential class, which is heavily subsidized, and below average increases to subsidizing classes (except for outdoor lighting which is allocated a revenue increase slightly above the total increase). The Company's proposed revised allocation moves nearly all customer classes closer towards the cost of service as compared to current rates. However, while the RROR for each class indicates movement, this is more an artifact of the higher revenue requirement requested by the Company than an actual reduction in the dollar amount of the subsidies currently in rates.

1		The Company acknowledges that its proposed revenue allocation retains a \$31.9
2		million subsidy of the residential class by other customer classes. <sup>8</sup> The Company does
3		not propose to address this pre-existing subsidy in this case. <sup>9</sup> Thus, the Company's
4		revenue allocation will perpetuate long-standing interclass rate subsidies. More is
5		necessary to move rates closer to their respective cost of service.
6	Q.	AT THE PROPOSED REVENUE REQUIREMENT, DOES WALMART
7		OPPOSE THE COMPANY'S REVENUE ALLOCATION?
8	A.	At the proposed revenue requirement, Walmart does not oppose the Company's
9		proposed revenue allocation.
10	Q.	IF THE COMMISSION ULTIMATELY APPROVES A REVENUE
11		REQUIREMENT LESS THAN THAT PROPOSED BY THE COMPANY,
12		WHAT IS WALMART'S RECOMMENDATION ON REVENUE
13		ALLOCATION?
14	A.	Consistent with the Company's goal of achieving cost-based rates and its stated position
15		in this docket, 10 if the Commission ultimately approves a revenue requirement less than
16		that proposed by the Company, the reduction in the revenue requirement increase
17		should be allocated in a manner that reduces the current \$31.9 million subsidiary in

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rates. Specifically, the Commission should: (1) further reduce the currently existing

class subsidies by apportioning an amount of the reduction only to subsidizing rate

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See Direct Testimony of Jaclyn N. Cost ("Cost Direct"), Ex. JNC-2, p. 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See Direct Testimony of Michael M. Spaeth ("Spaeth Direct"), p. 9, lines 1-8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> See id. at p. 9, lines 4-6 (stating that the Company would be in favor of removing much of the existing interclass subsidy if a lower base rate revenue increase is approved by the Commission).

classes; and (2) then apply the remaining reduction to all rate classes in order to reduce 1 2 the impact to all customers. 3 4 (C) Rate Design 5 WHAT IS THE COMPANY'S APPROACH TO RATE DESIGN? Q. 6 A. According to Company witness Spaeth, the Company's underlying approach is to design rates that reflect the costs to provide service to each class.<sup>11</sup> It is my 7 8 understanding that initial rates as informed by the cost of service study are then 9 compared to the current rates for a particular class and moderated based on the impact to that class. 12 10 Q. WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMPANY'S BASE RATE 11 DESIGN PROPOSALS FOR THE LGS AND IGS RATE CLASSES? 12 A. I understand that the Company has proposed no change to the base rate designs 13 applicable to the LGS and IGS tariffs.<sup>13</sup> 14 DOES WALMART OPPOSE THE COMPANY'S PROPOSED RATE DESIGN 15 Q. 16 FOR RATES LGS AND IGS? For the purposes of this case, Walmart does not oppose to the Company's rate design 17 A. 18 for rates LGS and IGS. However, to the extent that alternative rate designs or 19 modifications to the Company's proposed rate designs are proposed by other parties,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> See Spaeth Direct, p. 9, lines 11-13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> See id. at p. 9, line 22 to p. 10, line 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> See id. at p. 10, lines 6-7.

Walmart reserves the right to address any such changes in accordance with the Commission's procedures in this case.

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#### V. Distribution Reliability Rider and Community Solar Garden Program

(A) Proposed DRR Overview

#### Q. WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROPOSED DRR?

A. It is my understanding that the Company is seeking approval of the DRR in order to recover from customers the costs of distribution reliability projects as described in a proposed DRR Work Plan.<sup>14</sup> The Company seeks the DRR in order to make additional investments in its distribution system beyond what is included in base rates.<sup>15</sup>

#### Q. WHAT IS THE COMPANY'S PROPOSED DRR WORK PLAN?

12 A. The DRR Work Plan is a five-year plan of various distribution-related investments that the Company proposes to undertake, beginning in 2024, in order to improve its 13 reliability performance.<sup>16</sup> The DRR Work Plan is divided into three priorities: 14 (1) widening existing rights-of-way to allow for additional vegetation management 15 activities;<sup>17</sup> (2) investing in additional distribution equipment including tie-lines, 16 substation sources, automatic circuit reconfiguration, and modernizing reclosers; <sup>18</sup> and 17 18 (3) "asset renewal," which will allow the Company to monitor and track specific equipment for defects.<sup>19</sup> 19

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> See West Direct, p. 16, lines 18-22.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> See West Direct, p. 17, lines 5-6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> See Direct Testimony of Everett G. Phillips ("Phillips Direct"), p. 30, lines 6-8 and lines 13-19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> See id. at p. 30, lines 20-23.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> See id. at p. 31, lines 1-3.

## Q. WHAT TYPES OF COSTS DOES THE COMPANY PROPOSE TO RECOVER THROUGH THE DRR?

A. As mentioned above, the DRR is designed to initially recover distribution-related investments over a five-year period spanning 2024 to 2028, with a total spend for each year as listed in Table 2 below.

**Table 2: Estimated Annual Recovery Through DRR (in millions)** 

Cost Type	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Capital	\$19.0	\$35.3	\$32.9	\$38.8	\$40.0
O&M	\$0.4	\$0.9	\$1.1	\$0.5	\$1.1
Total	\$19.4	\$36.2	\$34.0	\$39.3	\$41.1

Source: Direct Testimony of Everett G. Phillips, p. 35, Fig. EGP-10, "Estimated DRR Capital and O&M Expenditures"

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The Company proposes to roll any DRR costs recovered through the rider into base rates as part of the Company's next general rate case filing.<sup>20</sup> Any incremental costs that are not included in base rates will be recovered through the DRR until a subsequent rate case.<sup>21</sup>

# Q. WHAT JUSTIFICATION DOES THE COMPANY PROVIDE FOR SEEKING TO COLLECT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INVESTMENTS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM THROUGH A RIDER AS OPPOSED TO BASE RATES?

A. The Company claims that a rider is more appropriate because it allows the Company to invest in the projects set forth in its annual DRR Work Plan without having to wait for a base rate case.<sup>22</sup> The Company further states that the DRR will result in smaller

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> See West Direct, p. 17, lines 22-23.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> See id. at p. 17, line 23 to p. 18, line 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> See id. at p. 18, lines 9-11.

incremental rate increases through annual true-ups, discussed below, which will 1 2 smooth out rate increases for customers.<sup>23</sup> Q. YOU MENTIONED AN ANNUAL TRUE-UP, WHAT IS THE COMPANY'S 3 4 PROPOSAL TO TRUE-UP THE DRR? 5 A. The Company proposes to make an annual true-up filing in February of each year in 6 which the Company will reconcile the amount actually collected through the DRR for the previous year to the actual expenditures for that year.<sup>24</sup> 7 8 9 (B) Proposed Community Solar Garden Program Overview 10 Q. WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMPANY'S PROPOSED COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDEN PROGRAM? 11 12 A. It is my understanding that the Company is seeking approval to own one or more solar 13 facilities known as the "Solar Garden Program," that will be added to the Company's 14 generation fleet with a capacity limit of 10 MW per facility, and an overall total capacity cap of 25 MW.<sup>25</sup> The Company is acquiring the solar facilities to meet an 15 expected capacity need beginning in 2026.<sup>26</sup> 16 Q. HAS THE COMPANY PROVIDED AN ESTIMATE OF THE COSTS 17 18 ASSOCIATED WITH ITS COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDEN PROGRAM? 19 A. No, it has not. I understand that the Company is early in this process and is seeking 20 approval for the concept of the Community Solar Garden Program in this case, after

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> See West Direct, p. 18, lines 18-20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> See id. at p. 17, lines 13-16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> See Direct Testimony of Alex E. Vaughan ("Vaughan Direct"), p. 27, lines 9-11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> See id. at p. 27, lines 11-13.

which, the Company will solicit developer bids through the request for proposal process.<sup>27</sup> Although the Company has provided an illustrative example of the economic costs/benefits test, I do not believe that it has provided any specific economics around the solar facilities it would eventually acquire as part of its Community Solar Garden Program.<sup>28</sup> Q. WILL THE COMPANY SEEK A CPCN OR OTHER COMMISSION

- APPROVAL ONCE IT IDENTIFIES A PROJECT?
- It does not appear that it will. The Company states that it is "seeking approval of this A. program so it can solicit though requests for proposals and acquire the projects without further Commission approvals if the project meets the proposed requirements."<sup>29</sup>
  - Q. **COMPANY PROPOSE** TO RECOVER COSTS **HOW DOES** THE **ASSOCIATED** WITH **FACILITIES ACQUIRED THROUGH** THE COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDEN PROGRAM?
- 14 A. The Company is proposing to recover the net costs of solar facilities acquired as part 15 of its Community Solar Garden Program through its existing Tariff PPA until such costs can be included in rate base in the Company's next general rate case.<sup>30</sup> 16 Additionally, any energy benefits will flow through the fuel adjustment clause ("FAC") 17 18 as a reduction in load requirements that would otherwise need to be purchased from the PJM Interconnection, LLC ("PJM") spot energy market.<sup>31</sup> 19

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> See Vaughan Direct, p. 27, lines 17-19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> See id. at p. 27, lines 13-17 and p. 28, Figure AEV-9: Prudent Investment Example.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> See id. at p. 27, lines 17-19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> See id. at p. 28, lines 1-3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> See id. at p. 34, lines 9-12.

1	Q.	DOES THE COMPANY JUSTIFY ITS PROPOSAL TO COLLECT COSTS OF
2		THE COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDEN PROGRAM THROUGH AN
3		EXISTING TARIFF RATHER THAN DEFERRING COST RECOVERY
4		UNTIL ITS NEXT GENERAL RATE CASE?
5	A.	I did not find any justification for the Company's proposal in this case.
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7	Q.	DOES THE TARIFF PPA INCLUDE AN ANNUAL TRUE UP MECHANISM?
8	A.	Yes; the language for the current Tariff PPA provides for an annual adjustment that is
9		filed with the Commission by August 15 of each year and goes into effect for rates
10		beginning in the October billing cycle. <sup>32</sup>
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12	(C) W	Valmart's Position on the DRR and Community Solar Garden Program
	(C) W Q.	Valmart's Position on the DRR and Community Solar Garden Program  HOW DOES THE COMPANY PROPOSE TO RECOVER COSTS FOR DRR-
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12 13	` ,	HOW DOES THE COMPANY PROPOSE TO RECOVER COSTS FOR DRR-
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12 13 14 15	Q.	HOW DOES THE COMPANY PROPOSE TO RECOVER COSTS FOR DRR- RELATED INVESTMENTS AND FOR GENERATION COSTS AS PART OF THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDEN PROGRAM?
12 13 14 15 16	Q.	HOW DOES THE COMPANY PROPOSE TO RECOVER COSTS FOR DRR- RELATED INVESTMENTS AND FOR GENERATION COSTS AS PART OF THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDEN PROGRAM?  As discussed above, it is my understanding that the Company is proposing to recover
12 13 14 15 16 17	Q.	HOW DOES THE COMPANY PROPOSE TO RECOVER COSTS FOR DRR-RELATED INVESTMENTS AND FOR GENERATION COSTS AS PART OF THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDEN PROGRAM?  As discussed above, it is my understanding that the Company is proposing to recover certain costs that are normally recovered in base rates through rider mechanisms that
12 13 14 15 16 17	Q.	HOW DOES THE COMPANY PROPOSE TO RECOVER COSTS FOR DRR- RELATED INVESTMENTS AND FOR GENERATION COSTS AS PART OF THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDEN PROGRAM?  As discussed above, it is my understanding that the Company is proposing to recover certain costs that are normally recovered in base rates through rider mechanisms that will allow the Company to recover these costs when they are incurred as opposed to

 $<sup>^{32}</sup>$  See Vaughan Direct, p. 34, lines 9-10 and P.S.C. KY. NO. 21  $1^{\rm st}$  Revised Sheet No. 35-1, Tariff PPA, p. 35-3,  $\P$  9.

new generation solar facilities as part of its Community Solar Garden Program through its existing Tariff PPA.

## Q. DOES WALMART SUPPORT THE COMPANY'S PROPOSAL TO RECOVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM INVESTMENTS AND GENERATION INVESTMENTS THROUGH RIDERS AS PROPOSED BY THE COMPANY?

No, it does not. Walmart recognizes the importance of a reliable and resilient distribution system for the Company's customers and also appreciates the Company's efforts towards transitioning its generation fleet to less carbon-emitting resources. For these reasons, Walmart does not oppose the Company's efforts to upgrade its distribution system or to acquire solar generation facilities. However, as I discuss in more detail below, Walmart does not support recovery of costs related to these efforts through riders or similar mechanisms.

Specifically, with regard to the solar facilities, the Company states that it has recently begun the request for proposal process in order to identify solar projects for its Community Solar Garden Program.<sup>33</sup> Given that specific projects have not yet been identified or budgeted, let alone whether it is permissible for the Company to bypass the CPCN process, it is premature for the Commission to approve the recovery mechanism of these generation costs in this proceeding or to allow for recovery of any future costs prior to when these assets can be included in the Company's test year.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> See Vaughan Direct, p. 27, lines 17-19.

Q. WHAT DOES WALMART BELIEVE IS THE APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR CONSIDERING COST RECOVERY FOR COSTS RELATED TO FUTURE INVESTMENTS MADE BY THE COMPANY IN ITS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND GENERATION ASSETS?

Walmart believes the appropriate forum for consideration of cost recovery for distribution system upgrades and investment in the Company's generation fleet is a general rate case, as all costs, benefits, and risks - both those related to capital investments as well as those interrelated with, or related to, the Company's overall business – can be systematically considered. Further, distribution costs incurred to expand and upgrade the Company's distribution system should be recovered though base rates and not a rider. As acknowledged by Company witness West, riders are mechanisms used by utilities to recover costs that fluctuate frequently and occur over a short period of time, for example, a utility's costs to purchase fuel.<sup>34</sup> The costs associated with expanding rights-of-way, additional tie lines, storm hardening, and other upgrades to the distribution system, are not volatile in nature and should not be recovered through the DRR. In fact, these are costs that are entirely within the Company's control. Instead, these types of expenditures – along with the Company's proposed investments in new solar facilities – should be considered in a general rate case to ensure that all relevant factors that could impact the prudency of the costs and how these costs are allocated to and recovered from the various customer classes are considered.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> See West Direct, p. 18, lines 6-7.

#### Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN.

A. In a general rate case, Commission-approved rates are set through a comprehensive examination of the Company's test year rate base, rate of return, and capital structure. In contrast, only specific portions of the Company's rate base, *i.e.*, capital expenditures made in connection with upgrades to the distribution system but not the Company's rate of return or capital structure, are likely to be considered in the Company's proposed annual filings for the DRR or Tariff PPA. As discussed more below, a rider operates solely to the benefit of the Company by guaranteeing them cost recovery of a specific type of investment.

#### (D) Shift of Regulatory Lag

- Q. DOES THE PROPOSED RECOVERY OF CERTAIN DISTRIBUTION COSTS
  THROUGH THE DRR AND CERTAIN GENERATION COSTS THROUGH
  TARIFF PPA SHIFT THE RISK OF REGULATORY LAG FROM
  SHAREHOLDERS TO CUSTOMERS?
- A. Yes, it does. The proposed recovery of costs associated with upgrading the Company's distribution system under its DRR Work Plan and costs that will be incurred from the Company's acquisition of solar facilities as part of its Community Solar Garden Program through mechanisms like the DRR and Tariff PPA reduce regulatory lag as compared to deferring cost recovery until the Company's next general rate case. This reduction in regulatory lag, in turn, creates cost recovery certainty for shareholders. Additionally, both the DRR and Tariff PPA, as proposed, are subject to annual true-up, which are further risk-reducing mechanisms inapplicable to costs recovered through its

- base rates. The Company fails to account for the shift in risk inherent in its proposals
   for the DRR and Community Garden Solar Program.
  - Q. TO THE EXTENT THE COMMISSION OPTS TO APPROVE EITHER THE DRR OR SOLAR GARDEN PROPOSALS, CAN THE COMMISSION TAKE STEPS TO RECOGNIZE THE REDUCED RISK TO THE COMPANY AND ITS SHAREHOLDERS?
  - A. Yes, it can. From a procedural perspective, if the Commission approves the Company's proposal to recover distribution costs under its DRR Work Plan through the DRR, and/or the Commission allows the Company to recover costs associated with the generation solar facilities that it plans to acquire as part of its Community Solar Garden Program through the existing Tariff PPA, the Commission should also require Kentucky Power to file a base rate case at the earliest possible date at which these assets can be included in the Company's test year. Additionally, the Commission can award the Company a lower ROE for these riders, reflecting the reduced cost recovery risk to the Company's shareholders. It is my understanding that the Commission has approved reduced ROEs for riders in prior cases.<sup>35</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> See In the Matter of the Electronic Application of Kentucky Utilities Company for an Adjustment of its Electric Rates, a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Deploy Advanced Metering Infrastructure, Approval of Certain Regulatory and Accounting Treatments, and Establishment of a One-Year Surcredit, Docket No. 2020-00349, Final Order (entered June 30, 2021), p. 21 (approving an ROE of 9.425 percent applicable to base rates and a 9.35 percent ROE for Kentucky Utilities Company's Environmental Surcharge).

1	(E) $R$	ecommend	ations
2	Q.	WHAT I	S YOUR RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMISSION WITH
3		REGARD	TO THE DR RIDER AND RECOVERING GENERATION COSTS
4		THROUG	GH TARIFF PPA?
5	A.	Based on	the foregoing, Walmart makes the following recommendations to the
6		Commissi	on:
7		(1)	The Commission should reject the DRR as proposed by the Company and
8			instead require the Company to recover investments in its distribution
9			system, including costs associated with its DRR Work Plan, through base
10			rates.
11		(2)	The Commission should also reject the Company's proposal to recover costs
12			associated with generation facilities that it seeks to acquire as part of its
13			Community Solar Garden Program through the existing Tariff PPA, and
14			instead, require the Company to recover these costs in its next general rate
15			case.
16		(3)	To the extent the Commission determines that approval of the DRR is
17			appropriate, such approval should be limited only to the recovery of
18			approved DRR Work Plan project costs in this proceeding. All cost recovery
19			considerations and determinations for future DRR Work Plan project
20			expenses should be included in the Company's next general rate case.
21		(4)	If the Commission approves the DRR and/or allows the Company to recover
22			costs related to the Company's acquisition of generation assets as part of its
23			Community Solar Garden Program through Tariff PPA, then the

1		Commission should also require the Company to file a base rate case at the
2		earliest possible date on which these assets can be included in the
3		Company's test year.
4		(5) If the Commission approves the DRR and/or allows the Company to recover
5		certain generation costs through Tariff PPA, or a modified form of those
5		recovery mechanisms, then it should reflect the shift of risk from investors
7		to customers in the Company's authorized ROE. 36
3	Q.	DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?
)	A.	Yes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Kentucky Power proposes an ROE of 9.9 percent and a proposed capital structure with 41.62 percent of common equity. *See* McKenzie Direct, p. 9, lines 23-24; *see* Messner Direct, p. 4, lines 5-6.

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REQUIRED APPROVALS AND RELIEF	)	
STATE OF ARKANSAS	)	
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COUNTY OF BENTON	)	

The undersigned, Lisa V. Perry, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is Director, Utility Partnerships for Walmart Inc., that she has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing testimony, and that the answers contained therein are true and correct to the best of her information, knowledge, and belief.

Lisa V. Perry

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said County and State, this 2nd day of October 2023.

Notary Public (SEAL)

My Commission Expires: 4-28-2032

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## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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#### 2023

Louisiana Public Service Commission Docket No. U-36625: Application of Entergy Louisiana, LLC for Approval of the Entergy Future Ready Resilience Plan (Phase I)

<u>Issue</u>: Recovery of costs to upgrade transmission and distribution systems.

Colorado Public Utilities Commission Proceeding No. 23A-0242E: In the Matter of the Application of Public Service Company of Colorado for Approval of its 2024-2026 Transportation Electrification Plan.

<u>Issue</u>: Seeking approval of utility's second transportation electrification plan.

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission Cause No. 45919: In the Matter of the Petition of Indiana Michigan Power Company for Approval of (1) an Electric Vehicle Fast Charging Rate and Tariff and (2) Deferred Accounting Treatment for the Costs of Certain Company-Owned Electric Vehicle Fast Charging Stations and the Revenue from the Electric Vehicle Fast Charging Tariff.

<u>Issue</u>: Approval of an EV charging tariff for utility-owned public EV chargers.

Oklahoma Corporation Commission Cause No. PUD 2023000038: In the Matter of the Application of Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company for Commission Preapproval of New Generation Capacity Pursuant to 17 O.S. Section 286(C).

<u>Issue</u>: Approval to construct two CT units and recovery of costs through a rider.

State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas Docket No. 23-EKCE-775-RTS: In the Matter of the Joint Application of Evergy Kansas Central, In., Evergy Kansas South, Inc., and Evergy Metro, Inc. for Approval to Make Certain Changes in their Charges for Electric Service. Issue: General rate case.

Michigan Public Service Commission Case No. U-21389: In the matter of the application of CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY for authority to increase its rates for the generation and distribution of electricity and for other relief.

Issue: General rate case.

Public Service Commission of Wyoming Docket No. 20000-633-ER-23 (Record No. 17252): In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Authority to Increase its Retail Electric Service Rates by Approximately \$140.2 Million Per Year or 21.6 Percent and to Revise the Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism.

Issue: General Rate Case.

Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 54634, SOAH Docket No. 473-23-14020: Application of Southwestern Public Service Company for Authority to Change Rates. Issue: General Rate Case.

Commonwealth of Virginia State Corporation Commission Case No. PUR-2023-00002: Application of Appalachian Power Company for a 2023 triennial review of its base rates, terms and conditions pursuant to § 56-585.1 of the Code of Virginia.

Issue: Triennial review of rates.

Michigan Public Service Commission Case No. U-21297: In the matter of the Application of DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY for authority to increase its rates, amend its rate schedules and rules governing the distribution and supply of electric energy, and for miscellaneous accounting authority.

Issue: General rate case.

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission Cause No. 45816: Investigation of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission Regarding the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act Section 111(d) Standards as Amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

<u>Issue</u>: Electric vehicle charging programs and tariffs.

Illinois Commerce Commission Docket No. 23-0055: Commonwealth Edison Company Petition for Approval of a Multi-Year Rate Plan under Section 16-108.18 of the Public Utilities Act. Issue: Multi-Year Rate Plan rate case.

Illinois Commerce Commission Docket No. 23-0082: Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois Petition for Approval of a Multi-Year Rate Plan pursuant to 220 ILCS 5/16-108.18. <u>Issue</u>: Multi-Year Rate Plan rate case.

Illinois Commerce Commission Docket No. 23-0067: Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois Proposed General Increase in Rates and Revisions to Other Terms and Conditions of Service. (Tariff filed January 6, 2023).

Issue: Gas general rate case.

Illinois Commerce Commission Docket No. 23-0066: Northern Illinois Gas Company d/b/a Nicor Gas Company Proposed General Increase in Rates and Revisions to Other Terms and Conditions of Service. (Tariff filed January 3, 2023).

Issue: Gas general rate case.

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission Cause No. 45843: Verified Petition of Indianapolis Power & Light Company d/b/a AES Indiana for Commission Approval of an Electric Vehicle Portfolio, Including: (1) A Public Use Electric Vehicle Pilot Program Pursuant to Ind. Code Ch. 8-1-43; and (2) Time-Varying and Other Alternative Pricing Structures and Tariffs Pursuant to Ind. Code §8-1-2.5-6(3); and for Approval of Associated Accounting and Ratemaking.

<u>Issue</u>: Electric vehicle charging programs and tariffs.

Arkansas Public Service Commission Docket No. 22-065-U: In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern Electric Power Company for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate the John W. Turk, Jr. Power Plant to Supply a Public Service to its Arkansas Customers and for Approval of a Generation Cost Recovery Rider to Recover its Costs in Arkansas Rates. <u>Issue</u>: Cost recovery from customers of an existing generation resource.

Commonwealth of Virginia State Corporation Commission Case No. PUR-2022-00166: Petition of Appalachian Power Company for consideration of the appropriate framework for cost recovery, the allocation of costs net of benefits pursuant to Code § 56-585.5 F, and class and jurisdictional cost allocation.

Issue: Recovery methodology and cost allocation of VCEA-related costs.

Oklahoma Corporation Commission Cause No. PUD 202200093: Application of Public Service Company of Oklahoma, an Oklahoma Corporation, for an Adjustment in its Rates and Charges and the Electric Service Rules, Regulations and Conditions of Service for Electric Service in the State of Oklahoma and to Approve a Formula Base Rate Proposal.

Issue: General rate case.

Oklahoma Corporation Commission Cause No. PUD 202200121: Application of Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO) for Approval of the Cost Recovery of the Selected Wind and Solar Facilities (Renewable Resources); a Determination there is a Need for the Renewable Resources; Approval for Cost Recovery of Prudent Costs Incurred by PSO for the Renewable Resources; Approval of a Temporary Cost Recovery Rider; Approval of Certain Treatment of Federal Production Tax Credits; and Such Other Relief the Commission Deems PSO is Entitled. Issue: Acquisition of renewable generation and recovery through a rider.

Arkansas Public Service Commission Docket No. 22-061-U: In the Matter of an Application into Potential Cost Shifting Associated with Net Metering.

<u>Issue</u>: Net metering tariff and any potential cost shifting between participating and non-participating customers.

#### 2022

Commonwealth of Virginia State Corporation Commission Case No. PUR-2022-00124: Petition of Virginia Electric and Power Company for approval of its 2022 RPS Development Plan under § 56-585.5 D 4 of the Code of Virginia and related requests.

<u>Issue</u>: Approval of 2022 RPS Plan, new renewable projects, PPAs, and cost recovery mechanism, Rider CE, pursuant to the VCEA.

Public Service Commission of South Carolina Docket No. 2022-254-E: In re: Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Increase in Electric Rates, Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs, and Request for an Accounting Order.

Issue: General rate case.

Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 53719, SOAH Docket No. 473-22-04394: Application of Entergy Texas, Inc. for Authority to Change Rates. Issue: General rate case.

Louisiana Public Service Commission Docket No. U-36350: Application of Entergy Louisiana, LLC for Recovery in Rates of Costs Related to Hurricane Ida and Related Relief Issue: Recovery costs related to Hurricane Ida.

Illinois Commerce Commission Docket No. 22-0432 and 22-0442 (cons.): Commonwealth Edison Company Petition for Approval of Beneficial Electrification Plan under the Electric Vehicle Act, 20 ILCS 627/45 and New EV Charging Delivery Classes under the Public Utilities Act, Article IX and Illinois Commerce Commission on its own Motion vs. Commonwealth Edison Company Investigation into Commonwealth Edison Company's Beneficial Electrification Plan Filing pursuant to 20 ILCS 627/45

Issue: Approval of Beneficial Electrification Plan.

Illinois Commerce Commission Docket No. 22-0431 and 22-0443 (cons.): Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois Petition for Approval of Beneficial Electrification Plan pursuant to Section 45 of the Electric Vehicle Act and Illinois Commerce Commission on its own Motion vs. Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois Investigation into Ameren Illinois Company's Beneficial Electrification Plan Filing pursuant to 20 ILCS 627/45

Issue: Approval of Beneficial Electrification Plan.

Florida Public Service Commission Docket No. 20220010-EI: In re: Storm protection plan cost recovery clause

<u>Issue</u>: Seeking approval of the cost allocation and recovery methodologies used for storm protection plan cost recovery clause.

Michigan Public Service Commission Case No. U-21224: In the matter of the application of CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY for authority to increase its rates for the generation and distribution of electricity and for other relief.

Issue: General rate case.

Commonwealth of Virginia State Corporation Commission Case No. PUR-2021-00156: *Ex Parte*: Establishing a proceeding concerning the allocation of RPS-related costs and the determination of certain proxy values for Virginia Electric and Power Company.

<u>Issue</u>: Allocation methodology for VCEA-related costs and benefits.

Michigan Public Service Commission Case No. U-20836: In the matter of the Application of DTE Electric Company for authority to increase its rates, amend its rate schedules and rules governing the distribution and supply of electric energy, and for miscellaneous accounting authority. Issue: General rate case.

Oklahoma Corporation Commission Cause No. PUD 202100164: In the Matter of the Application of Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company for an Order of the Commission Authorizing Applicant to Modify its Rates, Charges, and Tariffs for Retail Electric Service in Oklahoma. Issue: General Rate Case.

Louisiana Public Service Commission Docket No. U-36190: Application for Certification and Approval of the 2021 Solar Portfolio, Rider Geaux Green Option, Cost Recovery and Related Relief.

Issue: Approval of a voluntary renewable program backed by utility-owned solar assets.

Commonwealth of Virginia State Corporation Commission Case No. PUR-2021-00135: Petition of Appalachian Power Company For approval of its 2021 RPS Plan under § 56-585.5 of the Code of Virginia and related requests.

<u>Issue</u>: Seeking approval of RPS Plan and recovery mechanisms for related costs.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Public Service Commission Case No. 2021-00481: Electronic Joint Application of American Electric Power Company, Inc., Kentucky Power Company and Liberty Utilities Co. for Approval of the Transfer of Ownership and Control of Kentucky Power Company. <u>Issue</u>: Acquisition of Kentucky Power Company by Liberty Utilities Company.

Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 52451, SOAH Docket No. 473-22-0816: Application of Southwestern Public Service Company for Approval of Advanced Metering System (AMS) Deployment Plan, AMS Surcharge, and Non-Standard Metering Service Fee. Issue: Approval to implement AMS and recover costs through an additional surcharge.

Arkansas Public Service Commission Docket No. 21-070-U: In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern Electric Power Company for Approval of a General Change in Rates and Tariffs. Issue: General rate case.

Arkansas Public Service Commission Docket No. 21-087-U: In the Matter of Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company's Request to Extend its Formula Rate Plan Rider.

<u>Issue</u>: Seeking extension of formula rate plan.

#### 2021

Louisiana Public Service Commission Docket No. U-36105: Application for Certification to Deploy Natural Gas-Fired Distributed Generation and Authorization to Implement Rider UODG. <u>Issue</u>: Approval to implement a distributed generation program and rider recovery.

Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 52389, SOAH Docket No. 473-22-0009: Application of Southwestern Electric Power Company for Advanced Metering System (AMS) Deployment Plan, AMS Surcharge, and Non-Standard Metering Service Fees.

<u>Issue</u>: Approval to implement AMS and recover costs through an additional surcharge.

Louisiana Public Service Commission Docket No. U-35991: Application for Recovery in Rates of Costs Related to Hurricanes Laura, Delta, Zeta and Winter Storm Uri and for Related Relief. <u>Issue</u>: Securitization of system restoration costs due to extreme weather conditions.

Oklahoma Corporation Commission Cause No. PUD 202100076: Application of Public Service Company of Oklahoma ("PSO") for Approval of a Financing Order for the Collection of Increased Costs Caused by the Extreme Winter Weather and Contained in the Regulatory Asset Authorized by Order 717625, Including an Appropriate Carrying Cost, and Such Other Relief as the Commission Deems PSO is Entitled.

Issue: Securitization of excessive fuel costs due to extreme weather conditions.

Colorado Public Utilities Commission Proceeding No. 21A-0141E: In the Matter of the Application of Public Service Company of Colorado for Approval of its 2021 Electric Resource Plan and Clean Energy Plan.

<u>Issue</u>: Seeking approval of utility's plan to meet legislative renewable and carbon reduction goals.

Arkansas Public Service Commission Docket No. 21-054-TF: In the Matter of the Application of Entergy Arkansas, LLC for a Proposed Tariff Revision Regarding a Green Promise Tariff. Issue: Seeking approval for a voluntary renewable energy tariff.

Commonwealth of Virginia State Corporation Commission Case No. PUR-2021-00058: Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company for a 2021 triennial review of the rates, terms and conditions for the provision of generation, distribution and transmission services pursuant to § 56-585.1 A of the Code of Virginia.

Issue: General Rate Case.

Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 52040, SOAH Docket No. 473-21-2607: Application of El Paso Electric Company for Advanced Metering System (AMS) Deployment Plan, AMS Surcharge, and Non-Standard Metering Service Fees.

<u>Issue</u>: Approval to implement AMS and recover costs through an additional surcharge.

Oklahoma Corporation Commission Cause No. PUD 202100072: In the Matter of the Application of Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company for a Financing Order Pursuant to the February 2021 Regulated Utility Consumer Protection Act Approving Securitization of Costs Arising from the Winter Weather Event of February 2021.

<u>Issue</u>: Securitization of excessive fuel costs due to extreme weather conditions.

Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 51802, SOAH Docket No. 473-21-1892: Application of Southwestern Public Service Company for Authority to Change Rates. Issue: General rate case.

Oklahoma Corporation Commission Cause No. PUD 202100055: Application of Public Service Company of Oklahoma, an Oklahoma Corporation, for an Adjustment in its Rates and Charges and the Electric Service Rules, Regulations and Conditions of Service for Electric Service in the State of Oklahoma.

Issue: General rate case.

Louisiana Public Service Commission Docket No. U-35441: Application of Southwestern Power Company (SWEPCO) for Approval of a Change in Rates, Extension of Formula Rate Plan and Other Related Relief.

<u>Issue</u>: General rate case and extension of formula rate plan.

Michigan Public Service Commission Case No. U-20963: In the matter of the application of Consumers Energy Company for authority to increase its rates for the generation and distribution of electricity and for other relief.

Issue: General rate case.

Florida Public Service Commission Docket No. 20210010-EI: In re: Storm protection plan cost recovery clause

<u>Issue</u>: Seeking approval of the cost allocation and recovery methodologies used for storm protection plan cost recovery clause.

Arkansas Public Service Commission Docket No. 19-008-U: In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern Electric Power Company for Approval of a General Change in Rates and Tariffs. <u>Issue</u>: Seeking approval for amortization period and carrying costs for extraordinary fuel costs related to Winter Storm Uri.

Public Utility Regulatory Authority of Connecticut Docket No. 17-12-03RE11: PURA Investigation into Distribution System Planning of the Electric Distribution Companies – New Rate Designs and Rates Review.

Issue: Investigation into low-income rates and economic development rates.

Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 51415, SOAH Docket No. 473-21-0538: Application of Southwestern Electric Power Company for Authority to Change Rates. Issue: General rate case.

Commonwealth of Virginia State Corporation Commission Case No. PUR-2020-00170: Petition of Virginia Electric and Power Company for approval of a rate adjustment clause, designated Rider RPS, under § 56-585.1 A 5 d of the Code of Virginia.

<u>Issue</u>: Seeking approval of a Rider RPS to recover costs associated with REC purchases made to comply with the Virginia Clean Economy Act.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Public Service Commission Case No. 2020-00350: Electronic Application of Louisville Gas and Electric Company for an Adjustment of its Electric and Gas Rates, a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Deploy Advanced Metering Infrastructure, Approval of Certain Regulatory and Accounting Treatments, and Establishment of a One-Year Surcredit.

Issue: General rate case.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Public Service Commission Case No. 2020-00349: Electronic Application of Kentucky Utilities Company for an Adjustment of its Electric Rates, a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Deploy Advanced Metering Infrastructure, Approval of Certain Regulatory and Accounting Treatments, and Establishment of a One-Year Surcredit. Issue: General rate case.

Commonwealth of Virginia State Corporation Commission Case No. PUR-2020-00164: *Ex Parte*: Allocating RPS costs to certain customers of Virginia Electric and Power Company.

<u>Issue</u>: Determining which costs and benefits of Virginia Clean Economy Act-related assets should be allocated to non-utility customers and seeking approval of a Rider NBC to recover/credit some of those costs and/or benefits.

Oklahoma Corporation Commission Cause No. PUD 202000097: Application of Public Service Company of Oklahoma ("PSO") for Approval of the Cost Recovery of Facilities to be Located at Ft. Sill; a Determination there is a Need for the Facilities; Approval for Future Inclusion in Base Rates for Cost Recovery of Prudent Costs Incurred by PSO for the Facilities; Approval of a Temporary Cost Recovery Rider; and Such Other Relief the Commission Deems PSO is Entitled. Issue: Seeking approval to acquire a solar facility and gas facility sited at Fort Sill.

Commonwealth of Virginia State Corporation Commission Case No. PUR-2020-00134: *Ex Parte*: Establishing 2020 RPS Proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company.

<u>Issue</u>: Seeking approval of a Renewable Portfolio Standard Plan and rider pursuant to the Virginia Clean Economy Act (VCEA).

#### 2020

Commonwealth of Virginia State Corporation Commission Case No. PUR-2020-00135: *Ex Parte*: Establishing 2020 RPS Proceeding for Appalachian Power Company.

<u>Issue</u>: Seeking approval of a Renewable Portfolio Standard Plan pursuant to the Virginia Clean Economy Act (VCEA).

Public Service Commission of South Carolina Docket No. 2019-209-E: In re: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (House Bill 3659) Proceeding Related to Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated and S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-41-30 Related to Electrical Utilities and Their Current Voluntary Renewable Energy Program, and Such Other Proceedings Required By the Commission.

<u>Issue</u>: Seeking approval of a Voluntary Renewable Energy Rider.

Public Service Commission of South Carolina Docket No. 2020-125-E: In re: Application of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated for Adjustment of Rates and Charges. <u>Issue</u>: General rate case.

Arkansas Public Service Commission Docket No. 16-036-FR: In the Matter of Formula Rate Plan Filings of Entergy Arkansas, Inc., Pursuant to APSC Docket No. 15-015-U. <u>Issue</u>: Seeking five-year extension of Formula Rate Plan.

Colorado Public Utilities Commission Proceeding No. 20A-0204E: In the Matter of the Application of Public Service Company of Colorado for Approval of its 2021-2023 Transportation Electrification Plan.

<u>Issue</u>: Seeking approval of utility's plan to encourage EV adoption in its service territory.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Public Service Commission Case No. 2020-00174: Electronic Application of Kentucky Power Company for (1) a General Adjustment of its Rates for Electric Service; (2) Approval of Tariffs and Riders; (3) Approval of Accounting Practices to Establish Regulatory Assets and Liabilities; (4) Approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity; and (5) All Other Required Approvals and Relief.

Issue: General rate case.

Oklahoma Corporation Commission Cause No. PUD 202000021: In the Matter of the Application of Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company for an Order of the Commission Approving a Recovery Mechanism for Expenditures Related to the Oklahoma Grid Enhancement Plan.

<u>Issue</u>: Seeking approval of a rider that allows for interim recovery of costs associated with expenditures made to enhance the grid.

Commonwealth of Virginia State Corporation Commission Case No. PUR-2020-00015: Application of Appalachian Power Company For a 2020 Triennial Review of the Rates, Terms and Conditions for the Provision of Generation, Distribution and Transmission Services Pursuant to § 56-585.1 A of the Code of Virginia.

Issue: General Rate Case.

Michigan Public Service Commission Case No. U-20697: In the matter of the application of Consumers Energy Company for authority to increase its rates for the generation and distribution of electricity and for other relief.

Issue: General rate case.

Florida Public Service Commission Consolidated Docket Nos. 20200067-EI, 20200069-EI, 20200070-EI, 20200071-EI: In re: Review of 2020-2029 Storm Protection Plan pursuant to Rule 25-6.030, F.A.C., Tampa Electric Company *et al*.

<u>Issue</u>: Seeking approval of Storm Protection Plans submitted by Tampa Electric Company, Duke Energy Florida, LLC, Gulf Power Company, and Florida Power & Light Company.

Arkansas Public Service Commission Docket No. 20-027-U: In the Matter of the Application of Walmart Inc. for Approval to Bid Demand Response into Wholesale Electricity Markets Through an Aggregator of Retail Customers.

<u>Issue</u>: Seeking approval to bid demand response into MISO through a third-party aggregator.

Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 49737, SOAH Docket No. 473-19-6862: Application of Southwestern Electric Power Company for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Authorization and Related Relief for the Acquisition of Wind Generation Facilities. <u>Issue</u>: Seeking approval to acquire a wind generation facility located in Oklahoma.

Louisiana Public Service Commission Docket No. U-35324: Application of Southwestern Power Company (SWEPCO) for Certification and Approval of the Acquisition of Certain Renewable Resources in Accordance with the MBM Order and the 1983 and 1994 General Orders. Issue: Seeking approval to acquire a wind generation facility located in Oklahoma.

Commonwealth of Virginia State Corporation Commission Case No. PUR-2019-00201: Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company for approval of its 2019 DSM Update pursuant to § 56-585.1 A 5 of the Code of Virginia.

<u>Issue</u>: Seek approval to implement eleven new demand-side management programs, to extend existing programs - some with updated parameters and cost/benefit results, and to continue three rate adjustment clauses.

#### 2019

Oklahoma Corporation Commission Cause No. PUD 201900048: Application of Public Service Company of Oklahoma for Approval of the Cost Recovery of the Selected Wind Facilities; A Determination there is a Need for the SWFs; Approval for Future Inclusion in Base Rates Cost Recovery of Prudent Costs Incurred by PSO for the SWFs; Approval of a Temporary Cost Recovery Rider; Approval of Certain Accounting Procedures Regarding Federal Production Tax Credits; and Such Other Relief the Commission Deems PSO in Entitled.

<u>Issue</u>: Seeking approval to acquire a wind generation facility located in Oklahoma and Wind Facility Asset Rider.

Commonwealth of Virginia State Corporation Commission Case No. PUR-2019-00094: Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company for Approval of a 100 Percent Renewable Energy Tariff, Designated Rider TRG, Pursuant to §§ 56-577 A 5 and 56-234 of the Code of Virginia.

<u>Issue</u>: Seek approval of a 100 percent renewable energy tariff.

Public Service Commission of South Carolina Docket No. 2019-239-E: In re: Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated's Request for Approval of an Expanded Portfolio of Demand Side Management Programs, and a Modified Demand Side Management Rate Rider.

<u>Issue</u>: Seeking approval of an expanded Demand Side Management Plan and modified Demand Side Management Rate Rider.

Arkansas Public Service Commission Docket No. 19-035-U: In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern Electric Power Company for Approval to Acquire Wind Generating Facilities Pursuant to the Arkansas Clean Energy Development Act.

<u>Issue</u>: Seeking approval to acquire a wind generation facility located in Oklahoma and Wind Facility Asset Rider.

Commonwealth of Virginia State Corporation Commission Case No. PUR-2019-00154: Petition of Virginia Electric and Power Company for approval of a plan for electric distribution grid transformation projects pursuant to § 56-585.1 A 6 of the Code of Virginia, and for approval of an addition to the terms and condition applicable to electric service.

<u>Issue</u>: Seeking approval of certain expenditures relating to grid improvement and grid hardening.

### **COMMISSION DOCKETS (Appearing as Attorney of Record)** 2019

Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 49421: Application of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC for Authority to Change Rates.

Issue: General rate case

Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 49494: Application of AEP Texas Inc. for Authority to Change Rates.

Issue: General rate case

Public Utility Commission of Colorado Docket No. 19AL-0268E: In the Matter of Advice Letter No. 1797 Filed by Public Service Company of Colorado to Reset the Currently Effective General Rate Schedule Adjustment ("GRSA") as Applied to Base Rates for all Electric Rate Schedules as well as Implement a Base Rate kWh Charge, General Rate Schedule Adjustment-Energy ("GRSA-E") to Become Effective June 20, 2019.

Issue: General rate case, Phase I

#### 2018

Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 48371: Entergy Texas, Inc.'s Statement of Intent and Application for Authority to Change Rates.

<u>Issue</u>: General rate case

Public Utility Commission of Colorado Docket No. 18M-0074EG: In the Matter of the Commission's Consideration of the Impact of the Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 on the Rates of Colorado Investor-Owned Electric and Natural Gas Utilities.

<u>Issue</u>: Commenced by the Commission to consider the impacts of the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017 on the revenue requirements and rates of all Colorado investor-owned electric and natural gas utilities.

#### 2017

Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 47461: Application of Southwestern Electric Power Company for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Authorization and Related Relief for the Wind Catcher Energy Connection Project in Oklahoma.

Issue: Purchase of a wind generation facility and generation tie line.

Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 47527: Application of Southwestern Public Service Company for Authority to Change Rates.

Issue: General rate case

Public Utility Commission of Colorado Docket No. 17A-0462EG: In the Matter of the Application of Public Service Company of Colorado for Approval of a Number of Strategic Issues Relating to its Electric and Gas Demand-Side Management Plan.

<u>Issue</u>: Seek Commission re-examination and approval of the overall objectives and structure of Public Service's DSM initiatives to guide the Company in designing future DSM plans.

Public Utility Commission of Colorado Docket No. 17AL-0649E: In the Matter of Advice Letter No. 1748-Electric Filed by Public Service Company of Colorado to Revise its PUC No. 8-Electric Tariff to Implement a General Rate Schedule Adjustment and Other Rate Changes Effective on Thirty Days' Notice.

Issue: General rate case, Phase I

Arkansas Public Service Commission Docket No. 17-038-U: In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern Electric Power Company for Approval to Acquire a Wind Generating Facility and to Construct a Dedicated Generation Tie Line.

Issue: Purchase of a wind generation facility and generation tie line.

Louisiana Public Service Commission Docket No. U-34619: Application for Expedited Certification and Approval of the Acquisition of Certain Renewable Resources and the Construction of a Generation Tie Pursuant to the 1983 and/or 1994 General Orders.

<u>Issue</u>: Purchase of a wind generation facility and generation tie line.

#### 2016

Public Utility Commission of Colorado Docket No. 16AL-0048E: In the Matter of Advice Letter No. 1712-Electric Filed by Public Service Company of Colorado to Replace Colorado PUC No. 7-Electric Tariff with Colorado PUC No. 8-Electric Tariff.

Issue: General rate case, Phase II

Public Utility Commission of Colorado Docket No. 16A-0055E: In the Matter of the Application of Public Service Company of Colorado for Approval of its Solar\*Connect Program.

<u>Issue</u>: Implement a voluntary solar program offering participating customers the ability to offset their current supply of energy from the Public Service system with solar energy produced at a dedicated facility or facilities.

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission Docket No. 16-00276-UT: In the Matter of the Application of Public Service Company of New Mexico for Revision of its Retail Electric Rates Pursuant to Advice Notice No. 533.

<u>Issue</u>: General rate case

#### **INDUSTRY TRAINING**

- 2020 Practical Regulatory Training for the Electric Industry, Center for Public Utilities, New Mexico State University College of Business
- o 2020 IPU Accounting and Ratemaking Course, Michigan State University
- o 2016 and 2022 Western NARUC Utility Rate School
- o EUCI Courses on the utility industry, cost allocation, and rate design.

## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

#### In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF	)	
<b>KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY FOR (1) A</b>	)	
GENERAL ADJUSTMENT OF ITS RATES	)	CASE NO. 2023-00159
FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE; (2) APPROVAL	)	
OF TARIFFS AND RIDERS; (3) APPROVAL	)	
OF ACCOUNTING PRACTICES TO	)	
ESTABLISH REGULATORY ASSETS AND	)	
LIABILITIES; (4) A SECURITIZATION	)	
FINANCING ORDER; AND (5) ALL OTHER	)	
REQUIRED APPROVALS AND RELIEF	)	

**EXHIBIT LVP-2 OF** 

LISA V. PERRY

ON BEHALF OF

WALMART INC.

Class Relative Rates of Return						
	Present		Prop	Proposed		
	Rate of Return	Relative Rate of	Rate of Return	Relative Rate of		
<b>Customer Class</b>	%	Return	%	Return		
Residential (RS)	0.75	0.25	4.66	0.67		
General Service (GS)	6.44	2.13	10.35	1.49		
Large General Service (LGS)	12.19	4.04	16.10	2.32		
Industrial General Service (IGS)	3.42	1.13	7.33	1.06		
Municipal Waterworks (MW)	15.14	5.01	19.05	2.75		
Outdoor Lighting (OL)	9.09	3.01	13.00	1.88		
Street Lighting (SL)	14.10	4.67	18.01	2.60		
Total Jurisdiction	3.02	1.00	6.93	1.00		