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I. INTRODUCTION

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, POSITION, AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 A. My name is Cynthia G. Wiseman, and I am President and Chief Operating Officer of
3 Kentucky Power Company (“Kentucky Power” or the “Company”). My business
4 address is 1645 Winchester Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky 41101.

II. BACKGROUND

5 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL**
6 **BACKGROUND.**

7 A. I received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism with an emphasis in Public Relations
8 from Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia in 1989. I have also completed
9 the International Economic Development Council’s Economic Development Institute
10 at the University of Oklahoma. Prior to joining American Electric Power Company,
11 Inc. (“AEP”), I spent the majority of my career in public relations and customer
12 outreach. I worked for a large public library system in Charleston, West Virginia for
13 15 years. I joined Kentucky Power affiliate Appalachian Power Company
14 (“Appalachian Power”) in 2008 as a Communications Consultant where I was
15 responsible for overseeing customer communications within Appalachian Power’s
16 three-state territory. In 2013, I was promoted to External Affairs Manager/Lobbyist
17 where my duties included building and maintaining relationships while serving as

1 company liaison for local, state, federal government and community officials. I joined
2 Kentucky Power as Managing Director, External Affairs and Customer Services in
3 April 2018 and then my title was changed to Vice President, External Affairs and
4 Customer Service in 2019. In January 2023, I was named Interim President of Kentucky
5 Power. I was promoted to my current position in April 2023.

6 **Q. WHAT ARE YOUR PRINCIPAL AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY WITH**
7 **KENTUCKY POWER?**

8 A. I am responsible for the safe, reliable, and efficient day-to-day operations of Kentucky
9 Power and am accountable for the Company's financial performance and the quality of
10 the services provided to our customers. Specifically, I am accountable for the
11 Company's distribution, customer service, transmission, and generation functions to
12 provide safe, adequate, and reliable service to Kentucky Power's customers.
13 Additionally, my responsibilities include Kentucky Power's community involvement
14 and economic development activities, as well as ensuring the Company's compliance
15 with federal and state laws and regulations.

16 **Q. ARE YOU ALSO INVOLVED IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE**
17 **COMPANY'S SERVICE TERRITORY?**

18 A. Yes. In addition to my responsibilities with the Company, I am an active member of
19 the eastern Kentucky business and economic development community and am past-
20 Chair of the board of directors for the Ashland Alliance, vice-chair for One East
21 Kentucky, and board member for Leadership Kentucky and Paramount Arts Center.
22 The Ashland Alliance is a chamber of commerce whose mission is to advance the
23 economic development and business prosperity of Boyd and Greenup counties. One

1 East Kentucky is a regional non-profit organization dedicated to economic
2 development and job creation within eastern Kentucky. Leadership Kentucky is a non-
3 profit educational organization dedicated to identifying and preparing individuals with
4 a broad array of leadership abilities to take an active role in advancing the
5 Commonwealth for the common good. The Paramount Arts Center is a historic theater
6 located in Ashland.

7 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY FILED TESTIMONY IN ANY REGULATORY**
8 **PROCEEDINGS?**

9 A. Yes. I have filed testimony on behalf of Kentucky Power in the Company's last base
10 rate case, Case No. 2020-00174.

III. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

11 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

12 A. The purpose of my direct testimony is to provide a general overview of Kentucky
13 Power and of the Company's request for a general adjustment of its electric rates.
14 Specifically, I will:

- 15 • Provide an overview of Kentucky Power and its operations;
- 16 • Discuss Kentucky Power's commitment to its customers and several of the
17 ways the Company is furthering that commitment;
- 18 • Describe the current challenges the Company is facing and the need for this
19 case;
- 20 • Summarize Kentucky Power's major proposals and requests in this proceeding,
21 including several measures proposed to reduce and offset customer rate
22 impacts; and
- 23 • Identify and introduce the Company's witnesses.

1 **Q. WHAT EXHIBITS ARE YOU SPONSORING IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

2 A. I am sponsoring the following exhibit:

- 3
 - Exhibit CGW-1 – Map of Kentucky Power’s Service Territory

IV. OVERVIEW OF KENTUCKY POWER’S OPERATIONS

4 **Q. PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE COMPANY AND ITS**
5 **OPERATIONS.**

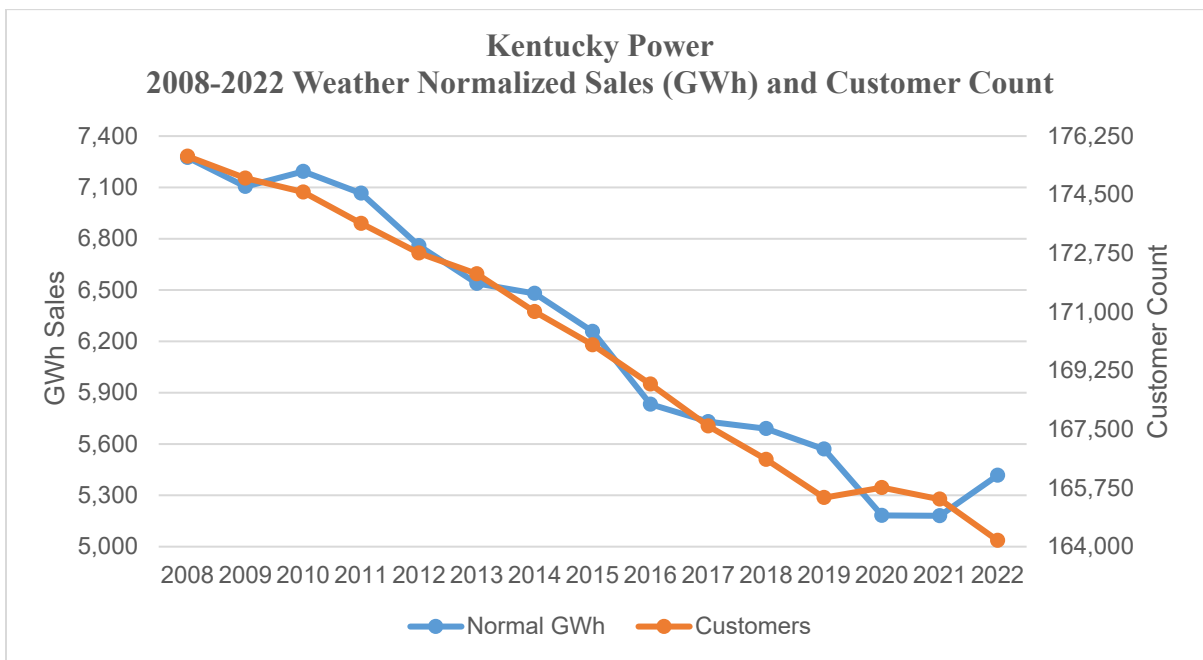
6 A. Kentucky Power is a wholly-owned subsidiary of AEP and is engaged in the
7 generation, purchase, transmission, and distribution of electric power to retail
8 customers in 20 eastern Kentucky counties. Kentucky Power also sells electric power
9 at wholesale rates to the City of Olive Hill and the City of Vanceburg. The Company
10 is headquartered in Ashland, Kentucky and maintains distribution operations centers in
11 Hazard, Pikeville, and Ashland. The Company’s distribution operations centers serve
12 as a base of operations for staff in each of the Company’s three districts. Exhibit CGW-
13 1 is a map detailing the Company’s service territory. Kentucky Power’s service
14 territory includes some of the most geographically challenging and economically
15 challenged territory in the Commonwealth. Company Witnesses Phillips and Clark,
16 respectively, detail these challenges.

17 **Q. HAVE EASTERN KENTUCKY’S ECONOMIC CHALLENGES IMPACTED**
18 **KENTUCKY POWER’S CUSTOMER COUNT AND LOAD?**

19 A. Yes, significantly. Between March 2020 and March 2023 alone, the Company’s total
20 customer count declined by over 2,700 customers (roughly 1%), to 163,400 retail
21 customers, and its weather normalized sales fell 127.7 gigawatt-hours (GWh) (2.3%).

1 Since 2019, a significant portion of the decline in sales was due to the closure of three
 2 large business customers, AK Steel, AirGas, and Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital. The
 3 loss of those customers also represents a loss of jobs in the area, which may have
 4 precipitated other customers relocating outside of the Company’s service territory to
 5 find job opportunities. These declines unfortunately follow a now long-term trend in
 6 the area and include a dramatic loss of coal mining jobs that began in the early 2000s.¹

Figure CGW-1



7 As Figure CGW-1 reflects, over the period between 2008 and 2022, the Company’s
 8 customer count fell by 11,482 customers, or 6.5%, and its weather-normalized retail
 9 sales fell by approximately 1,857 GWh, or 25.5%.

¹ See, for example, Appalachian Regional Commission, “Coal Production and Employment in Appalachia” (Sept. 2022), available at <https://www.arc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2022-09-Coal-Production-and-Employment-in-Appalachia.pdf>.

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE KENTUCKY POWER'S WORKFORCE.**

2 A. Kentucky Power directly employs approximately 282 people. The Company pays
3 competitive wages and benefits, enabling it to attract and retain the skilled workers
4 required to provide safe, adequate, and efficient service to our customers. To support
5 the eastern Kentucky economy and offset, to some extent, the loss of jobs caused by
6 other business closures, the Company continuously looks for opportunities to add staff
7 in our service territory when the cost is justified by the service and customer benefits
8 provided.

9 Kentucky Power's employment impact also extends beyond its direct
10 employees. Overall, the Company also utilizes hundreds of full-time equivalent
11 contractors daily, who perform vegetation management and construction work in
12 eastern Kentucky. The use of independent contractors allows Kentucky Power to cost-
13 effectively complete work when needed to provide safe and reliable service to its
14 customers.

V. KENTUCKY POWER'S COMMITMENT TO CUSTOMERS

15 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE KENTUCKY POWER'S CUSTOMER PHILOSOPHY.**

16 A. Our commitment to our customers is the guiding principle of everything that we do,
17 not only in the preparation of this rate case, but in all our activities, from our reliability
18 improvement and vegetation management programs; to storm restoration; from
19 community and economic development activities; to customer experience and
20 assistance initiatives and programs.

1 **Q. DO KENTUCKY POWER AND ITS EMPLOYEES ALSO SUPPORT THE**
2 **COMMUNITIES AND INSTITUTIONS IN THE COMPANY'S SERVICE**
3 **TERRITORY?**

4 A. Absolutely. The Company and its employees are active and productive members of
5 the communities we serve. During 2022, the Company contributed to charitable,
6 educational, and civic organizations serving Kentucky Power's service territory.
7 Kentucky Power employees participate in numerous community causes, including
8 those that promote economic development, civic pride, and customer safety.

9 The focus of Kentucky Power's and the American Electric Power Foundation's
10 charitable contributions in Kentucky Power's service area has been in the areas of
11 housing and hunger. We recognize that we truly can do more together, and we are
12 actively seeking partners with like goals. Each year, Kentucky Power partners with
13 Facing Hunger and God's Pantry Food banks to raise money and collect food through
14 an event called Power Up the Pantry. Likewise, Kentucky Power has partnered with
15 organizations like Christian Appalachian Project and the Housing Development
16 Alliance to improve housing in eastern Kentucky. Of the American Electric Power
17 Foundation grants, one of the more notable recent ones was a \$100,000 contribution in
18 2021 to the Housing Development Alliance for a redevelopment project in Hazard to
19 build a new all-electric neighborhood that provided 15 new homes where a dilapidated
20 strip mall stood previously. Company Witness Cobern offers additional details about
21 that project. In the last few years, the AEP Foundation has also contributed nearly
22 \$200,000 to the Christian Appalachian Project, allowing weatherization and repair of
23 homes.

1 Another example of a Foundation contribution occurred after the devastating
2 flooding in eastern Kentucky. Recognizing that need caused by the flooding, the
3 American Electric Power Foundation contributed \$100,000, split equally among Save
4 the Children, Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky, the American Red Cross, and the
5 Team Kentucky fund.

6 Kentucky Power, AEP, and the AEP Foundation will continue to support
7 programs that help communities ensure that residents have safe places to call home and
8 access to nutritious food.

9 **Q. WHAT IS THE AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER FOUNDATION?**

10 A. The American Electric Power Foundation supports the communities served by AEP
11 operating companies like Kentucky Power and provides a permanent, ongoing resource
12 for charitable initiatives involving higher dollar values and multi-year commitments in
13 the communities Kentucky Power serves.

14 Kentucky Power's, AEP's, and the Foundation's charitable contributions are
15 funded by the Company's shareholders; none are recovered through customer rates.
16 Company Witness Cobern also discusses the Company's community outreach,
17 customer communication, and philanthropic efforts.

18 **Q. PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC
19 DEVELOPMENT TO THE COMPANY AND ITS CUSTOMERS.**

20 A. Economic development and business retention are important priorities to both
21 Kentucky Power and its customers. As noted above and discussed further in Company
22 Witness Clark's testimony, the entire eastern Kentucky region, including the
23 Company's service territory, is struggling economically. There is a critical need for

1 the Company to assist with efforts to maintain existing customers and further develop
2 the region's economy.

3 First and foremost, economic development is essential to ensure that the citizens
4 in the communities Kentucky Power serves are meaningfully employed, have
5 opportunities to create and expand businesses and industries in eastern Kentucky, and
6 enjoy the benefits associated with an increased tax base in their communities.
7 Moreover, the addition or expansion of business and industry results in increased load,
8 which benefits all customers by spreading Kentucky Power's fixed costs of providing
9 electric service and lowering customer rates.

10 Kentucky Power has had some recent successes working with specific
11 commercial and industrial customers, such as Big Sandy Community and Technical
12 College, to develop economic incentives to assist those customers and retain significant
13 businesses and sources of employment in eastern Kentucky. In addition to these
14 successes, as Company Witness Clark details, Kentucky Power has supported
15 successful economic development projects through its Kentucky Power Economic
16 Growth Grants ("K-PEGG") Program and other initiatives that have resulted in the
17 location of new customers and creation of jobs in the Company's service territory. It
18 is important to build upon this momentum and continue to support economic
19 development efforts for the benefit of Kentucky Power's customers and the region as a
20 whole. To that end, as Company Witness Clark explains, the Company seeks approval
21 in this case to continue its K-PEGG Program through Tariff K.E.D.S. at current funding
22 levels.

**VI. CURRENT CHALLENGES FACING THE COMPANY,
AND THE NEED FOR THIS CASE**

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE CHALLENGES THAT KENTUCKY POWER**
2 **FACES IN MEETING ITS CUSTOMERS' NEEDS.**

3 A. A major challenge that Kentucky Power faces is how to meet the needs of, and provide
4 solutions for, customers while continuing to provide affordable and reliable electric
5 service at a time when the costs of providing reliable electric service are rising and the
6 number of customers over which the Company's fixed costs of service are spread are
7 decreasing. Securitization provides the Company with a meaningful mechanism to
8 address these challenges.

9 Moreover, customer needs and expectations are also changing and increasing.
10 Today's modern digital age means residential customers are using more electronic
11 devices and appliances than ever before, and industrial customers are relying more
12 heavily on electronic controls and computers to manage their production facilities and
13 processes. The many electronic devices and equipment used by our customers today
14 are less tolerant of even minor service interruptions. This requires increasing diligence
15 with respect to service reliability.

16 As discussed in more detail by Company Witness Phillips, the Company faces
17 continued reliability challenges in the form of service interruptions due to vegetation
18 outside the rights-of-way. These interruptions have increased over the last several
19 years because of heavy rainfalls, plant disease, and insect infestation, including by the
20 destructive emerald ash borer. Company Witnesses Phillips and Blankenship also
21 detail that the Company has experienced an increase in the number and severity of

1 storms, which have resulted in an increase to Customer Minutes of Interruption.
2 Although the Company has reasonably invested in maintaining and improving its
3 facilities to ensure reliable service and high-quality power, these changing needs and
4 expectations require continual additional investment to serve our customers.

5 We know our customers want affordable service and our communities look to
6 Kentucky Power to offer reasonable rates to attract and retain businesses. Kentucky
7 Power is committed to effectively managing its business to meet customers' needs.
8 Further, to meet customer needs and expectations, Kentucky Power requires support
9 from its customers and regulators to help ensure its ability to provide reasonably priced,
10 reliable electric distribution services. The ability to recover costs of capital investments
11 and significant expenses in a timely manner remains critically important to the financial
12 health of the Company and its ability to meet these service obligations.

13 **Q. WHAT FACTORS WERE CONSIDERED WHEN DETERMINING THE**
14 **TIMING OF FILING THIS CASE?**

15 A. The Company has refrained from filing a base rate adjustment application for three
16 years. However, the Company could not have delayed filing this case any longer for
17 two reasons. First, pursuant to the Commission's Order in the Company's last base
18 rate proceeding (Case No. 2020-00174), the Company is required to file a general base
19 rate adjustment application for rates effective January 1, 2024.² Second, as I described

² Order at 32, *In The Matter Of: 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*, Case No. 2020-00174 (Ky. P.S.C. January 13, 2021).

1 above, Kentucky Power’s service territory continues to undergo historic changes in
2 terms of economic decline and customer and load loss. These significant declines result
3 in equally significant lost revenues for the Company. It is critical to Kentucky Power’s
4 financial integrity to act now to address those changes.

5 **Q. WHAT IS THE COMPANY’S CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED RETURN ON**
6 **EQUITY?**

7 A. Kentucky Power’s Commission-authorized return on equity (“ROE”) is 9.3%, as
8 approved by the January 13, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00174.³

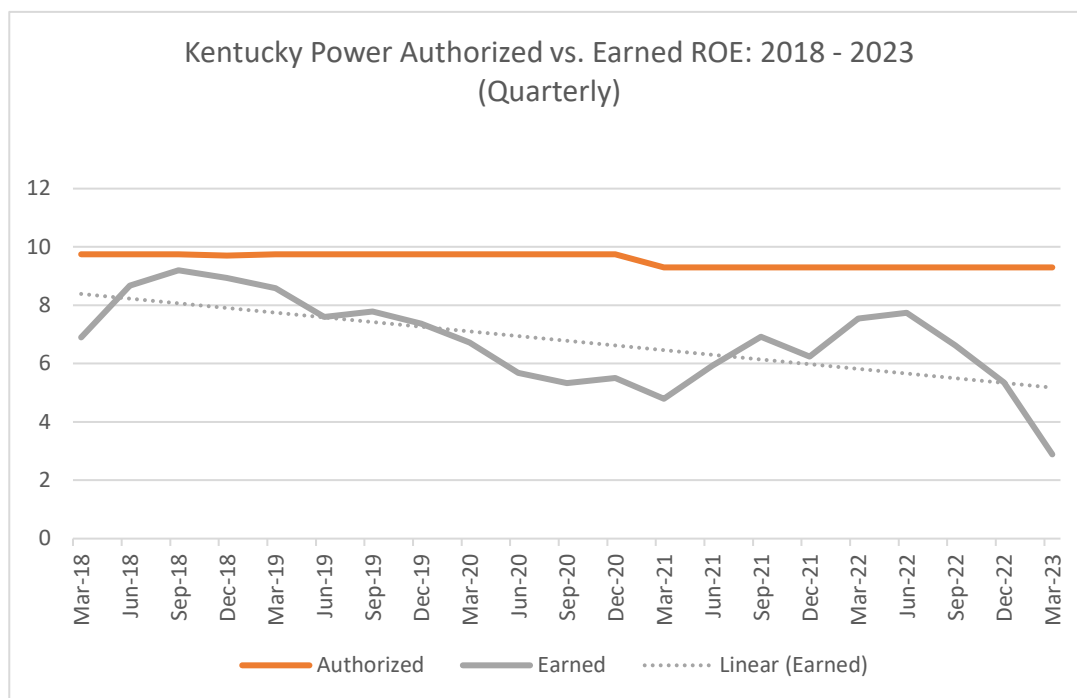
9 **Q. HAS KENTUCKY POWER EARNED ITS AUTHORIZED ROE SINCE ITS**
10 **LAST RATE CASE?**

11 A. No, it has not. Nor was the Company able to earn previously authorized ROEs, as
12 discussed by Company Witness Mattison in Case No. 2020-00174.⁴ Figure CGW-2
13 below compares Kentucky Power’s quarterly earned ROE to its authorized ROE from
14 Q1 2018 through Q1 2023. As shown, the Company has been unable for more than five
15 years to earn its authorized ROE, and the most recent annual trend demonstrates an
16 alarming reality that must be addressed for the Company to continue providing
17 adequate and reliable service to customers.

³ *Id.*

⁴ Direct Testimony of D. Brett Mattison at 14-15, *In The Matter Of: 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*, Case No. 2020-00174 (June 29, 2020).

Figure CGW-2



1 **Q. WHAT IS KENTUCKY POWER’S TEST YEAR-END EARNED ROE?**

2 A. The Company’s earned ROE for the 12-months ending March 31, 2023 was 2.9%. This
 3 is far below the range of ROEs found to be reasonable by the Commission in Case No.
 4 2020-00174, or otherwise.

5 **Q. WHAT ARE THE PRIMARY FACTORS THAT HAVE DRIVEN THE**
 6 **SIGNIFICANT DECLINE IN KENTUCKY POWER’S EARNED ROE**
 7 **BETWEEN MARCH 31, 2020 AND MARCH 31, 2023?**

8 A. The main items driving the Company’s low test-year ending earned ROE include
 9 increases in rate base since the Company’s last base rate case, increases in depreciation
 10 expense from capital investment, increases in interest expense, purchased power
 11 expenses not recoverable through Tariff F.A.C., and other cost changes. Kentucky

1 Power's income would have needed to be \$59 million higher in the test year for the
2 Company to earn its current authorized ROE.

3 **Q. ARE THERE OTHER FACTORS THAT HAVE AFFECTED THE**
4 **COMPANY'S ROE?**

5 A. Yes. Mild winter temperatures in early 2023 also contributed to lower-than-normal
6 operating revenues. As the Commission is aware, Kentucky Power is a winter-peaking
7 utility and typically realizes higher revenues during the cold winter months. More mild
8 temperatures throughout 2023 could continue to put pressure on the Company's
9 earnings.

10 In addition, the Company's current credit rating at Moody's is Baa3 (the lowest
11 investment-grade rating). The Company also recently had its credit rating downgraded
12 by Standard & Poor's ("S&P") from BBB+ to BBB, (the second lowest investment-
13 grade rating). Credit ratings also can impact the Company's earned ROE. Company
14 Witness Fetter discusses the Company's credit rating, including the recent downgrade
15 by S&P, and the potential impacts on the Company's earned ROE in his testimony.

16 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY ALLOWING KENTUCKY POWER THE**
17 **OPPORTUNITY TO EARN A REASONABLE RETURN AND THE**
18 **COMPANY'S FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE ARE IMPORTANT.**

19 A. Kentucky Power is an important part of the fabric of eastern Kentucky as an employer,
20 corporate citizen, service provider, and investor. As Company Witness Fetter discusses
21 in more detail, it is important that public utilities are provided an opportunity to earn a
22 reasonable financial return on investment to ensure that they can attract low-cost capital
23 to invest for customers' benefit. For example, capital is required for the Company to

1 make the needed distribution and transmission investments described by Company
2 Witnesses Phillips and Ali. Continued sustained poor financial performance will
3 adversely affect the capital available to the Company and that capital's cost, as well as
4 Kentucky Power's ability to continue to provide reliable service to customers while
5 remaining an important part of eastern Kentucky. Company Witness McKenzie
6 discusses the basis for his recommended ROE range and the importance of Kentucky
7 Power being permitted the opportunity to earn it.

8 In addition, as a general proposition, public utilities are typically viewed as safe
9 investment opportunities and their securities are sought by teacher retirement systems,
10 unions, and other mainstream risk-adverse investors. These are the investors that
11 provide the capital to support Kentucky Power's operations and look to the
12 Commission to provide the opportunity to earn, and the Company to achieve, a fair
13 return.

14 As a public utility, the Company abides by the rules and regulations of the
15 Commonwealth and the Commission. Under the regulatory compact, Kentucky Power
16 provides safe and reliable service in return for a fair opportunity to earn a reasonable
17 return on its investment. Considering the decline in Kentucky Power's load and
18 customer base, along with the other economic conditions described above, Kentucky
19 Power's existing rates do not provide it an opportunity to earn a reasonable return.

VII. OVERVIEW OF THE COMPANY'S REQUEST TO ADJUST ITS RATES

1 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE KENTUCKY POWER'S MAJOR PROPOSALS IN**
2 **THIS CASE.**

3 A. To ensure that customers continue to receive adequate, reliable, and reasonably priced
4 service, enhance customer care, and empower customers with service options,
5 Kentucky Power is making several key proposals in this proceeding.

6 First and foremost, for the purpose of providing relief to customers, the
7 Company is requesting a financing order pursuant to recently enacted Senate Bill 192
8 to securitize multiple existing regulatory assets including the Decommissioning Rider
9 Regulatory Asset, deferred major storm costs, Rockport UPA Regulatory Asset, and
10 certain Tariff Purchase Power Adjustment costs. The total amount sought to be
11 securitized as of June 30, 2023 is approximately \$446.7 million. Kentucky Power
12 recognizes that the new securitization statute provides it and the Commission with a
13 significant opportunity to reduce customers' monthly bills with respect to the costs
14 securitized. As Company Witness Messner explains, the Company estimates that the
15 proposed securitization is expected to provide a quantifiable net present value ("NPV")
16 to customers of an estimated approximately \$74 million. The Company has moved
17 quickly to bring that benefit to customers by filing its application for a financing order
18 on the first day the statute is effective.

19 Additionally, as detailed by Company Witnesses Phillips and West, Kentucky
20 Power is proposing to establish a Distribution Reliability Rider, which will provide
21 additional capital funding to expand the Company's existing trees outside the rights-
22 of-way expansion work and additional incremental distribution investments targeted at

1 improving reliability. As explained by Company Witness Phillips, the increased capital
2 investment is needed to address the Company's leading cause of distribution outages,
3 which are outages caused by trees outside the Company's rights-of-way and equipment
4 failure. Company Witness West details that the Company plans to make the necessary
5 investment in 2024 and will seek to begin recovery of the actual amount spent as part
6 of a new annual filing beginning in February 2025.

7 To provide customers with more fuel cost certainty and stability, the Company
8 proposes a financial hedging plan to mitigate the volatility of its PJM market energy
9 purchases. The Company also proposes a new distributed solar garden program, which
10 will provide significant benefits to customers, generate jobs and property taxes, and
11 provide an approximately \$66 annual energy credit to low-income customers.
12 Company Witness Vaughan details both proposals.

13 To provide customers with additional time to pay their bills and better align
14 with peer utilities in Kentucky and AEP, Kentucky Power is proposing to extend the
15 deadline for customer bill payment from 15 to 21 days, as detailed by Company
16 Witness Cobern. Ms. Cobern also describes Kentucky Power's proposal to increase its
17 residential energy assistance surcharge and Company match from \$0.30 per month to
18 \$0.40 per month to support approximately 1,000 additional customers through its
19 existing energy assistance program offerings. Finally, as discussed by Company
20 Witness Spaeth, the Company also is proposing a voluntary seasonal residential service
21 tariff option, which will enable residential customers to reduce impacts associated with
22 higher usage in the winter as a result of electric heating and provide greater electric
23 heating cost predictability and stability.

1 **Q. WHAT RATE ADJUSTMENT IS KENTUCKY POWER PROPOSING IN THIS**
2 **PROCEEDING?**

3 A. The rates proposed in the Company's application are designed to produce an increase
4 in annual revenues of \$93,935,727. This increase is based on the historical test year
5 ending March 31, 2023, with known and measurable adjustments to test year revenues
6 and operating expenses, which equates to a total overall increase of 13.54%. This
7 increase represents an 18.3% increase on the average residential⁵ customer's bill.

8 Importantly, however, and in recognition of the circumstances in the
9 Company's service territory and which the Company's customers are facing, the
10 Company is proposing the following measures to reduce and offset customer rate
11 impacts:

12 1. **Securitization**. Over the last year, the Company took action to advocate
13 for the passage of securitization legislation in Kentucky. SB 192, which was signed
14 into law on March 23, 2023, allows the Company to finance certain assets through
15 securitized bonds. At a high level, the Company's proposal to securitize certain
16 deferred costs allows the Company to spread those costs over a longer period of time
17 to reduce immediate bill impacts that would have been otherwise incurred without
18 securitization, as I discussed previously. Additionally, securitizing the assets will
19 provide the Company with immediate one-time cash flow to address some of the
20 financial pressures it is experiencing.

⁵ Average residential customer is defined as a customer using 1,240 kWh per month.

1 **2. Suspending Decommissioning Rider and Rockport Deferral**

2 **Collection.** As a further measure to mitigate January 2024 bill impacts, Kentucky
3 Power conditionally commits to suspending collection of the Decommissioning Rider
4 and the Rockport Deferral (collected through Tariff P.P.A.) upon implementation of
5 base rates approved in this case. This commitment is predicated on the following
6 occurring:

- 7 i. The Commission's approval of the Company's request to securitize the
8 Decommissioning Rider and Rockport Deferral regulatory assets;
- 9 ii. The Commission's authorization that the Company continue to accrue
10 carrying charges at the Company's weighted average cost of capital
11 until securitization bonds are issued; and
- 12 iii. The securitized bonds being issued.

13 If the Commission issues the requested financing order and the Company subsequently
14 is unable to issue securitization bonds, collection of the regulatory assets through their
15 respective rider mechanisms would be reinstated, as further described by Company
16 Witness West.

17 This commitment will have several benefits for customers. First, it will provide
18 lower customer bill impacts than would otherwise be the case beginning in January
19 2024 and continuing through the remaining winter billing months. It also will provide
20 more certainty regarding the amounts of the Decommissioning Rider and Rockport
21 Deferral Regulatory Assets that will be securitized. Finally, the suspension of rider
22 collection until securitization occurs would not be detrimental to the Company's
23 financial condition, as it would be cash flow neutral compared to 2023.

24 **3. Postponing Depreciation Rate Updates.** As part of the preparation for
25 this filing, the Company analyzed updating its depreciation expense as a result of

1 regulatory commission decisions regarding its interest in the Mitchell Generating
2 Station (“Mitchell”). The Company’s preliminary depreciation analysis reflected that
3 updating depreciation rates in this proceeding would have resulted in an approximately
4 \$69 million annual increase in Mitchell depreciation expense for the next five years, to
5 reflect that Kentucky Power’s interest in Mitchell ends after 2028. Additionally, in late
6 March 2023, the United States Environmental Protection Agency proposed
7 supplemental Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Steam Electric
8 Power Generating Point Source Category (the “Proposed Supplemental ELG Rules”).
9 The Company is analyzing the Proposed Supplemental ELG Rules and will evaluate
10 the effect of any final rules on Mitchell. Balancing the need to update depreciation
11 rates against the current economic conditions in the Company’s service territory and
12 the uncertainty concerning these potential additional environmental requirements
13 affecting Mitchell, the Company determined it was appropriate to forgo updating its
14 depreciation rates in this proceeding.

15 **4. Reduction to Storm Project Expense Level.** As discussed by
16 Company Witness West, the Company is proposing to reduce the level of total
17 distribution major and non-major storm project expense in the test year from \$7.3
18 million to approximately \$1.0 million, and maintain the actual test year level of
19 transmission major and non-major storm project expense of \$0.1 million, rather than
20 propose an increase to expense to reflect the three-year average of actual expenses
21 (excluding February 2021 Ice Storm and July 2022 Flood expenses), which would have
22 equaled approximately \$9.4 million.

1 **5. Reduction of Recommended ROE.** Company Witness McKenzie's
2 ROE analysis demonstrates that a 10.6% ROE is warranted for the Company. Although
3 Mr. McKenzie's analysis supports a higher ROE, Kentucky Power is requesting an
4 ROE of 9.9% as a fifth way to reduce and offset the rate increase in this case.

5 Each of these measures represents a one-time proposal that Kentucky Power is
6 making, without prejudice to the Company's positions in future rate cases, in
7 recognition of the unique economic and financial challenges that customers in the
8 Company's service territory are facing.

9 **Q. IS THE COMPANY MAKING ANY OTHER CHANGES TO ITS EXISTING**
10 **COST RECOVERY MECHANISMS?**

11 A. Yes. As discussed further by Company Witness West, the Company is proposing to
12 terminate its PJM LSE OATT cost tracking through Tariff PPA at this time. Until
13 recently, it appeared that the Company would be in a different place to address the
14 Commission's concerns raised in its Order in Case No. 2020-00174 related to
15 transmission cost allocation to Kentucky Power. However, as a result of the recent
16 change in circumstance, the AEP Service Corporation will be retaining a consultant to
17 conduct an analysis of transmission cost allocation and its impacts on Kentucky Power
18 and other AEP East Operating Companies, as detailed by Company Witness
19 Burkholder. Until that process is complete, the Company is not seeking to continue
20 tracking PJM LSE OATT costs through Tariff PPA.

1 **Q. DID KENTUCKY POWER CONSIDER THE EFFECT OF ITS REQUESTED**
2 **RATE INCREASE ON ITS CUSTOMERS?**

3 A. Yes. Kentucky Power balances its operations and requests for rate relief with the
4 circumstances facing customers, the need to continue to prudently invest in its distribution
5 system to maintain and improve service reliability, and the Company's dire financial
6 condition. It is with customers in mind that the Company is proposing the measures I
7 describe above to offset and reduce its requested rate increase and the many customer-
8 focused proposals this case.

9 Kentucky Power's request is reasonable and necessary to position the Company
10 to meet the significant challenges it and its customers face and will allow it to continue to:

- 11 • provide reliable electric service to the communities it serves;
- 12 • maintain and improve reliability;
- 13 • invest in necessary capital improvements to the distribution system; and
- 14 • provide a safe work environment that sends each and every employee home
15 injury-free.

16 Kentucky Power provides a valuable service to its customers and is a leader in the
17 eastern Kentucky economy. The Company, however, is significantly challenged under
18 its existing rates to continue to provide energy that is reliable, efficient, and consistent
19 with customers' service expectations.

20 **Q. ARE THERE OTHER OPTIONS THE COMPANY IS EXPLORING TO**
21 **MITIGATE FUTURE CUSTOMER BILL IMPACTS?**

22 A. The Company continues to explore all possible approaches to provide reliable power,
23 in compliance with all applicable regulations, in the most cost-effective manner. The

1 Company is committed to continually review its operations and find more efficient and
2 improved ways to achieve its core work providing electric service to customers.
3 Ultimately, it is new jobs from economic development within the Company's service
4 territory, and with it the associated increased load across which costs can be spread,
5 that is the best opportunity Kentucky Power and its customers have to address the
6 increasing cost of providing reliable, and efficient electric service. Kentucky Power
7 remains deeply committed to leveraging economic growth opportunities represented
8 by a highly skilled and available workforce in the eastern Kentucky region.

9 **Q. ARE THE RATES REQUESTED BY KENTUCKY POWER FAIR, JUST, AND**
10 **REASONABLE?**

11 A. Yes. Kentucky Power's goal is to provide reliable and cost-effective service to its
12 customers while also producing a reasonable return for its shareholders. The evidence
13 is provided by the Company throughout its application for the Commission to review.
14 Kentucky Power's proposed adjustments yield fair, just, and reasonable rates that will
15 allow it to continue to provide the service that customers and KRS 278.030 require.

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF WITNESSES IN THIS CASE

16 **Q. WHAT WITNESSES WILL BE OFFERING TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF**
17 **KENTUCKY POWER'S APPLICATION, AND WHAT IS THE GENERAL**
18 **SUBJECT MATTER OF THEIR TESTIMONY?**

19 A. Kentucky Power is presenting 24 witnesses supporting the Company's proposals in this
20 case. Table 1 below summarizes and introduces each witness and provides a brief
21 description of their testimony:

Table 1: Kentucky Power's Witnesses

WITNESS	TOPICS
Cynthia G. Wiseman	Company Organizational Structure and Service Territory; The Company's Support of Customers, Eastern Kentucky; Current Challenges and the Need for this Case; Overview of Major Proposals and Measures to Reduce and Offset Customer Rate Impacts; and Identification and Introduction of the Company's Witnesses
Brian K. West	Proposed Revenue Requirement; Proposed Recovery of Winter Storm Elliott Purchase Power Costs; Distribution Reliability Rider Proposal; Prudence of the Company's Distribution Investment; Overview of Request for Securitization Financing Order; Total Estimated Amount to be Securitized; Discontinuing PJM LSE OATT Cost Tracking; and Amortization of Certain Other Deferrals
Steven Fetter	The Regulatory Compact and Need for Constructive Utility Regulation to Support Utility Credit Quality
Stevi Cobern	Kentucky Power's Focus on Customer Care; Proposal to Increase Residential Energy Assistance Surcharge to Increase Benefit Availability; and Proposal to Extend Customer Bill Payment Deadline
Amanda Clark	Kentucky Power's Investment in Economic Development and Kentucky Power Economic Growth Grant Program Continuation
Everett G. Phillips	Overview of Kentucky Power Distribution Programs; Annual Distribution O&M Expenses and Capital Investment; Vegetation Management Plan Funding; Kentucky Power's Smart Grid Investments; and Overview of Investments to be Recovered through the Proposed Distribution Reliability Rider
Stephen D. Blankenship	Prudence of Major Storm Costs Sought to be Securitized
Timothy C. Kerns	Overview of Kentucky Power Generation Assets; Description of Retired Generation Assets Comprising Decommissioning Rider Regulatory Asset; Generation Capital Investments Since Last Case; Test Year Generation O&M Expenses; and Operation of Kentucky Power Generation Assets During Winter Storm Elliott

WITNESS	TOPICS
Alex E. Vaughan	Prudency of Purchased Power Costs Above Peaking Unit Equivalent, Including Winter Storm Elliott Costs; Financial Power Hedging Proposal; and Distributed Solar (Solar Garden) Proposal
Adrien M. McKenzie	Calculation Of A Fair, Just, and Reasonable ROE Range
Franz D. Messner	Kentucky Power's Proposed Capital Structure; Cost of Capital For Ratemaking Purposes; Securitization Customer Benefits NPV Analysis; Proposed Securitized Bond Recovery Period; and Estimated Upfront and Ongoing Securitization Costs
Katrina T. Niehaus	Securitization Background; Proposed Securitization Transaction; Securitization Execution Process; and Key Elements of Financing Order and Transaction Documents
Michael M. Spaeth	Overview of the Relation Between the Company's Base Rates and its Surcharges and Riders; Rate Design; Certain Tariff Changes; Securitization Financing Rider; Estimated Amount of Securitized Surcharge; Semi-Annual Securitization Financing Rider True-Up; and Proposed Future Reconciliation Process
Katharine I. Walsh	Jurisdictional Cost-of-Service Study; and Calculation of Return on ADIT for Securitization Customer Benefits NPV Analysis
Jaclyn N. Cost	Class Cost-of-Service Study; and Allocation Of Requested Increase To Customer Classes
Heather M. Whitney	Certain Revenue And Operating Expense Adjustments; Requests for Deferral Accounting Authority Related to Certain Riders; and Certain Capitalization And Rate Base Adjustments
Linda M. Schlessman	Calculation Of Gross Revenue Conversion Factor; Jurisdictional State and Federal Income Taxes; Cost of Removal; Net Operating Loss Carryforward Normalization; Tax Effects Of Certain Ratemaking Adjustments; and Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax
Lerah M. Kahn	Environmental Surcharge Base Revenue Requirement; Certain Revenue and Operating Expense Adjustments; and Proposed Changes to Certain Tariffs

WITNESS	TOPICS
Scott E. Bishop	Certain Revenue and Operating Expense Adjustments
Andrew R. Carlin	Employee Compensation Strategy
Kamran Ali	Transmission Planning; Kentucky Power Transmission Investment; and Reasonableness of PJM LSE Costs
Joshua D. Burkholder	Overview of Kentucky Power's PJM Membership and Participation in the AEP Transmission Agreement; Kentucky Power's Transmission Expense and Revenues; and Compliance with Transmission Cost-Related Provisions of the Commission's Order in 2020-00174
Katherine Steward	Zero-Intercept Study
Michael Adams	Lead/Lag Study

IX. CONCLUSION

- 1 Q. **DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**
- 2 A. Yes, it does.

VERIFICATION

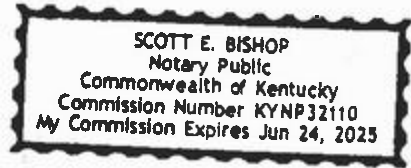
The undersigned, Cynthia G. Wiseman, being duly sworn, deposes and says she is the President and Chief Operating Officer for Kentucky Power, that she has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing testimony and the information contained therein is true and correct to the best of her information, knowledge, and belief after reasonable inquiry.

Cynthia G. Wiseman
Cynthia G. Wiseman

Commonwealth of Kentucky)
)
County of Boyd) Case No. 2023-00159

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said County and State, by Cynthia G. Wiseman, on June 26, 2023.

Scott E. Bishop
Notary Public



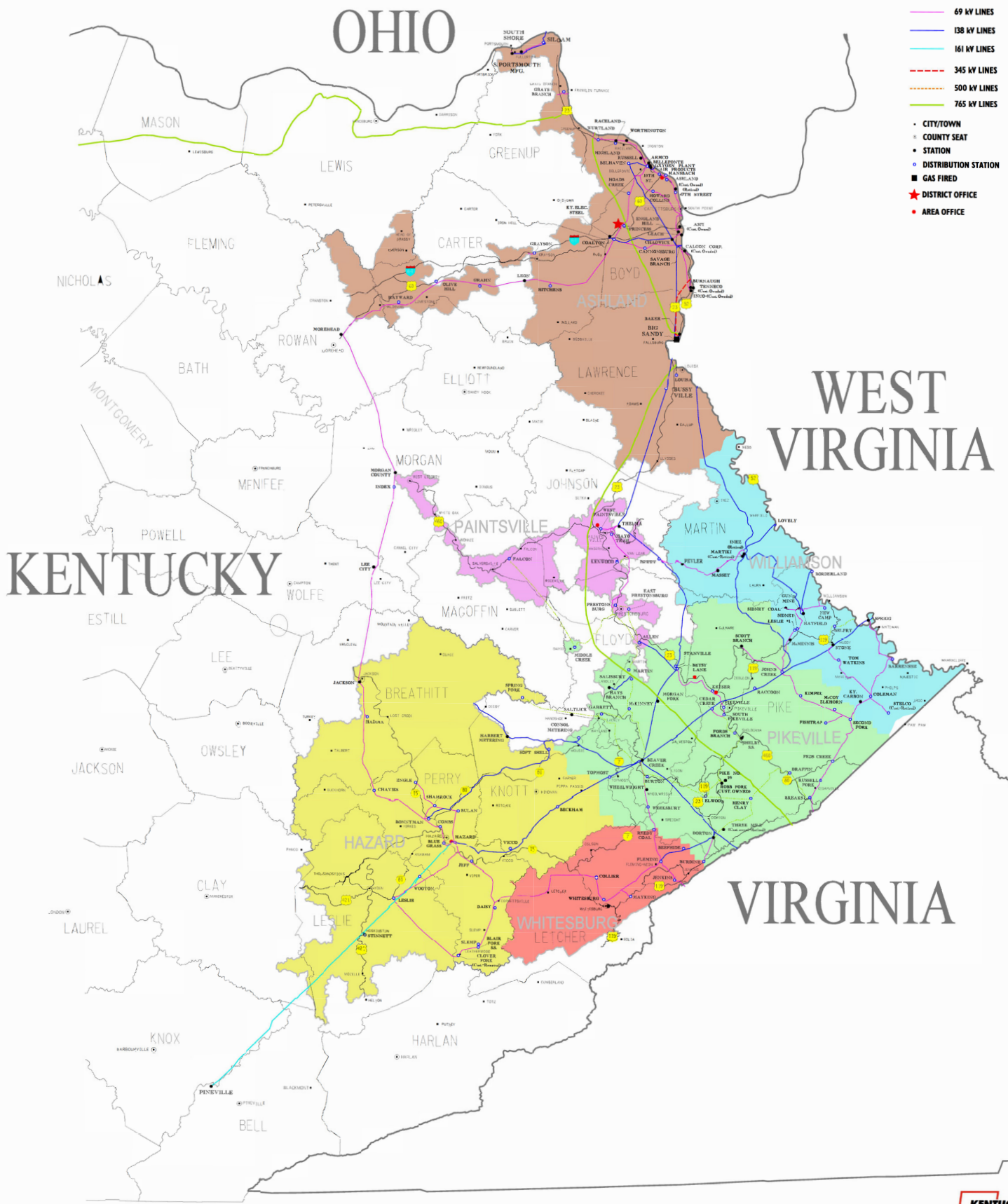
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Kentucky Power Service Area

LEGEND

- 34.5 KV LINES
 - 46 KV LINES
 - 69 KV LINES
 - 138 KV LINES
 - 161 KV LINES
 - 345 KV LINES
 - 500 KV LINES
 - 765 KV LINES
- CITY/TOWN
 - COUNTY SEAT
 - STATION
 - DISTRIBUTION STATION
 - GAS FIRED
 - ★ DISTRICT OFFICE
 - AREA OFFICE



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
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(3) Approval Of Accounting Practices To Establish)
Regulatory Assets And Liabilities; (4) A)
Securitization Financing Order; And (5) All Other)
Required Approvals And Relief)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, POSITION, AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 A. My name is Brian K. West. My position is Vice President, Regulatory & Finance for
3 Kentucky Power Company (“Kentucky Power” or the “Company”). My business address
4 is 1645 Winchester Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky 41101.

II. BACKGROUND

5 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL**
6 **BACKGROUND.**

7 A. I received an Associate’s degree in Applied Science (Electronics Technology) and a
8 Bachelor’s degree in Business Management, both from Ohio University, in 1987 and 1988,
9 respectively. I obtained a Master of Business Administration degree from Ohio Dominican
10 University in 2008.

11 I began my utility industry career when I joined Ohio Power Company as a
12 customer services assistant in Portsmouth, Ohio in 1989. This was a supervisor-in-training
13 position, where I worked in each area of the office (e.g., cashiering, new service, and credit
14 and collections) to gain knowledge and experience with every aspect of managing an area
15 office. After completing the training program, I initially supervised meter readers in the
16 Portsmouth office until being promoted to office supervisor in 1993. In 1997, when the
17 area offices closed, I transferred to Chillicothe, Ohio and accepted the position of customer

1 services field supervisor, with responsibility for managing customer field representatives
2 who primarily worked with customers on high-bill and other inquiries.

3 In 2000, after American Electric Power Company (“AEP”) merged with Central
4 and South West Corporation, I moved to Columbus, Ohio, where I held various positions
5 in Customer Operations, mostly in process improvement and supporting regulatory filings.
6 In 2008, I transferred to AEP’s Regulatory Services department, where I supported various
7 filings before public service commissions in Arkansas, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio,
8 Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia, as well as the Public Service
9 Commission of Kentucky (“Commission”).

10 In 2010, I was promoted to regulatory case manager, with responsibility for energy
11 efficiency/demand response filings, integrated resource plan filings, and various renewable
12 filings across AEP’s service territory. In 2016, I moved to a case manager role with primary
13 responsibility for most Appalachian Power Company filings before the Public Service
14 Commission of West Virginia, the Virginia State Corporation Commission, and the
15 Tennessee Public Utility Commission. I accepted the position of Director of Regulatory
16 Services for Kentucky Power in February 2019. I assumed my current position as Vice
17 President, Regulatory & Finance for Kentucky Power Company in January 2021.

18 **Q. WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS VICE PRESIDENT, REGULATORY**
19 **& FINANCE FOR KENTUCKY POWER?**

20 A. I am primarily responsible for managing the regulatory and financial strategy for Kentucky
21 Power. This includes planning and executing rate filings for both federal and state
22 regulatory agencies, as well as filings for certificates of public convenience and necessity
23 before this Commission. I am also responsible for managing the Company’s financial

1 operating plans. Included as part of this responsibility is the preparation and coordination
2 of various capital and operation and maintenance (“O&M”) budgets to ensure that adequate
3 resources such as debt, equity, and cash are available to build, operate, and maintain
4 Kentucky Power’s electric system assets used to provide service to the Company’s retail
5 and wholesale customers.

6 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED BEFORE THIS COMMISSION?**

7 A. Yes. I have filed testimony in support of Kentucky Power’s various regulatory filings since
8 2019. Most germane to my testimony in this case, I filed testimony in the Company’s last
9 base rate proceeding in Case No. 2020-00174, and the proposed transfer of ownership of
10 Kentucky Power in Case No. 2021-00481.

III. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

11 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

12 A. The purpose of my testimony is to support:

- 13 ○ Case organization and filing requirements;
- 14 ○ Proposed increase in annual revenues;
- 15 ○ Prudent distribution investment;
- 16 ○ Distribution Reliability Rider;
- 17 ○ Storm Expense in Base Rates;
- 18 ○ Request for securitization financing order;
- 19 ○ Discontinuing recovery of PJM LSE OATT costs through Tariff P.P.A.;
- 20 ○ Sale of Accounts Receivables;
- 21 ○ Depreciation Studies; and
- 22 ○ Amortization periods for certain other deferrals.

1 **Q. ARE YOU SPONSORING ANY SCHEDULES?**

2 A. Yes, I am sponsoring the following schedules, which are located in Section V of the
3 Company's Application:

- 4 • Schedule 1: Fully Adjusted Base Case Summary
- 5 • Schedule 2: Revenue Requirement

6 They provide details of the Capitalization and Rate Base amounts, as well as the Revenue
7 Requirement.

8 **Q. WERE THESE SCHEDULES PREPARED BY YOU OR UNDER YOUR**
9 **DIRECTION?**

10 A. Yes.

IV. CASE ORGANIZATION AND FILING REQUIREMENTS

11 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE COMPANY HAS ORGANIZED THE VARIOUS**
12 **ELEMENTS OF THE CASE.**

13 A. The case has been organized into the following components:

- 14 • Section I – Application;
- 15 • Section II – Minimum filing requirements in support of the Company's application
16 in conformity with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 16 and 807 KAR 5:011, and other
17 applicable provisions;
- 18 • Section III – Prepared testimony and exhibits in support of the Company's
19 application in conformity with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 16;
- 20 • Section IV – Financial exhibit in the form prescribed by 807 KAR 5:001, Section
21 12. Balance sheet data is shown as of March 31, 2023, and income statement data
22 is shown for the twelve months ended March 31, 2023; and

- Section V – Description and quantification of all proposed adjustments, with proper support for any proposed changes as prescribed by 807 KAR 5:001 Section 16.

Q. HAS THE COMPANY COMPLIED WITH THE COMMISSION'S REGULATIONS REQUIRING CERTAIN ADDITIONAL DATA TO BE FILED?

A. Yes. The information required to be filed with a general rate case, including those requirements set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 16 and 807 KAR 5:011, are presented in Section II (filing requirements) of the Company's filing, Section III (testimony), and Section V (adjustments).

V. PROPOSED INCREASE IN ANNUAL REVENUES

Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE REVENUE REQUIREMENT INCREASE BEING PROPOSED BY THE COMPANY.

A. The Company is proposing a total annual revenue requirement increase of \$93,935,727. Section V, Schedule 2 shows how Kentucky Power derived the change in revenue requirement increase. The proposed annual revenue requirement increase represents approximately 13.6%, over the Test Year ended March 31, 2023 adjusted revenues of \$694,002,526. The rates proposed by the Company are designed to produce \$787,938,253 in annual revenues. Please refer to Section V, the Summary Tab, for the derivation of the proposed revenue requirement.

It is important to note that the Company is acutely aware of the systemic economic challenges across its service territory and, as explained further by Company Witness Wiseman, has taken significant steps to both manage and offset the Company's requests in this proceeding. For example, and explained in more detail in others' and my testimony, the Company is: proposing to securitize significant costs that would have otherwise been

1 proposed to be recovered through base rates or currently-existing riders as part of this
2 proceeding; conditionally proposing to suspend collection of the Decommissioning Rider
3 and Rockport Deferral Regulatory Asset until securitization occurs; requesting a lower
4 ROE as compared to that recommended by Company Witness McKenzie; proposing a
5 program to offset some of the Company's contribution to the PJM AEP East Zone peak
6 demand; foregoing an adjustment for major storm expense in base rates; and deferring
7 updating depreciation rates. All of these efforts, as demonstrated throughout this filing, are
8 intended to reduce bill impacts to customers in Kentucky Power's service territory. As
9 such, the Company has limited its proposed rate increase to the minimum amounts
10 necessary for the Company to continue to provide adequate and reliable service to its
11 customers.

12 **Q. DOES THE COMPANY'S PROPOSED REVENUE REQUIREMENT INCREASE**
13 **INCLUDE NON-F.A.C. ELIGIBLE PURCHASED POWER EXPENSE RELATED**
14 **TO DECEMBER 2022 WINTER STORM ELLIOTT?**

15 A. No, it does not. As Company Witness Whitney explains, the Company adjusted test year
16 non-F.A.C. eligible purchased power expense to exclude approximately \$11.5 million of
17 expense related to Winter Storm Elliott (the "Winter Storm Elliott PUE Expense"). The
18 Company did so because, as of the date it finalized the revenue requirement for this filing
19 to provide the requisite statutory notice of its requested rate increase in this case, the
20 Company's application for authorization to establish a regulatory asset for the Winter
21 Storm Elliott PUE Expense was pending before the Commission in Case No. 2023-00145.¹

¹ In The Matter Of: Electronic Application Of Kentucky Power Company For An Order Approving Accounting Practices To Establish A Regulatory Asset Related To The Extraordinary Fuel Charges Incurred By Kentucky Power Company In Connection With Winter Storm Elliott In December 2022, Case No. 2023-00145.

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE COMPANY'S REQUEST IN**
2 **CASE NO. 2023-00145.**

3 A. Kentucky Power requested approval to establish the regulatory asset described above so
4 that it could include the Winter Storm Elliott PUE Expense in the balance it seeks in this
5 case to finance, to customers' benefit, through securitized bonds. Kentucky Power did not
6 seek a prudence determination regarding the Winter Storm Elliott PUE Expense in that
7 proceeding. Rather, the Company explained that it would present the deferred costs for
8 Commission review and recovery in its securitization filing.

9 **Q. DID THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR**
10 **DEFERRAL AUTHORITY IN CASE NO. 2023-00145?**

11 A. No. On June 23, 2023, the Commission denied the Company's application for a regulatory
12 asset for the Winter Storm Elliott PUE Expense, which means that the Company cannot
13 recover them through the securitization statute, KRS 278.670, et seq.

14 **Q. WHAT DOES THE COMPANY PROPOSE IN THIS CASE WITH RESPECT TO**
15 **THE WINTER STORM ELLIOTT PUE EXPENSE?**

16 A. The Company acknowledges that the Commission's June 23, 2023 Order in Case No. 2023-
17 00145 questioned the prudence of the Winter Storm Elliott PUE Expense based on the
18 record before the Commission in that case. Through the Direct Testimonies of Company
19 Witnesses Vaughan and Kerns, Kentucky Power provides evidence in this proceeding that
20 those costs were prudently and reasonably incurred. Due to the timing considerations
21 described above, the Winter Storm Elliott PUE Expense was not included in the revenue
22 requirement increase that the Company noticed in this case. Kentucky Power therefore
23 respectfully requests, based upon the evidence supporting the prudence of the Winter

1 Storm Elliott PUE Expense presented in this case, that the Commission find those costs
2 were prudently incurred. The Company further requests that the Commission include the
3 Winter Storm Elliott PUE Expense in the revenue requirement approved in its final order
4 in this case, up to the noticed total revenue requirement. To be clear, the Company is not
5 requesting recovery of revenue above the amount included in its public notice in this case.

6 **Q. WITH RESPECT TO THE WINTER STORM ELLIOTT PUE EXPENSE, ARE**
7 **THERE ANY CONSIDERATIONS FOR KENTUCKY POWER'S NEXT BASE**
8 **RATE CASE THAT THE COMPANY REQUESTS THAT THE COMMISSION**
9 **ADDRESS IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

10 A. Yes. The Company requests that the Commission authorize it to recover in the Company's
11 next base rate case any prudently incurred Winter Storm Elliott PUE Expense not recovered
12 through base rates approved in this proceeding.

13 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED BASE CASE**
14 **ANNUAL REVENUE REQUIREMENT PRESENTED IN SCHEDULE 1 OF**
15 **SECTION V.**

16 A. The development of the revenue requirement increase is shown on Schedule 1 (Fully
17 Adjusted Base Case Summary) of Section V of the Company's filing. Schedule 1
18 summarizes the components of Net Electric Operating Income for the twelve months ended
19 March 31, 2023, as adjusted, under present rates in Column 3, and the effects of the
20 proposed rate increase on those components in Column 4. Also shown are the components
21 of Net Electric Operating Income after giving effect to the proposed rate increase in
22 Column 5. The total amount of rate base and capitalization is also shown, along with the
23 calculated overall rates of return.

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SCHEDULE 1 (RATE**
2 **BASE) OF SECTION V.**

3 A. Schedule 1 shows the Company’s development of the adjusted rate base amount used to
4 develop the base case annual revenue requirement.

VI. PRUDENT DISTRIBUTION INVESTMENT

5 **Q. HAS THE COMPANY’S HISTORICAL INVESTMENT IN ITS DISTRIBUTION**
6 **SYSTEM BEEN QUESTIONED RECENTLY?**

7 A. Yes. Kentucky Power’s investment in its distribution system was highlighted by Liberty
8 Utilities Company (“Liberty”) in the recent case concerning the application to approve the
9 sale of Kentucky Power to Liberty in Case No. 2021-00481² (“Transfer Case”). In the
10 Transfer Case, Liberty averred that Kentucky Power’s ratio of annual capital additions to
11 depreciation expense was below those of other large utilities, and particularly, below the
12 “2.0 multiple that is seen in the industry as a minimal measure of capital replenishment for
13 a power utility.”³ Liberty also “made the working assumption”⁴ that the level of capital
14 investment in the distribution system also affected reliability metrics.

15 After Liberty injected this perceived issue into the Transfer Case, Attorney General
16 and KIUC (“AG-KIUC”) Witness Lane Kollen picked up on the idea by also asserting that
17 Kentucky Power underinvested in its distribution system based on the amount of annual
18 plant investment as a multiple of depreciation expense that was created by Liberty.

² In The Matter Of: 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, Case No. 2021-00481.

³ *Id.*; see Liberty’s response to KIUC 1-76(a)(ii) (January 24, 2022).

⁴ *Id.*

1 **Q. HAS THE COMPANY BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY A TWICE DEPRECIATION**
2 **EXPENSE CAPITAL INVESTMENT INDUSTRY STANDARD?**

3 A. No. The Company has not been able to identify that any such standard exists that either
4 recommends or requires two times the distribution capital investment as compared to
5 depreciation expense. The Company also confirmed this with AEP, which owns and
6 operates seven electric utilities in 11 states.

7 **Q. DID THE COMPANY THEN, AND DOES IT NOW, AGREE THAT THE**
8 **BENCHMARK FOR DISTRIBUTION INVESTMENT ASSERTED BY LIBERTY**
9 **AND AG-KIUC IS AN “INDUSTRY STANDARD”?**

10 A. Again, no. Both Liberty and AG-KIUC relied on an arbitrary metric to incorrectly conclude
11 that Kentucky Power should have invested more in its distribution system. Kentucky Power
12 found itself in a unique position as a joint applicant with Liberty in the Transfer Case and
13 did not have an opportunity to, nor would it have been appropriate to, challenge the metrics
14 that Liberty characterized as “industry standard.”

15 **Q. DID LIBERTY OR AG-KIUC PROPERLY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE**
16 **COMPANY’S UNIQUE SERVICE TERRITORY WHEN ASSERTING THAT**
17 **KENTUCKY POWER DID NOT PROPERLY INVEST IN ITS DISTRIBUTION**
18 **SYSTEM?**

19 A. No. Liberty and AG-KIUC compared Kentucky Power’s historical level of distribution
20 investment to AEP-owned utilities in the aggregate and to other investor-owned utilities,
21 including those in Kentucky. Kentucky Power’s service territory is uniquely situated both
22 economically and topographically. Liberty, which has no experience operating an electric
23 utility in Appalachian Kentucky, could not have reliably determined based on transaction

1 due diligence whether Kentucky Power's distribution investment practices were
2 imprudent. Kentucky Power, both in the Transfer Case and in this case, has shown that the
3 Company has prudently invested in its distribution system. This is particularly true when
4 considering the Company's service territory, which requires not only special consideration
5 of the terrain as described in the Direct Testimony of Company Witness Phillips, but also
6 considered balancing of the economic situation of the service territory and customer
7 affordability, which this Commission has acknowledged and emphasized in the Company's
8 last several base rate cases.

9 **Q. WHAT ARE THE COMPANY'S ACTUAL PAST RATIOS OF ANNUAL**
10 **DISTRIBUTION CAPITAL INVESTMENT TO ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION**
11 **DEPRECIATION EXPENSE?**

12 A. In every year since 2010, the ratio of annual distribution capital investment to annual
13 distribution depreciation expense has been greater than 1.0, which indicates investment in
14 the Company's distribution system that exceeds the annual level of depreciation expense.
15 In several years, the ratio was greater than 2.0. Figure BKW-1 below illustrates this fact.

Figure BKW-1

Year	Annual Distribution Capital Investment	Annual Distribution Depreciation Expense	Annual Distribution Capital Investment / Annual Distribution Depreciation Expense
2010	\$28,812,376	\$20,334,118	1.4
2011	\$30,062,769	\$21,060,489	1.4
2012	\$49,856,794	\$22,040,399	2.3
2013	\$49,458,423	\$23,769,486	2.1
2014	\$41,494,584	\$24,860,701	1.7
2015	\$38,204,061	\$26,054,977	1.5
2016	\$36,074,051	\$26,947,717	1.3
2017	\$39,656,169	\$27,880,463	1.4
2018	\$44,254,606	\$28,993,519	1.5
2019	\$63,742,091	\$30,374,261	2.1
2020	\$68,428,958	\$32,682,142	2.1
2021	\$72,435,107	\$34,631,574	2.1
2022	\$54,976,028	\$36,408,097	1.5

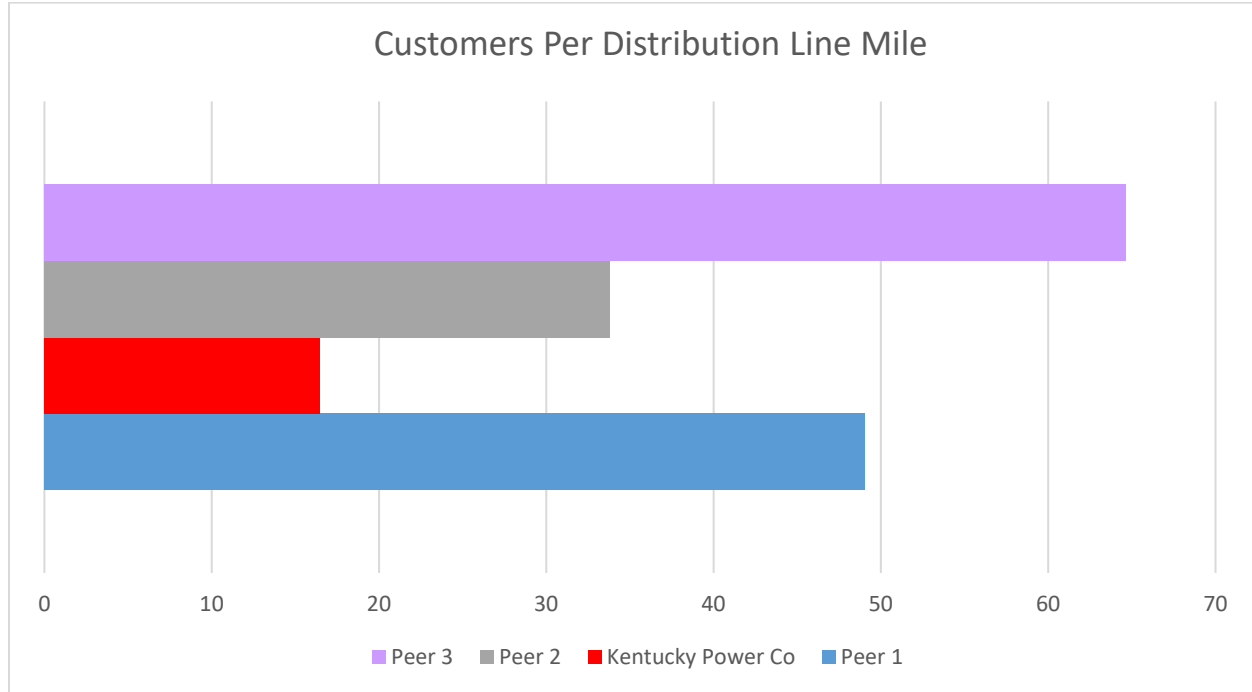
1 **Q. SHOULD THE COMPANY HAVE MAINTAINED EVERY YEAR A RATIO OF**
2 **ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION CAPITAL INVESTMENT TO ANNUAL**
3 **DEPRECIATION EXPENSE EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 2.0?**

4 A. No. First, as I previously stated, the Company has no reason to believe the 2.0 metric used
5 by Liberty and AG-KIUC in the Transfer Case is an industry standard. Moreover, the
6 combination of the circumstances surrounding Kentucky Power's service territory and
7 related operating challenges, which are explained further by Company Witness Phillips,
8 make the Company an outlier as compared to other utilities. Furthermore, requiring
9 Kentucky Power to arbitrarily invest capital at a ratio of 2.0 or greater in order to prove
10 that it has not underinvested would have significant cost impacts on customers, particularly
11 residential customers.

12 As a general rule, residential customers are allocated the greatest share of
13 distribution costs because they take service at distribution voltages. Kentucky Power

1 residential customers are more sensitive to increases in distribution investment compared
2 to the other investor-owned utilities (“IOUs”) in the Commonwealth. As demonstrated by
3 Company Witness Clark, the Company’s service territory has experienced a significant
4 reduction in customer count since 2010, while the other Kentucky IOUs have experienced
5 customer growth. The reduction in customers means there are fewer customers among
6 which to spread the cost of distribution investment, resulting in higher costs per customer.
7 The simple ratio of capital/depreciation expense championed in the Transfer Case does not
8 factor that in. Customer growth also naturally results in the need to make incremental
9 capital investment to serve new load, thereby resulting in an increase in the ratio, as the
10 numerator of that equation (capital investment) increases as compared to the denominator
11 (depreciation expense).

12 Additionally, as compared to the other IOUs in the Commonwealth and shown
13 below in Figure BKW-2, the Company also has significantly fewer customers per line
14 mile. Company Witness Phillips also supports this fact in his Direct Testimony. This
15 statistic also demonstrates that the Company has fewer customers over which to spread
16 the costs of additional investments, resulting in a higher financial impact of such
17 investments on a per customer basis compared to the other Kentucky IOUs.

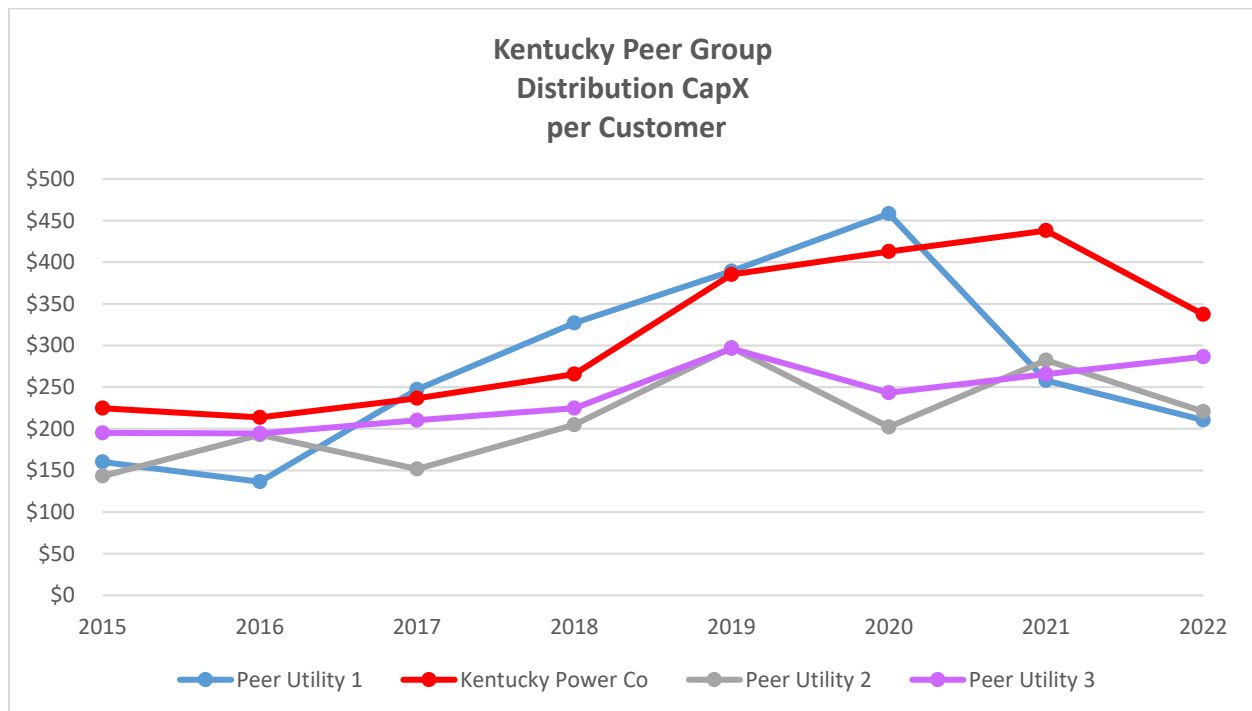
Figure BKW-2

1 The Company must make necessary investments to ensure that it is able to
 2 continue to provide adequate and reliable service to customers, while also remaining
 3 cognizant of the challenging economic conditions in Eastern Kentucky. Making the
 4 determination of whether the Company has prudently invested in its distribution system
 5 by looking only at capital expenditures versus depreciation is too simplistic and does not
 6 account for important operating considerations and service territory demographics.
 7 When analyzing the Company's investment in its distribution system, it is important to
 8 consider investment on a per-customer and customer-per-line mile basis. Comparing the
 9 level of capital invested per customer is a way to normalize the data in a manner that also
 10 appropriately takes into account the cost impact on customers of a utility's investment.

11 As shown in Figure BKW-3, Kentucky Power has generally invested more capital
 12 per customer in its distribution system as compared to its Kentucky peers since at least
 13 2015. To say that the Company has underinvested in its distribution system because it

1 has not invested capital above an arbitrary 2.0 ratio ignores the fact that Kentucky Power
 2 customers are already paying more per capita than the customers of the other IOUs in the
 3 Commonwealth.

4 **Figure BKW-3**



5
 6 Thus, the normalized data demonstrates that Kentucky Power's investment in its
 7 distribution system has been prudent and appropriate based on several influential factors,
 8 and that there has not been underinvestment in the Company's distribution system.

9 **Q. ARE THERE ADDITIONAL FACTS THAT DEMONSTRATE THE COMPANY**
 10 **HAS NOT UNDERINVESTED IN ITS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM?**

11 A. Yes. As explained further by Company Witness Phillips, the Company's number one
 12 cause of outages are trees outside the rights-of-way ("TOR"), and that outage cause
 13 cannot be solved by distribution equipment investment.

1 **Q. HAS THE COMPANY NONETHELESS TAKEN STEPS TO ADDRESS TOR**
2 **OUTAGES?**

3 A. Yes. In 2018, the Company began a rights-of-way widening pilot program to specifically
4 address TOR outages, which has resulted in fewer outages from TOR in the areas
5 addressed. The Company plans to continue and expand that program across its service
6 territory and expects to realize similar reliability improvements in its remaining districts.

7 As detailed below, the Company is proposing to expand its TOR program and to
8 address other major reliability opportunities over the next several years by establishing a
9 distribution work plan that it will present annually for Commission review and approval.
10 This approach will enable the Company and the Commission jointly to carefully balance
11 the need to make system improvements with the cost of those improvements, among other
12 considerations. To facilitate this program, the Company is proposing a new capital rider,
13 the Distribution Reliability Rider (“DRR”), which will include an appropriate amount of
14 capital spend to address the major reliability drivers included in the Company’s approved
15 DRR Work Plan.

VII. DISTRIBUTION RELIABILITY RIDER

16 **Q. PLEASE GENERALLY DESCRIBE THE PURPOSE OF THE DISTRIBUTION**
17 **RELIABILITY RIDER.**

18 A. The DRR is the proposed recovery mechanism for new distribution reliability projects to
19 be implemented as part of a proposed DRR Work Plan. The proposed projects that will be
20 part of the DRR Work Plan will improve reliability for the Company’s customers. The
21 Company proposes this incremental cost recovery mechanism in order to make further
22 investment in its distribution system possible, particularly given the Company’s current

1 financial condition and cash flow constraints. Company Witness Phillips describes the
2 DRR Work Plan and the initial projects the Company proposes to include therein in his
3 testimony. Company Witness Spaeth supports the DRR's rate design.

4 **Q. CAN YOU ILLUSTRATE THE PROPOSED OPERATION OF THE DRR?**

5 A. Yes. As presented by Company Witness Phillips, the initial DRR Work Plan is projected
6 over a five-year period, beginning in 2024. The Company's projected first year (2024)
7 DRR Work Plan includes approximately \$19 million in capital investments, and
8 incremental O&M associated with the Company's Distribution Asset Management and
9 Major Distribution Reliability and Capacity Addition programs. This cost projection will
10 be trued-up to actual spending in an annual filing. A projection of the following year's
11 investment will be included in the annual true-up filing as well as over- or under-recovery
12 for actual spending in the prior year so that customers are assured of paying for only the
13 actual costs of DRR programs. The Company proposes to make the annual true-up filing
14 in February each year, with rates becoming effective with cycle 1 of the following April
15 billing period, to reconcile the amount collected through the rider in the previous year with
16 the past year's actual spend. The DRR will have an initial "zero start" with initial rates for
17 the 2024 work described above designed to take effect in April 2025 (after winter when
18 rates typically are at their highest), after the first annual DRR filing in February 2025. The
19 February 2025 annual DRR filing also will include a revised annual DRR Work Plan.

20 **Q. WHAT HAPPENS TO THE DRR WHEN KENTUCKY POWER FILES FUTURE**
21 **BASE RATE CASES?**

22 A. The Company would propose in each future base rate case to roll any then-existing DRR
23 revenue requirement into base rates. At that point, there would be a basing point for DRR

1 costs included in base rates and any incremental costs would continue to be recovered
2 through the DRR going forward until included in base rates in the next base rate case filing.
3 The Company's current Environmental Surcharge functions in the same manner.

4 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY A RIDER IS NECESSARY TO RECOVER THE**
5 **PROPOSED COSTS OF THE DRR WORK PLAN.**

6 A. Traditionally, riders are used to recover costs that are more volatile in nature and occur
7 over a relatively short period of time. They also ensure that customers pay no more, nor
8 less, than the actual cost, while providing the Commission a more frequent opportunity to
9 review project status and costs through the annual true-up filings. The DRR will provide
10 the Company with the ability to propose new projects in an annual DRR Work Plan for
11 Commission review in the annual filings rather than waiting for the next base rate case.
12 Projects that will benefit customers with improved reliability and resiliency and help to
13 modernize the distribution grid will be brought in-service more quickly with more
14 transparency than is possible through base rate case filings. By approving the
15 implementation of the DRR, the Commission would be authorizing a cost recovery
16 mechanism that also will help Kentucky Power improve its financial position with more
17 concurrent cost recovery than traditional base rate case filings, while making necessary
18 distribution system improvements. Further, smaller incremental rate increases through
19 annual true-up filings, like with the Company's other riders, will smooth out rate increases
20 making them more manageable for customers.

1 **Q. IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING AS PART OF ITS DRR WORK PLAN TO**
2 **IMPLEMENT ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (“AMI”) METERS**
3 **AT THIS TIME?**

4 A. No, the Company is not proposing to implement AMI meters as part of its DRR Work Plan
5 at this time.

6 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY THE COMPANY IS NOT SEEKING TO IMPLEMENT**
7 **AMI METERS AT THIS TIME.**

8 A. At the time of the Company’s last base rate case in 2020, there was a need to implement
9 AMI meters. However, that need has since been alleviated, at least for now. The Company
10 currently has access to an adequate inventory of automated meter reading (“AMR”) meters
11 to continue using those meters to supply adequate and sufficient service to customers. The
12 Company anticipates having this access at least in the short term, and implementing AMI
13 meters is not necessary during this time. This is because the COVID-19 Pandemic
14 disrupted supply chains and caused manufacturing delays to the production of new AMI
15 meters, which led to lead times of at least 52 weeks for the production of new AMI meters.
16 To help alleviate the long lead times for AMI meters, third-party companies began offering
17 the service of refurbishing AMR meters, which were then made available for purchase by
18 companies in the electric utility industry. Since 2022, Kentucky Power has been able to
19 take advantage of one such offering from Vision Metering, LLC., and can purchase
20 refurbished AMR meters as needed. Taking advantage of these refurbished AMR meters
21 has benefitted customers by extending the life of the current meters and delaying the
22 investment to upgrade to AMI meters when necessary.

1 It must still be noted that AMR meters only have an engineered design life of 15
2 years and refurbishing existing AMR meters does not extend the life of those meters.
3 Currently, 75% of the Company's AMR meters are beyond their 15-year engineered design
4 lives. Additionally, the Company's current systems can only accommodate the refurbished
5 AMR meters, which are an older model of AMR meters. As Company Witness
6 Blankenship explained in the Company's last base rate case, if the Company wanted to use
7 the newer model of AMR meters, its systems would need to be upgraded, which would
8 take a significant capital investment to complete. For these reasons, replacing AMR meters
9 with AMI meters, when it becomes necessary to do so, remains on the Company's longer-
10 term planning horizon.

VIII. STORM EXPENSE IN BASE RATES

11 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW KENTUCKY POWER TRADITIONALLY SETS A**
12 **NORMALIZED LEVEL OF STORM EXPENSE FOR ITS BASE RATES.**

13 A. In the last several rate cases, Kentucky Power adjusted its test year distribution major storm
14 damage expense by using a historical three-year average of distribution major storm
15 damage expense, less in-house labor, and adjusted by the Handy-Whitman Contract Labor
16 Index. The actual level of test year distribution non-major storm damage expense, as well
17 as the actual level of test year transmission major and non-major storm damage expense,
18 remained in the test year, unadjusted. In the Company's prior base case, the amount of
19 distribution and transmission major and non-major storm project expense included in the
20 base rate revenue requirement was approximately \$2.1 million (composed of \$1.0 million
21 distribution major storm project expense, \$1.1 million distribution non-major storm project
22 expense, and \$0.003 million of transmission major and non-major storm project expense).

1 **Q. IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING ANY CHANGES TO THIS METHODOLOGY?**

2 A. Yes, the Company has streamlined its adjustment calculation methodology by including
3 total expense for both major and non-major storm projects in (1) identification of the actual
4 test year expense per books of \$7.3 million⁵ for distribution and \$0.1 million for
5 transmission and (2) computation of an updated three-year average level of distribution
6 and transmission expense of \$30.1 million. In addition, as a mitigation effort in this case,
7 the Company is proposing to reduce the level of total distribution major and non-major
8 storm project expense in the test year from \$7.3 million to approximately \$1.0 million, and
9 maintain the actual test year level of transmission major and non-major storm project
10 expense of \$0.1 million, rather than propose an increase to expense to reflect the three-year
11 average of actual expenses (excluding February 2021 Ice Storm and July 2022 Flood
12 expenses), which would have equaled approximately \$9.4 million. Due to the relatively
13 low level of distribution and transmission major and non-major storm project expense
14 proposed to be established in base rates, going forward, the Company would need to file
15 an application(s) seeking deferral accounting authority when it had distribution and
16 transmission major and non-major storm project expense that exceeds the \$1.1 million
17 baseline.

IX. REQUEST FOR SECURITIZATION FINANCING ORDER

18 **Q. HAS SECURITIZATION BEEN ENACTED INTO LAW IN KENTUCKY?**

19 A. Yes, it has very recently. Kentucky Power worked collaboratively with interested
20 stakeholders to make securitization possible in Kentucky. After discussion in prior cases

⁵ Actual test year distribution storm expense per books of \$7.3 million is composed of \$5.4 million associated with major storm projects and \$1.9 million associated with non-major storm projects.

1 with intervenors like the Attorney General and Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers, Inc.,
2 Kentucky Power lobbied the Kentucky General Assembly to enact a law allowing
3 securitization for Kentucky Power customers' benefit. A securitization bill was introduced
4 as part of the 2023 general legislative session ("Senate Bill 192") and Governor Beshear
5 signed it into law on March 23, 2023. Senate Bill 192 became effective 90 days after the
6 2023 general legislative session ended on March 30, 2023.⁶

7 **Q. WHAT COSTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SECURITIZATION UNDER SENATE BILL**
8 **192?**

9 A. Senate Bill 192 allows an electric utility to apply to the Commission for a financing order
10 to finance extraordinary or other deferred costs from previous events for regulatory assets
11 existing and with a value calculated on June 30, 2023, as:

12 (a) Greater than two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) for a single regulatory
13 asset; or

14 (b) Having a cumulative total value of greater than two hundred and seventy-five
15 million (\$275,000,000) for multiple regulatory assets.⁷

16 The law further details that "'securitized costs' include generation costs, as well as
17 the unamortized book value of extraordinary storm costs or other deferred costs associated
18 with prior incurrences but does not include ongoing utility investments or operating
19 costs."⁸

⁶ See KRS 278.670 through 278.696.

⁷ KRS 278.672(1).

⁸ KRS 278.670(18).

1 **Q. CAN YOU PLEASE DESCRIBE THE REGULATORY ASSETS THAT**
2 **KENTUCKY POWER SEEKS TO SECURITIZE?**

3 A. Yes. Kentucky Power seeks to finance the entirety of the following regulatory assets with
4 a cumulative total value of approximately \$471.2 million by using securitized bonds. Those
5 regulatory assets are detailed as follows in Figure BKW-4:

Figure BKW-4

Line No.	Regulatory Asset Description	Case No.	FERC Subaccount(s)	Expected Balance as of June 30, 2023
1	Decommissioning Rider Regulatory Asset	Please Refer to Application Exhibit 4	1823376	\$ 289,193,517
2			1823378	
3			1823379	
4			1823380	
5			1823517	
6			1823518	
7	January 2020 Wind Storm	2020-00368	1823620	\$ 646,479
8	April 2020 Thunderstorm			\$ 474,856
9	April 2020 Wind Storm			\$ 9,843,199
10	December 2020 Snow Storm	2021-00135	1823620	\$ 1,043,892
11	2020 Storm Incremental O&M			\$ 12,008,426
12	Less: Amount in Base Rates			\$ (1,498,582)
13	2020 Storm Expense Deferral Regulatory Asset			\$ 10,509,844
14	February 2021 Ice and Snow Storms	2021-00129		1823623
15	February 2021 Major Flood	2021-00402	\$ 826,495	
16	2021 Storm Incremental O&M		\$ 47,025,792	
17	Less: Amount in Base Rates		\$ (1,029,789)	
18	2021 Storm Expense Deferral Regulatory Asset		\$ 45,996,003	
19	June 2022 Thunderstorm and Wind Storm	2022-00293	1823698	\$ 3,401,582
20	July 2022 Historic Flood			\$ 11,449,177
21	2022 Storm Incremental O&M			\$ 14,850,759
22	Less: Amount in Base Rates			\$ (1,012,476)
23	2022 Storm Expense Deferral Regulatory Asset			\$ 13,838,283
24	March 2023 Wind Storm (March 3, 2023)	2023-00137	1823722	\$ 3,295,455
25	March 2023 Wind Storm (March 25, 2023)			\$ 1,028,326
26	April 2023 Wind Storm			\$ 5,643,197
27	2023 Storm Incremental O&M - Estimate			\$ 9,966,978
28	Less: Amount in Base Rates			\$ (1,012,476)
29	2023 Storm Expense Deferral Regulatory Asset - Estimate			\$ 8,954,502
30	Rockport Deferral Regulatory Asset	2017-00179 2020-00174 2022-00283	1823430 1823431	\$ 52,253,087
31	Tariff P.P.A. Under-Recovery Regulatory Asset (Under-Recovered Since January 2020)	2017-00179 2020-00174 2022-00416	1823557	\$ 50,453,564
32	Total Regulatory Assets Requested for Securitization			\$ 471,198,800

1 Company Witness Kerns provides a description of Big Sandy Unit 2, which is the
2 retired generating facility subject to securitization in this filing. Copies of all previous
3 Commission orders related to the Decommissioning Rider Regulatory Asset are attached
4 to the Company's Application as Exhibit 4.

5 Because June 2023 Tariff D.R. and Tariff P.P.A. revenues and expenses are not
6 known at the time of this filing, amounts reported in Figure BKW-4 for the
7 Decommissioning Rider Regulatory Asset and Tariff P.P.A. Under-Recovery Regulatory
8 Asset represent May 2023 actual balances.

9 The amount reported in Figure BKW-4 for the 2023 Storm Expense Deferral
10 Regulatory Asset represents the estimated regulatory asset balance, as provided to the
11 Commission in Case No. 2023-00137.⁹ The Company will file its actual costs associated
12 with the March and April 2023 storms on or before September 30, 2023, in Case No. 2023-
13 00137.

14 **Q. WILL EACH OF THE ABOVE REGULATORY ASSETS EXIST ON KENTUCKY**
15 **POWER'S BOOKS AS OF JUNE 30, 2023?**

16 A. Yes.

17 **Q. DO EACH OF THE ABOVE REGULATORY ASSETS MEET THE CRITERIA TO**
18 **BE SECURITIZED UNDER SENATE BILL 192?**

19 A. Yes. The Decommissioning Rider Regulatory Asset is comprised entirely of retired
20 generation costs.¹⁰ Each of the storm regulatory assets are comprised entirely of

⁹ In The Matter Of: Electronic Application Of Kentucky Power Company For An Order Approving Accounting Practices To Establish A Regulatory Asset Related To The Extraordinary Expenses Incurred By Kentucky Power Company In Connection With The March 3, 2023, March 25, 2023, And April 1, 2023 Major Event Storms, Case No. 2023-00137.

¹⁰ *Id.*

1 extraordinary storm costs.¹¹ Each of the Rockport Deferral Regulatory Asset and the Tariff
2 P.P.A. Under-Recovery Regulatory Asset are comprised entirely of other deferred costs
3 that are not ongoing utility investments or operating costs.¹²

4 **Q. HAS THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZED THE RECOVERY OF EACH OF**
5 **THOSE REGULATORY ASSETS?**

6 A. The Commission has reviewed and authorized the Company to amortize and recover the
7 following regulatory assets: Decommissioning Rider Regulatory Asset, Rockport Deferral
8 Regulatory Asset, and Tariff P.P.A. Under-Recovery Regulatory Asset.

9 The Commission has authorized the Company to establish regulatory assets for but
10 has not yet authorized the recovery of the storm regulatory assets listed above.

11 **Q. WERE ALL OF THE AMOUNTS THAT MAKE UP EACH REGULATORY**
12 **ASSET THAT HAS NOT YET BEEN APPROVED FOR RECOVERY**
13 **REASONABLY AND PRUDENTLY INCURRED?**

14 A. Yes. In this proceeding, the Company has demonstrated that the regulatory assets were
15 prudently incurred and appropriately included as part of its securitization request herein.
16 Company Witness Blankenship supports the reasonableness and prudence of the costs that
17 make up each of the storm regulatory assets.

18 **Q. WHAT IS THE TOTAL ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE SECURITIZED?**

19 A. The total estimated amount to be securitized, including upfront financing costs and net of
20 a credit for the return on accumulated deferred income taxes associated with the
21 Decommissioning Rider and Rockport Deferral Regulatory Assets, is approximately
22 \$446.7 million, as described by Company Witness Messner.

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² *Id.*

1 **Q. ARE THE ISSUANCE OF THE SECURITIZED BONDS AND THE IMPOSITION**
2 **OF THE PROPOSED SECURITIZATION FINANCING EXPECTED TO**
3 **PROVIDE QUANTIFIABLE NET PRESENT VALUE BENEFITS TO**
4 **CUSTOMERS?**

5 A. Yes. Company Witness Messner demonstrates, pursuant to KRS 278.672(2)(f), that the
6 issuance of securitized bonds and the imposition of securitized surcharges are expected to
7 provide a quantifiable net present value (“NPV”) benefit to customers compared to the cost
8 that would result from an alternative means of providing for the full recovery of and return
9 on those securitized costs from customers using the Company’s proposed weighted average
10 cost of capital. Based on current market conditions, Company Witness Messner calculates
11 a positive net NPV of approximately \$74 million under the statutory test.

12 **Q. WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED SECURITIZED SURCHARGE?**

13 A. As Company Witness Spaeth explains, the estimated securitized surcharge will be allocated
14 to Residential and All Other Non-Residential Customers based on total retail revenue and
15 assessed to both customer groups as a percentage of retail revenue at the following rates:

16 Residential SFR Factor: 5.8233%

17 All Other SFR Factor: 11.440%.

18 **Q. IS THE COMPANY’S APPLICATION FOR A SECURITIZATION FINANCING**
19 **ORDER IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AND WILL THE RESULTING**
20 **SECURITIZED SURCHARGE RESULT IN RATES THAT ARE FAIR, JUST, AND**
21 **REASONABLE?**

22 A. Yes. Approval of a securitization financing order would reduce rates for customers by
23 financing these prudently incurred regulatory assets at a long-term debt interest rate, and

1 over a longer period of time than would be the case absent securitization. For example,
2 historically storm costs would be recovered over a considerably shorter time period than
3 the 20-year securitization period, typically over 3 to 5 years. Further, it also would give
4 the Company access to capital that can be deployed elsewhere over a comparable time
5 horizon.

6 **Q. HOW WILL THE COMPANY RECOVER SECURITIZATION FINANCING**
7 **COSTS?**

8 A. The Company is proposing a Securitization Financing Rider to recover those costs. The
9 Securitization Financing Rider's monthly cost would appear as a separate line item on
10 customers' bills. The Company's proposed Securitization Financing Rider is supported by
11 Company Witness Spaeth.

12 **Q. WILL THERE BE TRUE-UP FILINGS FOR THE SECURITIZATION**
13 **FINANCING RIDER?**

14 A. Yes. KRS 278.676(1)(f), requires that at least annually, the Company must propose
15 periodic adjustments to the securitized surcharge that customers are required to pay
16 pursuant to the financing order. This is necessary to correct for any over- or under-
17 collection of the surcharge and ensure the timely payment of securitized bonds and
18 financing costs. The Company proposes to make semi-annual true-up filings, as set forth
19 in the tariff sponsored by Company Witness Spaeth. As explained by Company Witness
20 Niehaus, it is important that the semi-annual true-up filings are sufficiently offset from the
21 securitized bond payment dates. Accordingly, the Company plans to file a future tariff
22 filing update to the Securitization Financing Rider after the securitized bond payment dates

1 are known. The Company will provide sufficient statutory notice to the Commission of that
2 change.

3 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE TIMING OF ANY PLANNED APPLICATIONS FOR**
4 **APPROVAL OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE**
5 **COMPANY'S PROPOSED SECURITIZATION TRANSACTION.**

6 A. As Company Witness Niehaus explains, a Purchase and Sale Agreement and a Servicing
7 Agreement between Kentucky Power and a to-be-created, wholly-owned subsidiary special
8 purpose entity ("SPE") will support the issuance and govern the servicing of the securitized
9 bonds, respectively. I am advised by counsel that both agreements are subject to
10 Commission approval pursuant to KRS 278.2207, and that the Purchase and Sale
11 Agreement also requires Commission approval under KRS 278.218. If the Company's
12 request for a financing approval is approved in this proceeding, the Company will file an
13 application for Commission approval of both agreements.

14 **Q. HOW DOES THE COMPANY PLAN TO ADDRESS THE REGULATORY**
15 **ASSETS THAT ARE THE SUBJECT OF ITS SECURITIZATION PROPOSAL IF**
16 **THE COMMISSION DECLINES TO APPROVE THEIR SECURITIZATION?**

17 A. If the Commission determines that any of the above-mentioned regulatory assets should
18 not be securitized, the Company will continue recovering the Decommissioning Rider
19 Regulatory Asset, Rockport Deferral Regulatory Asset, and Tariff P.P.A. Under-Recovery
20 Regulatory Asset through those regulatory assets' existing recovery mechanisms. The
21 Company will pursue amortization of the storm regulatory assets in its next base rate case.
22 In that event, because the Company will have been carrying the storm regulatory assets on
23 its books for multiple years, the Company also requests that the Commission include

1 specific ordering language authorizing it to accrue a carrying charge on those regulatory
2 assets at the weighted average cost of capital authorized in this proceeding.

X. RECOVERY OF PJM LSE OATT CHARGES

3 **Q. HOW DOES THE COMPANY CURRENTLY RECOVER ITS FERC-APPROVED**
4 **WHOLESALE COSTS?**

5 A. Company Witness Burkholder explains at a high level the process under FERC-regulated
6 rates to determine Kentucky Power's wholesale costs (i.e., Kentucky Power's Load
7 Serving Entity ("LSE") costs under PJM's Open Access transmission Tariff ("OATT") and
8 the AEP Transmission Agreement).

9 At a retail level, Kentucky Power currently recovers an annual amount of PJM LSE
10 OATT costs through base rates (\$96,896,495). The Company recovers or credits through
11 Tariff P.P.A. 100% of the net annual amount of PJM LSE OATT costs above or below the
12 annual amount in base rates, less the transmission return difference pursuant to the
13 Commission approved Settlement Agreement in the Company's 2017 base rate case (Case
14 No. 2017-00179).

15 **Q. HOW HAS THE COMPANY PREVIOUSLY RECOVERED THESE COSTS?**

16 A. Prior to the Company's 2017 base rate case, Kentucky Power recovered an annual amount
17 of PJM LSE OATT charges entirely through base rates. Beginning with the Company's
18 2017 base rate case, the Commission accepted as part of the settlement agreement in that
19 case the parties' proposal to allow Kentucky Power to recover through Tariff P.P.A. 80%
20 of the net annual amount of PJM LSE OATT charges over or above the annual amount in
21 base rates.

1 In the Company’s 2020 base rate case (Case No. 2020-00174), the Commission
2 granted Kentucky Power’s request to recover through Tariff P.P.A. 100% of PJM LSE
3 OATT expenses over or above the amount in base rates “until the next rate case, when the
4 issue [would] be re-examined.”

5 **Q. HOW DOES KENTUCKY POWER PROPOSE TO RECOVER THESE COSTS**
6 **GOING FORWARD?**

7 A. Kentucky Power proposes to discontinue recovery of PJM LSE OATT charges through
8 Tariff P.P.A. and proposes to recover an annual amount of PJM LSE OATT charges
9 entirely through base rates.

XI. SALE OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES

10 **Q. WHEN DID KENTUCKY POWER BEGIN SELLING ITS ACCOUNTS**
11 **RECEIVABLE?**

12 A. In 2000, AEP merged with Central and South West Corporation and soon after in April
13 2001, Kentucky Power began selling its accounts receivable.

14 **Q. WHY DID KENTUCKY POWER STOP SELLING ITS ACCOUNTS**
15 **RECEIVABLE?**

16 A. The Company stopped selling its accounts in February 2022 in anticipation of the proposed
17 sale to Liberty.

18 **Q. WILL KENTUCKY POWER RESUME THE SALE OF ITS ACCOUNTS**
19 **RECEIVABLE?**

20 A. Yes. After the announced termination of the sale of Kentucky Power, the Company began
21 the process of resuming the sale of its receivables. Kentucky Power presently expects
22 accounts receivable financing to resume in mid-July 2023. The Company did not make any

1 post-test year adjustments to cash working capital or factoring expense. The time required
2 to resume the sale of receivables and the deadline to prepare and file this case, relative to
3 the April 17, 2023 announcement of the termination of the proposed sale to Liberty, did
4 not provide sufficient time to prepare such adjustments.

XII. DEPRECIATION STUDIES

5 **Q. IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING TO UPDATE DEPRECIATION EXPENSE?**

6 A. No, as part of the Company's effort to both manage and offset the Company's requests in
7 this proceeding, the Company is not proposing to update depreciation expense in this case.
8 Therefore, the Company did not perform an updated depreciation study as part of this case.

9 **Q. WHERE CAN COPIES OF THE COMPANY'S MOST RECENT DEPRECIATION**
10 **STUDIES BE FOUND?**

11 A. Current Big Sandy depreciation rates were reviewed and approved as a part of a settlement
12 in Case No. 2017-00179. A summary of the Company's most recent depreciation study
13 and a copy of the study itself for Steam Production (Big Sandy Unit 1) were included in
14 the Direct Testimony and exhibits of Company Witness Cash in Case No. 2017-00179.¹³

15 Transmission, Distribution and General Plant depreciation rates were last reviewed
16 in Case No. 2014-00396 as part of a depreciation study filed in that case. Current
17 depreciation rates for Transmission and General Plant were approved to be updated as part
18 of a settlement in Case No. 2014-00396. Distribution depreciation rates remained

¹³ See Direct Testimony of Jason A. Cash and Exhibit JAC-1, In The Matter Of: Electronic Application Of Kentucky Power Company For (1) A General Adjustment Of Its Rates For Electric Service; (2) An Order Approving Its 2017 Environmental Compliance Plan; (3) An Order Approving Its Tariffs And Riders; (4) An Order Approving Accounting Practices To Establish Regulatory Assets And Liabilities; And (5) An Order Granting All Other Required Approvals And Relief, Case No. 2017-00179 (June 28, 2017).

1 unchanged as a result of the order issued in Case No. 2014-00396. Current depreciation
2 rates for Distribution Plant are based on a depreciation study filed in Case No. 91-066.

3 A summary of the Company's most recent depreciation study and a copy of the
4 study itself for Transmission, Distribution and General were included in the Direct
5 Testimony and exhibits of Company Witness Davis in Case No. 2014-00396.¹⁴

6 Current Mitchell depreciation rates were approved to be updated as part of the
7 settlement in Case No. 2017-00179. The last depreciation study performed for the Mitchell
8 Plant was filed in Case No. 2014-00396, noted above.

XIII. AMORTIZATION PERIODS FOR CERTAIN OTHER DEFERRALS

9 **Q. OVER WHAT PERIOD IS THE COMPANY SEEKING TO RECOVER THE**
10 **REGULATORY ASSETS ADDRESSED BY COMPANY WITNESS WHITNEY?**

11 A. The Company is proposing to amortize over the periods indicated the following regulatory
12 assets:

- 13 • Big Sandy Unit 1 Operations Rider Regulatory Asset – 3 years
- 14 • NERC Compliance and Cybersecurity Cost Deferral Asset – 5 years
- 15 • Plant Maintenance Cost Deferral Liability – 3 years

16 The requested amortization periods are also supported by Company Witness Whitney and
17 are consistent with previously approved amortization periods for these assets and liabilities.

¹⁴ See Direct Testimony of David A. Davis and Exhibit DAD-2, In The Matter Of: Application Of Kentucky Power Company For: (1) A General Adjustment Of Its Rates For Electric Service; (2) An Order Approving Its 2014 Environmental Compliance Plan; (3) An Order Approving Its Tariffs And Riders; And (4) An Order Granting All Other Required Approvals And Relief, Case No. 2014-00396 (December 23, 2014).

XIV. CONCLUSION

1 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

2 **A.** Yes, it does.

VERIFICATION

The undersigned, Brian K. West, being duly sworn, deposes and says he is the Vice President, Regulatory & Finance for Kentucky Power, that he has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing testimony and the information contained therein is true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge, and belief after reasonable inquiry.



Brian K. West

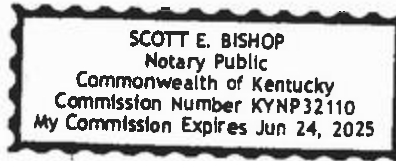
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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said County and State, by Brian K. West, on June 26, 2023.

Scott E. Bishop

Notary Public



My Commission Expires June 24, 2025

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I. INTRODUCTION, BACKGROUND, AND KEY POINTS

1 **Q. Please state your name, position, and business address.**

2 A. My name is Steven M. Fetter. I am President of Regulation UnFettered. My
3 business address is 1240 West Sims Way, Port Townsend, Washington 98368.

4 **Q. On whose behalf are you testifying?**

5 A. I am testifying on behalf of Kentucky Power Company (“Kentucky Power” or “the
6 Company”) before the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“Commission” or
7 “KPSC”).

8 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

9 A. I am President of Regulation UnFettered, a utility advisory firm that I started in
10 April 2002. Prior to that, I was employed by Fitch, Inc. (“Fitch”), a credit rating
11 agency based in New York and London. Prior to that, I served as Chairman of the
12 Michigan Public Service Commission (“Michigan PSC”). I am also an attorney,
13 having graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1979.

14 **Q. Please describe your service on the Michigan PSC.**

15 A. I was appointed as a Commissioner to the three-member Michigan PSC in October
16 1987. In January 1991, I was promoted to Chairman and retained that designation
17 following reappointment in 1993. During my tenure as Chairman, timeliness of
18 commission processes was a major focus, and my colleagues and I achieved the
19 goal of eliminating the agency’s case backlog for the first time in 23 years. While
20 on the Michigan PSC, I also served as Chairman of the Board of the National
21 Regulatory Research Institute (“NRRI”), the research arm of the National

1 Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”). After leaving
2 regulatory service, I was appointed to the NRRI Board as a public member. I have
3 also served as a lecturer at Michigan State University’s Institute of Public Utilities
4 Annual Regulatory Studies Program (“Camp NARUC”) and at NARUC’s New
5 Commissioner Regulatory Orientation.

6 **Q. Please describe your role as President of Regulation UnFettered.**

7 A. I formed a utility advisory firm to use my financial, regulatory, legislative, and legal
8 expertise to aid the deliberations of regulators, legislative bodies, and the courts,
9 and to assist them in evaluating regulatory issues. My clients have included
10 investor-owned and municipal electric, natural gas and water utilities, state public
11 utility commissions and consumer advocates, non-utility energy suppliers,
12 international financial services and consulting firms, and investors.

13 **Q. Please describe your role during your employment with Fitch.**

14 A. I was Group Head and Managing Director of the Global Power Group within Fitch.
15 In that role, I served as group manager of the combined 18-person New York and
16 Chicago utility team. I was originally hired to interpret the impact of regulatory and
17 legislative developments on utility credit ratings, a responsibility I continued to
18 have throughout my tenure at the rating agency. In April 2002, I left Fitch to start
19 Regulation UnFettered.

20 **Q. How long were you employed by Fitch?**

21 A. I was employed by Fitch from October 1993 until April 2002. In addition, Fitch
22 retained me as a consultant for a period of approximately six months after I left the
23 agency.

24 **Q. How does your experience relate to your testimony in this proceeding?**

25 A. My experience as Chairman and Commissioner on the Michigan PSC and my
26 subsequent professional experience with financial analysis and ratings of the U.S.
27 electric and natural gas sectors – in jurisdictions involved in restructuring activity

1 as well as those still following a traditional regulated path – have given me solid
2 insight into the importance of a regulator’s role vis-à-vis regulated utilities, both in
3 setting their rates as well as the appropriate terms and conditions for the service
4 they provide. In addition, for the past 22 years I have been a member of the Wall
5 Street Utility Group, an honorary society comprised of debt and equity analysts
6 assigned to cover and make assessments of companies within the utility sector.

7 **Q. Have you previously given testimony before regulatory and legislative bodies?**

8 A. Yes. Since 1990, I have testified before the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of
9 Representatives, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, federal district and
10 bankruptcy courts, and various state and provincial legislative, judicial, and
11 regulatory bodies in more than 100 proceedings or hearings on the subjects of credit
12 risk and cost of capital within the utility sector, utility regulatory and legislative
13 policies, electric and natural gas utility restructuring, fuel and other energy cost
14 adjustment mechanisms, regulated utility mergers and acquisitions, construction
15 work in progress and other interim rate recovery structures, utility securitization
16 bonds, and nuclear energy. I have previously testified and been accepted as an
17 expert witness before this Commission in the 2005 merger proceeding involving
18 Cinergy/Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company and Union Light, Heat and Power
19 Company – Duke Energy Corporation in Docket No. 2005-00228. My full
20 educational and professional background is presented in my Appendix - 1.

21 **Q. What is the purpose of your direct testimony?**

22 A. Utilizing my past experience as a state utility commission Chairman and head of a
23 major utility credit rating practice, my direct testimony focuses on the rate-setting
24 process and the “regulatory compact”; the importance of credit ratings for regulated
25 utilities and their customers; the importance of constructive utility regulation as an
26 underpinning of strong credit quality; how the Company is currently viewed by the

1 credit rating agencies; and how the financial community currently views the utility
2 regulatory environment within Kentucky.

3 **Q. Please highlight the key points you wish to emphasize in this case.**

4 A. The core concept of utility rate-setting is to provide for a fair rate of return on
5 investment and recovery of prudently-incurred costs. Meeting these goals within
6 what has been called the “regulatory compact” provides a regulated utility with the
7 financial integrity needed to maintain reliable utility infrastructure. Such strength
8 is exhibited to the financial community through strong credit ratings. Accordingly,
9 a utility’s credit ratings are central to its ability to raise capital at reasonable cost
10 and upon reasonable terms.

11 Regulation is a key qualitative component of a utility’s credit ratings, and Kentucky
12 is viewed by the financial sector in the middle third of credit supportive states,
13 which is a relatively neutral factor in the credit ratings assigned to the state’s
14 regulated utilities. Adrien M. McKenzie, the Company’s Return on Equity (“ROE”)
15 witness, explains in detail the appropriate ROE level and capital structure for
16 Kentucky Power under its current circumstances. As noted in the testimony of
17 Kentucky Power President and COO Cynthia G. Wiseman, notwithstanding
18 Witness McKenzie’s expert opinion as to the appropriate ROE level, the Company
19 has determined that the more appropriate strategy is to seek a lower authorized ROE
20 of 9.9%, owing to the difficult economic and financial challenges currently facing
21 the customers in the utility’s service territory.

22 Kentucky Power currently holds the following corporate credit ratings from the
23 three major rating agencies: Moody’s Investors Service (“Moody’s”), ‘Baa3’ with
24 a Stable outlook; Standard & Poor’s (“S&P”), ‘BBB’ with a Stable outlook; and
25 Fitch, similarly at ‘BBB’, with a Stable outlook. These ratings are weak for a
26 regulated utility, with Moody’s rating just above the investment-grade/non-
27 investment-grade dividing line. For Kentucky Power to be able to improve its
28 credit ratings toward the ‘BBB+’ / ‘Baa1’ rating level that I have long testified

1 represents the lowest appropriate credit rating level for a U.S. regulated utility, I
2 encourage the Commission to set the ROE and capital structure at levels no lower
3 than the alternative reduced level proposed by the Company. Such a Commission
4 determination would represent regulatory support that should be sufficient to avoid
5 further weakening of the Company's credit profile, and could allow the Company
6 to improve its credit profile over time. On the other hand, a less than constructive
7 decision by the Commission in this case could lead to further negative credit rating
8 actions, potentially moving the Company into below investment-grade territory.
9 Such junk bond status would increase the Company's costs for capital, including
10 its normal day-to-day capital investment for reliability during a time of increasing
11 inflationary pressure, ultimately leading to higher rates for customers.

12 **Q. With your 20+ year history participating in utility rate cases, could you offer**
13 **thoughts on the Company's decision to seek an authorized ROE lower than as**
14 **recommended by its ROE witness?**

15 A. Yes. During that period, I have participated in more than 100 regulatory
16 proceedings, the majority of which involved ROE issues – and I note that I have
17 not always been testifying on the utility side. I cannot remember a utility
18 voluntarily breaking away from its ROE witness in a downward direction at the
19 time that direct testimony was filed. So I view Kentucky Power's step on behalf of
20 its customers to be significant.

21 **Q. With ROE being a crucial issue in this case, can you offer further background**
22 **on the subject?**

23 A. Yes. It is important to state that neither a commission nor a regulated utility sets
24 the prevailing ROE. In my experience, a commission's role is to consider expert
25 input from all parties and set rates based upon an ROE that it believes will be
26 sufficient to allow the utility to recover the costs it will have to pay to attract equity
27 capital. Thereafter, it is the capital markets that set the actual investor expected

1 ROE. Thus, if rates are set too low to meet that cost, the utility will have to pay
2 what the market demands, and its costs will not be fully recovered.

3 **Q. Looking to Kentucky Power’s situation in this case – Company Witness Wiseman**
4 **points to recent annual earned ROE of 2.88% and a failure to earn full authorized**
5 **ROE for over five years. How do you view the Company’s financial position as it**
6 **relates to financial integrity and overall operations?**

7 A. First off, let me take Kentucky Power’s **actual ROE data** discussed by Company
8 Witness Wiseman: *during the past four years, below 8.0% and down to 2.88%*, and
9 compare it to U.S. investor-owned electric utility **awarded ROE data** during that
10 same period: 2022 – 9.47%; 2021 – 9.40%; 2020 – 9.43%; 2019 – 9.64%.¹

11 ROEs at Kentucky Power’s diminished levels during the recent past are untenable
12 going forward. Although I expect that the Company will continue to run its system
13 at a safe level, from my experience as Chairman of the Michigan Commission, I
14 believe serious financial weakness can only lead to one thing: diminished reliability
15 to the detriment of customers. In addition, that financial weakness would be
16 exacerbated if Kentucky Power’s credit ratings were to be further downgraded,
17 increasing its financing costs, as well as limiting access to certain segments of
18 investors. As I will explain, those ratings need to go in the opposite direction,
19 moving upward rather than down.

20 **Q. How would you sum up the views of institutional investors considering**
21 **providing funding to Kentucky Power?**

22 A. Investors expect that rates will be set at a level that allows the authorized ROE to
23 be achieved by an efficiently-run utility, along with full recovery of prudent
24 expenditures in the operation of the company. To the extent that those aims are not
25 fulfilled, concerns would arise across the financial community, from the equity side
26 through to the debt side. Based upon my long experience as a regulator, bond rater
27 and now consultant to a wide range of utility stakeholders, I believe that customers

¹ “EEI 2022 Financial Review, Annual Report of the U.S. Investor-Owned Electric Utility Industry.”

1 benefit when their utility is regulated in a consistent manner, where the utility can
2 attract capital, provide fair returns, and operate with high reliability. That happens
3 when rates align with the true cost of efficient operations. Accordingly, I encourage
4 the Commission to set an authorized ROE, supported by appropriate ratemaking,
5 that would allow the Company, assuming prudent operations on its part, to
6 strengthen its financial profile and, over time, improve its credit ratings. These are
7 the combined regulatory and utility operational steps that will lead to lower costs
8 and sustained operational reliability for the benefit of customers.

II. RATE-SETTING AND PRUDENCY IN THE ELECTRIC UTILITY INDUSTRY

9 **Q. Could you provide a brief review of the rate-setting process for electric utilities?**

10 A. Yes. Electric utilities, in order to fund their operations and ongoing capital
11 investment, need rates set that are sufficient to cover their costs. U.S. investor-
12 owned electric utilities are subject to administrative price setting by the relevant
13 state and federal regulatory authorities. Those regulators typically employ “cost of
14 service” rate-making. Under this method of pricing, the regulator determines a
15 “revenue requirement” that is used to structure rates to allow the utility to recover
16 all of its prudently-incurred costs. For investor-owned utilities like Kentucky
17 Power, such rates are set by the economic regulators to allow the utility to earn a
18 “reasonable rate of return” (i.e., the cost required to attract needed equity
19 investment).

20 **Q. Could you discuss the legal framework of the rate-setting process?**

21 A. Yes. The core principle that underlies rate-setting at both the federal and state levels
22 is the attainment of “just and reasonable” rates that are fair to both the utility (and
23 its investors) and also its customers. The constitutional basis for this standard goes
24 back many years to two seminal U.S. Supreme Court cases which explained this
25 fairness concept. First, regulated utilities should have a reasonable opportunity to
26 receive recovery of their prudently-incurred costs, a principle set forth in *Federal*

1 *Power Commission v. Hope Natural Gas Co.*, (“*Hope*”), 320 U.S. 591 (1944),
2 which held that “the result reached and not the method employed” is controlling in
3 determining “just and reasonable” rates. In addition, the ability of a regulated utility
4 to earn a fair return on its invested capital had earlier been ensured by the U.S.
5 Supreme Court in *Bluefield Water Works and Improvement Co. v. Public Service*
6 *Commission* (“*Bluefield*”), 262 U.S. 679, 692 (1923), which required rates
7 “sufficient to yield a reasonable return on the value of the property to be used, at
8 the time it is being used to render the service.” Regarding the utility’s ongoing
9 financial integrity, *Bluefield* held that the return should be “sufficient to assure
10 confidence in the financial soundness of the utility, and should be adequate, under
11 efficient and economic management, to maintain and support its credit and enable
12 it to raise money for the proper discharge of its public duties.” Similarly, *Hope*
13 requires that the return “should be sufficient to assure confidence in the financial
14 integrity of the enterprise, so as to maintain its credit and attract capital.” The legal
15 structure laid out by *Hope* and *Bluefield* endures to this day and guides the decision-
16 making activities of the regulators at both the state and federal levels, as well as the
17 courts when they are called upon to review and opine upon the legality of the
18 determinations made by the various utility regulatory bodies.

19 **Q. You mention the concept of prudence within your discussion of the rate-setting**
20 **process. How does prudence fit within regulatory review of utility investment?**

21 A. The concept of “prudence” is present in the legislative and administrative rules of
22 every utility commission across the U.S. In their reference book *Fundamentals of*
23 *Energy Regulation*, authors (and Ph.D. economists) Lesser & Giacchino discuss
24 prudence both in terms of the deference accorded utility management decisions, as
25 well as the review process before imprudent behavior is found to have occurred:

26 “...utility management is given the benefit of the doubt, and
27 management’s decisions are presumed reasonable unless the
28 facts show otherwise. ...Moreover, the prudence of
29 managerial decisions must be judged on their reasonableness
30 at the time those decisions were made and based on
31 information then available. Prudence is not meant as an

1 exercise in hindsight regulation. In essence, a prudent
 2 decision is one that a reasonable person could have made in
 3 good faith, given the information and decision tools
 4 available at the time of the decision.”²

5 In support of that position, economist Charles F. Phillips in his widely-respected
 6 public utility regulation treatise *The Regulation of Public Utilities* quotes the views
 7 of the Massachusetts and New York commissions:

8 “A prudence review must determine whether the company’s actions,
 9 based on all that it knew or should have known at the time were
 10 reasonable and prudent in light of the circumstances which then
 11 existed. It is clear that such a determination may not properly be
 12 made on the basis of hindsight judgments, nor is it appropriate for
 13 the [commission] merely to substitute its best judgment for the
 14 judgments made by the company’s managers.” [*In re Western Mass.*
 15 *Elec. Co.*, 80 PUR4th at 501.]

16 “The company’s conduct should be judged by asking whether the
 17 conduct was reasonable at the time, under all the circumstances,
 18 considering that the company had to solve its problems prospectively
 19 rather than in reliance on hindsight. In effect, our responsibility is to
 20 determine how reasonable people would have performed the task that
 21 confronted the company.” [*In re Consolidated Edison Co. of N.Y. Inc.*,
 22 Opinion No. 79-1 (N.Y. 1979), 5-6.]³

23 **Q. Other aspects of utility regulation that you have often testified about are the**
 24 **“Regulatory Compact” and “Constructive Utility Regulation”. Could you provide**
 25 **a description of what these key concepts entail?**

26 A. There is an unwritten but core concept within the regulatory process known as the
 27 “regulatory compact.” Since there is no hard and fast universal rule or regulation
 28 delineating the “regulatory compact,” it has been described in many different ways. In the
 29 above-noted reference book, Lesser & Giacchino describe that under the “regulatory
 30 compact:”

31 ... the regulator grants the company a protected monopoly, essentially a
 32 franchise, for the sale and distribution of electricity or natural gas to
 33 customers in its defined service territory. In return, the company commits

² Jonathan A. Lesser & Leonardo R. Giacchino, *Fundamentals of Energy Regulation*, 42 (1st Ed. 2007).

³ Phillips, *The Regulation of Public Utilities*, 340-341.

1 to supply the full quantities demanded by those customers at a price
2 calculated to cover all operating costs plus a “reasonable” return on the
3 capital invested in the enterprise. The first half of this “compact” protects
4 the company from would-be competitors and secures for the public the
5 substantial economies of scale available in the large-scale production of
6 electricity. The second half of the “compact” counteracts the injurious
7 tendency of monopolies to raise prices above the level that would prevail
8 in a competitive market.⁴

9 In my experience advising a range of utility industry stakeholders across the U.S., I have
10 found that every utility commission adheres to some conception of the “regulatory
11 compact” in concert with the constitutionally-and-statutorily-mandated prudence
12 standards.

13 In addition, my own conception of “constructive utility regulation” is that which
14 aligns the seemingly competitive interests of utility investors and utility customers
15 in a manner that is consistent and steady over time, so that all parties have
16 reasonable expectations about how regulatory policy will be effectuated.
17 Importantly, it supports a utility’s ability to provide safe and clean utility service to
18 its customers with a high level of reliability at reasonable rates. Constructive
19 regulation is efficient and predictable with a long-term focus on relatively stable
20 rates, while also recognizing the need for timely recovery of costs and the value to
21 customers of a financially-strong utility with ready access to the capital markets at
22 attractive rates, even when the financial markets are under stress. It recognizes that
23 utility investors react negatively to major, frequent or sudden changes in regulatory
24 policy and that such uncertainty ultimately has an adverse effect on customers. In
25 sum, longstanding constructive regulatory policy should provide a utility with the
26 confidence to make capital-intensive investments and incur O&M expenses for the
27 benefit of its customers, with the reasonable expectation that those costs would be
28 recovered in a timely manner, including a fair return on investment, consistent with
29 that stable and consistent regulatory policy.

⁴Lesser & Giacchino, *Fundamentals of Energy Regulation*, 43-44.

1 **Q. In your earlier legal discussion of *Hope* and *Bluefield*, you reference**
2 **regulated utilities being able to maintain their credit strength. With your**
3 **credit ratings leadership role at Fitch, can you discuss the importance of**
4 **“Constructive Regulation” in the rating agencies’ assessment of utility credit**
5 **profiles?**

6 A. Yes, I saw firsthand how important constructive regulation is to agencies when
7 Fitch recruited me to provide regulatory analysis after I had decided to move on
8 from the Michigan PSC. Moody’s has highlighted the critical role that regulators
9 play in a June 23, 2017 report entitled “Rating Methodology: Regulated Electric
10 and Gas Utilities:”

11 An over-arching consideration for regulated utilities is the regulatory
12 environment in which they operate. While regulation is also a key
13 consideration for networks, a utility’s regulatory environment is in
14 comparison often more dynamic and more subject to political intervention.
15 The direct relationship that a regulated utility has with the retail customer
16 ... can lead to a more politically charged rate-setting environment. ...Our
17 views of regulatory environments evolve over time in accordance with our
18 observations of regulatory, political, and judicial events that affect issuers
19 in the sector.⁵

20 And S&P has long held the same view:

21 Regulatory advantage is the most heavily weighted factor in [S&P’s]
22 analysis of a regulated utility’s business risk profile. ...An established,
23 dependable approach to regulating utilities is a hallmark of a credit-
24 supportive jurisdiction. ...Major or frequent changes to the regulatory
25 model invariably raise risk due to the possibility of future changes. Steady
26 application of transparent, comprehensible policies and practices lowers
27 risk. ...We adjust the assessment downward if the development of the
28 framework was contentious due to policy disputes or legal actions,
29 indicating that the political consensus regarding utility regulation is
30 fragile. ... [A] regulatory approach that allows utilities the opportunity to
31 consistently earn a reasonable return as a positive credit factor in our
32 regulatory assessments. ...We measure the timeliness of rate decisions, the
33 obsolescence of the costs on which the rates are based, the timing of interim
34 rates, and other practices (such as allowing rates to automatically change in
35 a future period based on inflation) that affect a utility’s ability to earn its
36 authorized return. ...Practices such as legislative or regulatory recognition
37 of the need for preapproval of [large capital projects], periodic reviews that

⁵ Moody’s Research: “Rating Methodology: Regulated Electric and Gas Utilities,” June 23, 2017.

1 substantively involve the regulator in the progress of the project, and rolling
2 prudence determinations during construction can reduce the general level
3 of risk...[W]e consider financial stability to be of substantial importance
4 [with cash taking] precedence in credit analysis. ... We assess a jurisdiction
5 most strongly if all large expense items are recoverable through an
6 automatic tariff clause that is based on projected costs, adjusts frequently,
7 and has no record of any significant disallowances. ... [A] primary factor ...
8 is the political independence of regulators.⁶

III. CREDIT RATINGS AND THEIR IMPORTANCE TO REGULATED UTILITIES

9 **Q. What is a credit rating and why is it important?**

10 A. A credit rating reflects an independent judgment of the general creditworthiness of
11 an obligor or of a specific debt instrument. While credit ratings are important to
12 both debt and equity investors for a variety of reasons, their most important purpose
13 is to communicate to investors the financial strength of a company or the underlying
14 credit quality of a particular debt security issued by that company.

15 Credit rating determinations are made by credit rating agencies through a
16 committee process involving individuals with knowledge of a company, its
17 industry, and its regulatory environment. Corporate rating designations of S&P and
18 Fitch have ‘AAA’, ‘AA’, ‘A’ and ‘BBB’ category ratings within the investment-
19 grade ratings sphere, with ‘BBB-’ as the lowest investment-grade rating and ‘BB+’
20 as the highest non-investment-grade rating. Comparable rating designations of
21 Moody’s at the investment-grade dividing line are ‘Baa3’ and ‘Ba1’, respectively.
22 In addition, the agencies seek to make their rating judgments even more precise by
23 dividing each of the rating categories into three levels (“+”, “neutral”, and “-” at
24 S&P and Fitch, and 1, 2 & 3 at Moody’s). The following chart illustrates the
25 comparability of ratings among the three agencies.

⁶ S&P Research: “Assessing U.S. Investor-Owned Utility Regulatory Environments,” January 7, 2014.

Ratings Categories – Comparability Between Agencies

Investment Grade		Below Investment Grade	
<u>S&P and Fitch</u>	<u>Moody's</u>	<u>S&P and Fitch</u>	<u>Moody's</u>
AAA	Aaa	BB+	Ba1
AA+	Aa1	BB	Ba2
AA	Aa2	BB-	Ba3
AA-	Aa3	B+	B1
A+	A1	B	B2
A	A2	B-	B3
A-	A3	CCC	Caa
BBB+	Baa1	CC	Ca
BBB ⁽⁷⁾	Baa2	C	C
BBB-	Baa3 ⁽⁸⁾	D	[C]

1 Corporate credit rating analysis considers both qualitative and quantitative factors
2 to assess the financial and business risks of fixed-income debt issuers. A credit
3 rating is an indication of an issuer's ability to service its debt, both principal and
4 interest, on a timely basis. At times, a credit rating also incorporates some
5 consideration of ultimate recovery of investment in case of default or insolvency.
6 Ratings can also be used by contractual counterparties to gauge both the short-term
7 and longer-term financial health and viability of a company, including decisions
8 related to required collateral levels, with higher-rated entities facing lower
9 requirements.

10 **Q. How would you describe Kentucky Power's credit ratings status?**

11 A. Kentucky Power's corporate issuer credit ratings show some significant weakness
12 within the 'BBB' / 'Baa' category.⁹ I have long testified that a regulated utility
13 should aim to hold ratings no lower than 'BBB+' / 'Baa1', with a longer-term goal

⁷ Kentucky Power corporate credit ratings from S&P and Fitch, each with a Stable outlook.

⁸ Kentucky Power corporate credit rating from Moody's with a Stable outlook.

⁹ Corporate or issuer utility credit ratings reflect the intrinsic financial strength of the utility being rated, with no backing from or recourse against specific utility assets. At times, regulated utilities issue secured debt, representing utility borrowings that are backed by collateral, usually in the form of utility real property. In almost all instances, secured credit ratings are higher than corporate/issuer credit ratings because, in the case of a utility defaulting on its bond payment obligations, secured debtholders have recovery priority on the defined collateral as compared to the claims of unsecured debtholders.

1 of moving into (or maintaining in) the ‘A’ category. Accordingly, all three of
2 Kentucky Power’s corporate ratings now rest below my recommended scale, with
3 the Moody’s rating just above the investment grade / non-investment grade dividing
4 line, which increases the importance of this rate proceeding.

5 **Q. Can you share how you came to your opinion that ‘BBB+’ / ‘Baa1’ is the appropriate**
6 **minimum level rating level for a regulated utility?**

7 A. Yes. I set the lower end of my recommendation at ‘BBB+’ during the 1990’s, back when
8 I was serving as head of the utility ratings practice at Fitch. I did so because I believed
9 that that level provided a regulated utility with substantial protection related to financing
10 in the case of a major downturn in the economy or unrest in the capital markets.
11 Thereafter, we all witnessed two regulated utilities that faced unforeseen, unavoidable,
12 and virtually unimaginable catastrophic events – the September 11 terrorist attack in New
13 York City, and Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. Those horrific events led me to add
14 the longer-term goal of achieving or maintaining ratings in the ‘A’ category, a level at
15 which I cannot imagine that funding would ever be restricted in the face of severe financial
16 or operational duress.

17 **Q. Please explain your reasoning.**

18 A. On September 11, 2001, Consolidated Edison of New York (“Con Ed”) held two
19 ‘A’ category ratings. In the face of the terrible events of that day, Con Ed was able
20 immediately to initiate one of the largest infrastructure recovery efforts any industry
21 has ever faced, without seeking special treatment from lenders or suppliers. I
22 contrast that with Entergy New Orleans (“ENO”), whose credit profile had been on
23 an improving track from ‘BBB’ with a Credit Watch Negative to a ‘BBB’ with a
24 Stable outlook. Then in August 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated the utility’s
25 infrastructure and customer base. Amidst that tragedy, the utility faced resistance
26 from its contractual counterparties to provide supplies and assistance. ENO soon
27 filed for bankruptcy, paving the way for parent Entergy Corporation to provide
28 \$200 million in funds to support commencement of the long process of
29 reorganization and recovery. I acknowledge that, in this case, my recommendations

1 do not target the longer-term goal of ‘A’-category ratings for Kentucky Power.
 2 Rather, first things first: my position supports allowing the Company’s ratings to
 3 move upward away from the precipice of junk bond status on the way to eventually
 4 holding ‘BBB+ / Baa1’ ratings from all three of the agencies.

5 **Q. With your close focus on credit rating levels, could you explain the importance of a**
 6 **regulated utility’s credit strength for both customers and investors?**

7 A. A utility’s credit profile has a significant impact on its ability to raise capital on a
 8 timely basis and upon reasonable terms. As economist Charles F. Phillips states in
 9 his treatise on utility regulation:

10 Bond ratings are important for at least four reasons: (1) they are used
 11 by investors in determining the quality of debt investment; (2) they
 12 are used in determining the breadth of the market, since some large
 13 institutional investors are prohibited from investing in the lower
 14 grades; (3) they determine, in part, the cost of new debt, since both
 15 the interest charges on new debt and the degree of difficulty in
 16 marketing new issues tend to rise as the rating decreases; and (4)
 17 they have an indirect bearing on the status of a utility’s stock and on
 18 its acceptance in the market.¹⁰
 19

20 Thus, a utility with strong credit ratings is not only able to access the capital markets
 21 on a timely basis at reasonable rates, it is also able to pass the benefit from those
 22 attractive interest rate levels on to customers since cost of capital gets factored into
 23 utility rates. Conversely, but of equal importance, the lower a utility’s credit rating,
 24 the more the utility must pay to raise funds from debt and equity investors to carry
 25 out its capital-intensive operations, and those higher capital costs get factored into
 26 the rates that consumers are required to pay. Significantly, a regulated utility is
 27 required to attract funding from investors even if the markets are in turmoil and
 28 costs are escalating wildly. Strong credit ratings limit the negative effects of having
 29 to finance at times of great volatility within the capital markets.

¹⁰ Phillips, Charles F., Jr., The Regulation of Public Utilities, Arlington, Virginia: Public Utilities Reports, Inc., 1993, at p. 250 (emphasis supplied). *See also* Public Utilities Reports Guide: “Finance,” Public Utilities Reports, Inc., 2004 at pp. 6-7 (“Generally, the higher the rating of the bond, the better the access to capital markets and the lower the interest to be paid.”).

1 **Q. What qualitative factors are used by the rating agencies to establish utility credit**
2 **ratings?**

3 A. The most important qualitative factors are regulation, management and business
4 strategy, and access to energy, gas, and fuel supply with recovery of associated
5 costs.

6 **Q. What are the key quantitative measures?**

7 A. The major rating agencies use several financial measures within their utility
8 financial analysis. S&P has been the most transparent of the rating agencies and
9 currently highlights the following two core financial ratios as its key indicators:
10 Funds from Operations to Debt (FFO / Debt), which focuses on cash flow; and Debt
11 to Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization (Debt /
12 EBITDA), which provides a comparative profitability measure.¹¹ A focus on these
13 two ratios is consistent with S&P's long-held belief that "Cash flow analysis is the
14 single most critical aspect of all credit rating decisions,"¹² an opinion shared by
15 both Moody's and Fitch. I note that all three agencies often adjust these key ratios
16 to reflect imputed debt and interest-like fixed charges related to operating leases
17 and certain other off-balance sheet obligations.

18 **Q. Why is regulation a key qualitative component of the utility credit rating process?**

19 A. Regulation is a key factor in assessing the financial strength of a utility because a
20 state public utility commission determines revenue levels (recoverable expenses
21 including depreciation and operations and maintenance, fuel cost recovery, and
22 return on investment) and the terms and conditions of service that affect a utility's
23 cost of service. As Moody's has long noted, "A utility's ability to recover its costs

¹¹ S&P Research: "Corporate Methodology," November 19, 2013 (republished on April 1, 2019 with revisions and nonmaterial changes unrelated to references to that report in this testimony).

¹² S&P Research: "A Closer Look at Ratings Methodology," November 13, 2006.

1 and earn an adequate return are among the most important analytical considerations
 2 when assessing utility credit quality and assigning credit ratings.”¹³

IV. FINANCIAL COMMUNITY PERCEPTIONS OF THE KPSC

3 **Q. How is the Kentucky Commission viewed by the financial community?**

4 A. Relatively neutral when considered among all state regulators across the US.
 5 Probably the most objective and respected commentator on regulatory policy and
 6 activities from a financial community perspective is Regulatory Research
 7 Associates (“RRA”). RRA currently rates the Kentucky regulatory environment
 8 (which goes beyond the Commission to also include legislative and executive
 9 branch policies) as Average 2, placing Kentucky in the middle third of the 53
 10 regulatory jurisdictions upon which RRA currently opines. RRA noted on February
 11 1, 2023 that:

12 Historically, Kentucky regulation was somewhat more constructive
 13 than average from an investor perspective. Rate cases were
 14 typically resolved via settlements, and authorized equity returns ...
 15 generally approximated prevailing nationwide industry averages at
 16 the time established. ...However, on March 3, 2022, RRA lowered
 17 the ranking of Kentucky regulation to Average/2 ... to account for
 18 the PSC’s recent pattern of modifying rate case settlements [relating
 19 to stipulated ROEs and other minor adjustments]. The composition
 20 of the commission has changed meaningfully over the past year, and
 21 it is unclear whether [those] actions taken by the PSC ... are
 22 indicative of a sustained move toward a more restrictive regulatory
 23 climate.

24 Accordingly, at present, Kentucky regulation is treated as a relatively neutral factor
 25 within the context of credit rating analysis.

26 **Q. Does Moody’s share this relatively neutral assessment about Kentucky regulation?**

27 A. I would say ‘Yes.’ Prior to the proposed sale of Kentucky Power, Moody’s
 28 described the Company’s relationship with the Kentucky Commission as

¹³ Moody’s Research: “Cost Recovery Provisions Key to Investor Owned Utility Ratings and Credit Quality: Evaluating a Utility’s Ability to Recover Costs and Earn Returns,” June 18, 2010.

1 “reasonable.”¹⁴ But not unlike the future regulatory uncertainty highlighted by
2 RRA, Moody’s recently noted that “The outcome of Kentucky Power’s next rate
3 case will help inform our view of the state of AEP’s regulatory relationship with
4 the KPSC following the sale termination.”¹⁵

5 **Q. How does S&P view the Kentucky regulatory environment?**

6 A. Similarly. A couple of years ago, S&P stated, “Our business risk assessment
7 reflects the regulatory support [the Company] receives in Kentucky.”¹⁶ Recently,
8 however, post-termination of the sale, S&P has been clearer on what it will take to
9 avoid a downgrade for Kentucky Power: “Going forward, we expect a modest
10 improvement to stand-alone financial measures, reflecting rate case increases and
11 a potential securitization, pending legislative and regulatory approvals.”¹⁷

12 **Q. And Fitch’s assessment?**

13 A. Fitch is currently more definitive, stating that Kentucky regulation is “generally
14 constructive,” and highlighting the beneficial nature of the presence of several cost
15 recovery mechanisms, including fuel, purchased power, environmental
16 compliance, and infrastructure replacement clauses that mitigate the negative
17 effects of regulatory lag.¹⁸

V. **CONCLUSION**

18 **Q. Do you have concluding thoughts?**

19 A. Yes. For the reasons I have discussed, I strongly believe that utilities and their
20 regulators should strive to attain corporate credit ratings no lower than ‘BBB+ /
21 Baa1’. Accordingly, I encourage the Commission to reduce any uncertainty as to

¹⁴ Moody’s Research: “Kentucky Power Company Update to Credit Analysis,” June 29, 2022.

¹⁵ Moody’s Research: “American Electric Power Company, Inc., Termination of Kentucky operations sale has no immediate credit impact,” April 18, 2023.

¹⁶ S&P Research: “Kentucky Power Co. CreditWatch Implications Revised to Negative From Developing on AEP Sale Agreement,” October 28, 2021.

¹⁷ S&P Research: “American Electric Power Ratings Affirmed; Kentucky Power Downgraded to ‘BBB’ on Weaker Financials; Outlook Stable,” April 20, 2023.

¹⁸ Fitch Research: Fitch Affirms AEP and Subsidiaries; Outlook Stable,” February 28, 2023.

1 this body's future regulatory direction that may exist by providing an ongoing
2 constructive regulatory environment that respects the interests of all stakeholders
3 within the regulatory process, including the consumers that pay the bills and the
4 investors that fund the Company's operations. Such positive regulation, coupled
5 with strong utility operational performance, should allow the Company to
6 strengthen its credit profile over time toward the minimum rating level I
7 recommend.

8 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

9 **A. Yes, it does.**

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Service on Boards of Directors of: Central Hudson (Fortis Inc. subsidiary) (Chairman, Governance and Human Resources Committee); and Previously CH Energy Group (Lead Independent Director; Chairman, Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, and Governance and Nominating Committee); National Regulatory Research Institute (Chairman); Keystone Energy Board; and Regulatory Information Technology Consortium; Member, Wall Street Utility Group; Participant, Keystone Center Dialogues on RTOs and on Financial Trading and Energy Markets.

October 1993 – April 2002

Group Head and Managing Director; Senior Director -- Global Power Group, Fitch IBCA Duff & Phelps -- New York / Chicago

Manager of 18-employee (\$15 million revenue) group responsible for credit research and rating of fixed income securities of U.S. and foreign electric and natural gas companies and project finance; Member, Fitch Utility Securitization Team.

Led an effort to restructure the global power group that in three years' time resulted in 75% new personnel and over 100% increase in revenues, transforming a group operating at a substantial deficit into a team-oriented profit center through a combination of revenue growth and expense reduction.

Achieved national recognition as a speaker and commentator evaluating the effects of regulatory developments on the financial condition of the utility sector and individual companies; Cited by Institutional Investor (9/97) as one of top utility analysts at rating agencies; Frequently quoted in national newspapers and trade publications including The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, International Herald Tribune, Los Angeles Times, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Forbes and Energy Daily; Featured speaker at conferences sponsored by Edison Electric Institute, Nuclear Energy

Institute, American Gas Assn., Natural Gas Supply Assn., National Assn. of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), Canadian Electricity Assn.; Frequent invitations to testify before U.S. Senate (on C-Span) and House of Representatives, and state legislatures and utility commissions.

Participant, Keystone Center Dialogue on Regional Transmission Organizations; Member, International Advisory Council, Eisenhower Fellowships; Author, "A Rating Agency's Perspective on Regulatory Reform," book chapter published by Public Utilities Reports, Summer 1995; Advisory Committee, Public Utilities Fortnightly.

March 1994 – April 2002

Consultant -- NYNEX -- New York, Ameritech -- Chicago, Weatherwise USA -- Pittsburgh

Provided testimony before the Federal Communications Commission and state public utility commissions; Formulated and taught specialized ethics and negotiation skills training program for employees in positions of a sensitive nature due to responsibilities involving interface with government officials, marketing, sales or purchasing; Developed amendments to NYNEX Code of Business Conduct.

October 1987 - October 1993

Chairman; Commissioner -- Michigan Public Service Commission -- Lansing

Administrator of \$15-million agency responsible for regulating Michigan's public utilities, telecommunications services, and intrastate trucking, and establishing an effective state energy policy; Appointed by Democratic Governor James Blanchard; Promoted to Chairman by Republican Governor John Engler (1991) and reappointed (1993).

Initiated case-handling guideline that eliminated agency backlog for first time in 23 years while reorganizing to downsize agency from 240 employees to 205 and eliminate top tier of management; MPSC received national recognition for fashioning incentive plans in all regulated industries based on performance, service quality, and infrastructure improvement.

Closely involved in formulation and passage of regulatory reform law (Michigan Telecommunications Act of 1991) that has served as a model for other states; rejuvenated dormant twelve-year effort and successfully lobbied the Michigan Legislature to exempt the Commission from the Open Meetings Act, a controversial step that shifted power from the career staff to the three commissioners.

Elected Chairman of the Board of the National Regulatory Research Institute (at Ohio State University); Adjunct Professor of Legislation, American University's Washington College of Law and Thomas M. Cooley Law School; Member of NARUC Executive, Gas, and International Relations Committees, Steering Committee of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency/State of Michigan Relative Risk Analysis Project, and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Task Force on

Natural Gas Deliverability; Eisenhower Exchange Fellow to Japan and NARUC Fellow to the Kennedy School of Government; Ethics Lecturer for NARUC.

August 1985 - October 1987

Acting Associate Deputy Under Secretary of Labor; Executive Assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary -- U.S. Department of Labor -- Washington DC

Member of three-person management team directing the activities of 60-employee agency responsible for promoting use of labor-management cooperation programs. Supervised a legal team in a study of the effects of U.S. labor laws on labor-management cooperation that has received national recognition and been frequently cited in law reviews (U.S. Labor Law and the Future of Labor-Management Cooperation, w/S. Schlossberg, 1986).

January 1983 - August 1985

Senate Majority General Counsel; Chief Republican Counsel -- Michigan Senate -- Lansing

Legal Advisor to the Majority Republican Caucus and Secretary of the Senate; Created and directed 7-employee Office of Majority General Counsel; Counsel, Senate Rules and Ethics Committees; Appointed to the Michigan Criminal Justice Commission, Ann Arbor Human Rights Commission and Washtenaw County Consumer Mediation Committee.

March 1982 - January 1983

Assistant Legal Counsel -- Michigan Governor William Milliken -- Lansing

Legal and Labor Advisor (member of collective bargaining team); Director, Extradition and Clemency; Appointed to Michigan Supreme Court Sentencing Guidelines Committee, Prison Overcrowding Project, Coordination of Law Enforcement Services Task Force.

October 1979 - March 1982

Appellate Litigation Attorney -- National Labor Relations Board -- Washington DC

Other Significant Speeches and Publications

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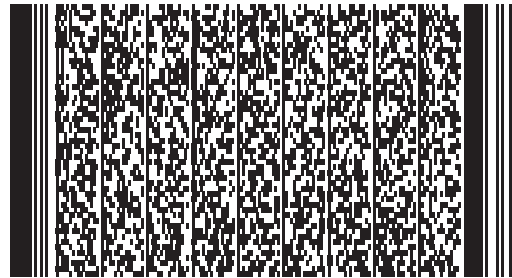
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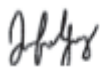
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

Electronic Application Of Kentucky Power Company)
For (1) A General Adjustment Of Its Rates 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)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, POSITION AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 A. My name is Stevi N. Cobern and I am the Customer Services Supervisor for Kentucky
3 Power Company (“Kentucky Power” or “Company”). My business address is 1645
4 Winchester Ave., Ashland, Kentucky 41101.

II. BACKGROUND

5 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL**
6 **BACKGROUND.**

7 A. I received a Regents Bachelor of Arts degree from Marshall University in Huntington,
8 West Virginia in 2022. In 2002, I began working for American Electric Power (“AEP”) in
9 AEP’s Customer Operations Center. In 2009, I joined Kentucky Power, working in various
10 departments including meter revenue operations and forestry. I transitioned back to
11 customer service in 2018 as Customer Services Coordinator. In May 2021, I accepted my
12 current position as Customer Services Supervisor.

13 **Q. WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS CUSTOMER SERVICES**
14 **SUPERVISOR?**

15 A. I am responsible for managing Kentucky Power’s customer service team, which includes
16 customer service account representatives for each district within our service territory. My
17 team ensures that proactive and individualized service is provided to our commercial,

1 industrial, and residential customers. As the local customer service team, we interact daily
2 with customers, review investigation orders, analyze accounts and verify information in
3 the field as needed. While reviewing investigation orders or to address concerns for a
4 customer, our customer service team frequently visit customers' homes. We speak one on
5 one with the customer, obtain a meter reading and walk the premise as needed to address
6 an issue. The customer service team also is the main point of contact for larger commercial
7 and industrial customers by managing these accounts both proactively and as the lead for
8 any special project or concerns. We also are responsible for the administration of Kentucky
9 Power's Home Energy Assistance ("HEA") programs, including Home Energy Assistance
10 in Reduced Temperatures ("HEART"), Donation HEART, and Temporary Heating
11 Assistance in Winter ("THAW"). We also address customer inquiries from the Kentucky
12 Public Service Commission, Office of the Attorney General, and Better Business Bureau
13 ensuring that such inquiries are appropriately investigated and responded to in a timely
14 fashion.

15 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED IN ANY REGULATORY**
16 **PROCEEDINGS?**

A. Yes. I have submitted testimony before this Commission in Case No. 2019-00366, which
concerned the Commission's investigation of investor-owned utilities' HEA programs.

III. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

17 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

18 A. The purpose of my testimony is to describe the Company's proposals in this case to (1)
19 increase its residential energy assistance ("REA") surcharge in order to provide home
20 energy assistance to more of its customers in need, and (2) extend the deadline for bill

1 payment to give customers more time to pay their bills. Additionally, I will describe
2 Kentucky Power’s customer service approach by highlighting the Company’s focus on
3 customers, including customer communications and community outreach efforts.

IV. THE COMPANY’S PROPOSAL TO INCREASE CUSTOMER HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE BENEFITS

4 **Q. DOES KENTUCKY POWER PROVIDE CUSTOMER BENEFITS THROUGH A**
5 **HEA PROGRAM?**

6 A. Yes. Kentucky Power offers the HEART and THAW HEA programs.

7 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE HEART AND THAW PROGRAMS.**

8 A. HEART is designed to assist low-income Kentucky Power residential customers with their
9 electric bill during the winter months. Qualifying customers with electric heat receive \$115
10 each month from January to April and customers with non-electric heat receive \$58 each
11 month for these same four months. THAW is designed to help customers who do not
12 require the broader and more sustained help provided by HEART, but who nonetheless
13 need assistance with their electric service because of a temporary situation. THAW
14 provides participating customers with assistance up to \$175 and is available on a first come,
15 first served basis from January through April or until designated funds are depleted.

16 Community Action Kentucky (“CAK”) administers both programs through local
17 community action agencies (“CAA”) throughout the Company’s service territory. As the
18 Commission recognized and favorably commented upon in Case No. 2019-00366,
19 Kentucky Power maintains a strong relationship with Community Action Kentucky and
20 CAK’s local CAAs. Kentucky Power, CAK, and the CAAs meet throughout each year to
21 discuss the programs and collaborate on improvements. Meetings are scheduled by
22 Kentucky Power before each program year and include training for community action

1 agency employees about the HEART and THAW programs. Following each program year,
2 Kentucky Power schedules meetings with CAK and their community action agencies to
3 collaborate about the program year. In these meetings, the program year is discussed,
4 including any concerns about the programs or application process and suggestions for
5 improvement. The most common suggestion made by community action agency
6 employees is to provide additional funding that will enable the programs to assist more
7 customers.

8 **Q. HOW ARE THE HEART AND THAW PROGRAMS FUNDED?**

9 A. The Residential Energy Assistance Tariff (“Tariff R.E.A.”) collects a monthly \$0.30 per
10 meter surcharge from residential customers. HEART and THAW are funded through a
11 combination of Tariff R.E.A. and a dollar-for-dollar Company match. HEART is funded
12 with 75% of the HEA funds available for distribution, and THAW is funded with the
13 remaining 25% of HEA funding.

14 **Q. WHAT IS THE CURRENT LEVEL OF HEA PROGRAM FUNDING?**

15 A. As shown in Figure SNC-1, for the 2022-2023 program year, there was \$613,160.75
16 available for HEART and \$204,877.28 available for THAW to distribute to eligible
17 participants. This amount of funding supported a total of 1,133 electric heating customers
18 and 396 non-electric heating customers to the HEART program. As the THAW program
19 supports a maximum of \$175 per customer, this level of funding supported a minimum of
20 1,171 customers. Accordingly, the HEART and THAW programs supported a total of at
21 least 2,700 customers.

Figure SNC-1: Current Funding for 2022-2023 Program Year

Total REA Funds (Post 10% Admin Cap)	\$ 613,160.75		\$ 204,877.28
	HEART 75%		THAW 25%
	Electric Heat (85%)	Non-Electric Heat (15%)	N/A
Funding Available	\$ 521,187	\$ 91,974	\$ 204,877
Payment Amount	\$ 115	\$ 58	\$ 175
Total Available Benefit Per Customer	\$ 460	\$ 232	\$ 175
Number of Customers Able to Receive Benefits	1,133	396	1,171

2,700

1 **Q. WHAT HEA-RELATED CHANGE IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING IN THIS**
 2 **CASE?**

3 A. To provide additional home energy assistance to low-income customers and customers in
 4 need, Kentucky Power proposes to increase the Tariff R.E.A. rate and corresponding
 5 Company match by \$0.10 monthly (\$1.20 annually), to \$0.40 per residential meter per
 6 month. An increase in the Tariff R.E.A. funding level will allow a greater number of
 7 customers to receive benefits from these programs. No operational changes to the programs
 8 are required, and CAK will continue to administer each program in the manner in place
 9 today.

10 **Q. IS THE CURRENT LEVEL OF HEART FUNDING SUFFICIENT TO HELP ALL**
 11 **ELIGIBLE CUSTOMERS WHO SEEK ASSISTANCE?**

12 A. No. Illustrated above in Figure SNC 1, HEART supported 1,133 electric heating customers
 13 and 396 non-electric heating customers. For the 2022-2023 program year, CAA accepted
 14 applications from 6,800 customers who qualified to receive assistance from HEART.

1 **Q. WHAT LEVEL OF INCREMENTAL HEART AND THAW BENEFITS DOES THE**
 2 **COMPANY EXPECT TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO CUSTOMERS BY**
 3 **INCREASING THE TARIFF R.E.A. SURCHARGE AND COMPANY MATCH?**

4 A. By increasing the Tariff REA surcharge and corresponding Company match to \$0.40, the
 5 Company anticipates that the HEART and THAW programs will be able to support an
 6 additional approximately 1,000 participants. Figure SNC-2 provides the change to funding
 7 and number of participants to the 2022-2023 program year had the surcharge been \$0.40
 8 in that program year.

Figure SNC-2: Proposed Funding Layered on 2022-2023 Program Year

Total REA Funds (Post 10% Admin Cap)	\$ 841,715.21		\$ 281,072.10
	HEART 75%		THAW 25%
	Electric Heat (85%)	Non-Electric Heat (15%)	N/A
Funding Available	\$ 715,458	\$ 126,257	\$ 281,072
Payment Amount	\$ 115	\$ 58	\$ 175
Total Available Benefit Per Customer	\$ 460	\$ 232	\$ 175
Number of Customers Able to Receive Benefits	1,555	544	1,606

3,705

V. THE COMPANY’S PAYMENT DEADLINE EXTENSION PROPOSAL

9 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN KENTUCKY POWER’S PROPOSAL REGARDING**
 10 **CUSTOMER BILL PAYMENT DEADLINES.**

11 A. To make on-time bill payment easier for customers, Kentucky Power proposes to extend
 12 the number of days between the monthly billing date and bill due date from 15 days to 21
 13 days. If approved, this change would be implemented on a bills-rendered basis beginning
 14 on the date the Company’s new base rates are effective. Implementation of this on a bills-

1 rendered basis ensures a smoother implementation of this change from an administrative
2 standpoint.

3 **Q. WHY IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING THIS CHANGE?**

4 A. Extending the time for payment will allow customers additional time to make an on-time
5 payment. This change will put Kentucky Power closer in line with other investor-owned
6 electric companies in Kentucky, which provide 21 or 22 days for payment. This additional
7 time also will benefit customers who participate in extended payment arrangements, in
8 which the total account balance is deferred and billed over several months, by giving those
9 customers additional time each month to fulfill their payment obligations under such
10 arrangements and thereby hopefully limiting the customers' need to modify or enter into
11 further payment arrangements. For non-residential customers, this change will also extend
12 the time frame for payment before a late payment charge is assessed. Company Witness
13 Adams included this information in the lead-lag study and the results of that study are
14 reflected in the cash working capital adjustment sponsored by Company Witness Whitney.

VI. KENTUCKY POWER'S CUSTOMER CARE FOCUS

15 **Q. WHAT OTHER PROPOSALS IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING IN THIS CASE**
16 **TO BENEFIT LOW-INCOME CUSTOMERS?**

17 A. First, Company Witness Vaughan discusses the Company's Solar Garden proposal that
18 will benefit all customers. Further, there is a low-income benefit option which would
19 provide 50 percent of the energy benefits to customers participating in the Federal Low
20 Income Home Energy Assistance Program. These customers would receive a yearly bill
21 credit in January, when customer bills are high.

1 Second, Company Witness Spaeth supports a new Optional Seasonal Provision
2 within Tariff R.S. This provision will be available to any residential customer who wishes
3 to opt-in. The Tariff is designed to provide a lower kWh energy rate during December
4 through March when many of our customers experience high usage.

5 **Q. HOW DOES KENTUCKY POWER ASSIST CUSTOMERS IN MANAGING**
6 **THEIR ENERGY USAGE?**

7 A. The Company is committed to the communities we serve and understands that the effects
8 of long-term economic problems compounded with rising inflation place a strain on our
9 customers, specifically ones on a fixed income and those who fall below the poverty line.
10 The Company acknowledges that inadequate weatherization measures, such as
11 insufficient insulation and weatherstripping around doors and windows, and inefficient
12 heating and cooling systems can increase energy consumption and exacerbate elevated
13 energy bills, further straining low to moderate income households. Less efficient
14 appliances and the lack of a proper building envelope¹ can result in higher-than-normal
15 usage for the size of home. Company employees frequently encounter homes that appear
16 to lack energy efficiency measures. Homes, specifically mobile homes, may lack proper
17 underpinning and insulation. Other homes have damages on the roof, windows, or poorly
18 installed window air conditioning units. Older homes often have electric resistance heat
19 or inefficient heat pump units. Making improvements to a home's appliances and
20 building envelope can significantly decrease usage and therefore lower the monthly bills.

21 The Home Energy Management program, deployed in 2020, provides residential
22 customers the opportunity to access and manage their energy usage and cost information.

¹ The building envelope, which includes the walls, windows, roof, and foundation, forms the primary thermal barrier between the interior and exterior environments.

1 By completing an online home energy analysis, customers gain a better understanding of
2 their energy usage. Customers also receive personalized proactive alerts and energy
3 efficiency tips that help educate customers on managing their energy usage.

4 In 2021, Kentucky Power through the AEP Foundation provided a \$100,000
5 contribution to the Housing Development Alliance (“HDA”) to assist in construction of a
6 much-needed neighborhood in Hazard. The Gurney’s Bend project includes 15 new all-
7 electric homes built to meet a Home Efficiency Rating (“HER”) of 46. The HER rating
8 means the homes use 46 percent of the energy a standard new home uses which translates
9 to about half of the energy consumption of a standard new home and about one-third of the
10 energy consumption of the typical existing home. With that efficiency level, HDA
11 estimates that the combined annual savings of the neighborhood is about \$15,000.
12 Kentucky Power through the AEP Foundation also made other contributions toward
13 housing improvements in our communities of \$306,100 over the last five years. These
14 contributions benefited Christian Appalachian Project, Housing Development Alliance,
15 and Build Ashland. Although our community support helps in several areas, we plan to
16 continue to be a leader in our region by focusing our efforts in the future to further help the
17 housing situation in eastern Kentucky.

18 As part of its Demand Side Management (“DSM”) programs, the Company
19 currently provides supplemental funding to Kentucky Housing Corporation’s
20 Weatherization Assistance Program, which assists low-income customers with
21 weatherization and energy efficiency measures. In June 2023, Kentucky Power finalized a
22 DSM Market Potential Study. This study conducted primary market research with
23 customers on their existing energy-consuming equipment as well as their willingness to

1 participate in energy efficiency programs at varying incentive levels. The study identifies
2 cost effective energy efficiency measures and makes recommendations for cost effective
3 programs the Company can implement. The Company intends to file an application to
4 expand its DSM programs within the next year.

5 **Q. HOW DOES KENTUCKY POWER FOCUS ON CUSTOMER CARE?**

6 A. The Company has continued to focus on customer care over the last several years to
7 improve relationships with customers by proactively conducting business and continuing
8 to improve and become a company that is easier to do business with. With each interaction
9 we have with our customers, our goal is to provide great customer service and exceed their
10 expectations. Based on customer feedback from J.D. Power surveys, we recently identified
11 four areas that we plan to review as part of our continued focus on customer care. We plan
12 to look for ways to make Kentucky Power easier to do business with, improve customer
13 communication, make our tariffs easier to understand, and identify federal grant
14 opportunities that will benefit customers.

15 #1 Easy to Do Business With: Review and implement ideas from field employees
16 that make the Company easier to do business with. One project completed thus far is an
17 easy-to-follow checklist for customers wanting to establish new service. Our field
18 technicians indicated this was a need to help customer better understand the process of
19 obtaining new service.

20 #2 Communications: How we communicate with customers is changing. Kentucky
21 Power is implementing ways to reach customers through our own communication
22 channels. Our abilities to reach targeted groups of customers has grown through
23 technology. We are sensitive to customers who may not use technology, so we continue to

1 use traditional methods such as bill inserts but we are also finding ways to increase our
2 presence in the community to meet customers where they are. Earlier this year, we held
3 three customer workshops in the Hazard district and invited more than 3,400 customers.
4 The poor turnout was disappointing but was a learning opportunity to determine how
5 customers prefer to interact.

6 #3 Tariff Review: Several employees will continually review tariffs throughout the
7 year to look for opportunities to improve customer care. This could be something as simple
8 as seeking to rename a tariff to make it more understandable. In fact, the Company is
9 proposing to rename two tariffs and to reorganize and reformat its tariff book in this case
10 for that reason, as explained further by Company Witness Kahn.

11 #4 Federal grant funding: Kentucky Power is participating in the opportunities from
12 federal grant programs such as Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (“GRIP”) and
13 Clean Energy Demonstration Program on Current and Former Mine Land (“CEML”). To
14 date, we have submitted two concept papers, one for GRIP and the other for CEML. We
15 are also exploring potential opportunities and looking for partnerships in other areas, and
16 plan to take advantage of tax credits through the Inflation Reduction Act (“IRA”).
17 Kentucky Power also plans to work with state energy offices to make eligible customers
18 aware of energy efficiency rebates available through the IRA.

19 Beyond that and thinking about a more progressive future, we have designated
20 Company representatives as specialists in key fields such as energy efficiency,
21 electrification, and electric vehicle infrastructure to ensure we do not miss an opportunity
22 to make meaningful improvements for our customers’ benefit.

1 **Q. IN WHAT CUSTOMER COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH**
2 **ACTIVITIES DOES KENTUCKY POWER CURRENTLY ENGAGE?**

3 A. Kentucky Power engages with customers through multiple channels including social
4 media, bill inserts and messages, email, and in-person events. Our educational
5 communications provide customers with the information needed to make informed choices
6 about their accounts. Monthly communication themes are developed which prioritize
7 consistent messaging to build awareness of payment programs and energy efficiency
8 guidelines; storm preparedness; the various ways customer services can assist customers;
9 education on and encouragement for using customer tools available on the Kentucky Power
10 website; and to share news of community outreach participation and philanthropic
11 announcements.

12 Our website and social media platforms are utilized as a communications method
13 to provide customers with quick and easy access to information. While the website is where
14 customers may read about the various annual community outreach events in which
15 Kentucky Power participates – including a food drive for local pantries, free tree events
16 and a reading day program at local schools – customers can follow our social media page
17 to learn about other community events our employees volunteer for, such as career fairs,
18 mission work and assistance in our local technical college’s lineworker program.
19 Customers can also interact with specially trained representatives via social media using
20 direct messages to discuss billing or outage questions.

21 Email, social media and our website are also critical platforms when providing
22 customers with storm preparation and restoration news and information; electrical grid
23 emergencies and improvements; and other public safety announcements.

1 Kentucky Power understands how important our communities are. We endeavor to
2 be a good community partner and strengthen our connection with our communities through
3 volunteering and offering customers convenient access to useful information.

4 **Q. HOW HAS KENTUCKY POWER’S APPROACH TO CUSTOMER**
5 **COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVOLVED SINCE THE**
6 **LAST BASE CASE?**

7 A. Since the last base case, Kentucky Power has increased frequency of communications with
8 customers and created a quarterly newsletter. Communication efforts now include monthly
9 themes to ensure delivery of messaging is consistent and timely. Coinciding with these
10 themes are the options that benefit customers, including information on the Average
11 Monthly Payment plan (“AMP”), which evens out bill spikes typically experienced in the
12 summer and winter months; and the benefits of downloading our mobile app and signing
13 up for text alerts to stay up to date during outages caused by seasonal weather events. This
14 proactive planning has allowed us to more easily turn our focus on storms or other
15 unexpected events. When we need to shift communications, we can continue rolling out
16 the monthly themes without interruption.

17 Kentucky Power utilizes information from customer surveys and nationally
18 recognized customer research organizations, such as J.D. Power, to measure customer
19 satisfaction, better understand customer preferences and adjust its customer service efforts
20 according to what is learned from customers. The Company also uses the feedback
21 platform, Medallia, which provides timely feedback from customers, enabling Kentucky
22 Power to address emerging issues more quickly. Furthermore, Kentucky Power participates

1 in outreach events to talk to and interact with customers, to listen and engage in community
2 matters, and monitors social media reactions and comments to gauge customer sentiment.

3 The Company uses these qualitative measures in conjunction with J.D. Power’s
4 customer satisfaction surveys and other research studies to get a comprehensive view of
5 customer satisfaction. Based on 2022 J.D. Power scores, Kentucky Power ranked highest
6 among AEP operating companies for first contact resolution with customers and accurate
7 estimated time of restoration (“ETR”) given during outage interruptions.

8 Promoting our app and text alerts is a priority as those customer preference
9 measurements show a trend toward customer desire for self-service through a website or
10 app. The latest updates include “empathy messaging” to customers experiencing extended
11 outage times to ensure these customers know we are aware of their outage and are still
12 working toward restoration.

13 Proactive communication continues to be an important part of our communication
14 approach across all customer classes, so we stay engaged with customers to meet their
15 preferences. This year, Kentucky Power sent the first issue of a new quarterly newsletter
16 to residential, commercial and industrial customers who maintain an email address with
17 us. This newsletter will provide information such as industry-related updates, economic
18 development, charitable giving, energy education, and other topics customers will find
19 useful. We have also targeted customers who are delinquent but on life support to see how
20 we can help them; we have targeted customers who we think would benefit from a payment
21 arrangement, or to be on a budget plan.

1 Kentucky Power takes great care to ensure that its efforts provide customers with
2 accurate and timely information so they can benefit from the wide range of tools and
3 resources the Company offers.

4 **Q. HOW DOES KENTUCKY POWER PLAN TO CONTINUE ITS FOCUS ON**
5 **CUSTOMER CARE?**

6 A. The Company intends to continue to proactively communicate, listen to our customers and
7 evolve to better meet customer expectations. For example, customers have recently
8 provided feedback that our contributions in aid of construction (“CIAC”) payment
9 procedure could be updated to facilitate quicker payments and installation of new services.
10 The Company heard that feedback and instituted a change to its process resulting in same
11 day CIAC payment processing if the customer pays by card.

12 Kentucky Power, along with other AEP operating companies, participate in a
13 customer experience board where representatives discuss ways to improve customer care.
14 One of the current initiatives for review is further enhancements to the new service process
15 with the goal of a customer request for service portal where customers and contractors can
16 easily follow along in the new service process. Continuing to understand customer needs
17 and implement improvements keeps our focus on customer care.

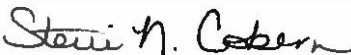
VII. CONCLUSION

18 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR PRE-FILED TESTIMONY?**

19 A. Yes, it does.

VERIFICATION

The undersigned, Stevi N. Cobern, being duly sworn, deposes and says she is the Customer Services Supervisor for Kentucky Power, that she has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing testimony and the information contained therein is true and correct to the best of her information, knowledge, and belief after reasonable inquiry.



 Stevi N. Cobern

Commonwealth of Kentucky)
) Case No. 2023-00159
 County of Boyd)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said County and State, by Stevi N. Cobern, on June 26, 2023.



 Notary Public



My Commission Expires June 24, 2025

Notary ID Number KYNP 32110

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 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)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, POSITION AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 A. My name is Amanda C. Clark, and I am an External Affairs Manager for Kentucky Power
3 Company (“Kentucky Power” or “Company”). My business address is 1645 Winchester
4 Ave., Ashland, Kentucky 41101.

II. BACKGROUND

5 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL**
6 **BACKGROUND.**

7 A. I earned a Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education from Marshall University in 2000.
8 I was an elementary school teacher until 2007, when I accepted a management role at the
9 Boyd County Public Library. From 2007 to 2016, I was the programming supervisor for
10 the library system. In 2016, I became the vice president of operations for Ashland Alliance,
11 a regional economic development organization and chamber of commerce.

12 As the vice president of Ashland Alliance, I gained experience in all aspects of
13 economic development including site development, industrial recruitment, and community
14 development. I completed the University of Kentucky Gatton College of Business and
15 Economics Economic Development Institute and the International Economic Development
16 Council’s Economic Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma. Additionally, I
17 have served on the board of directors of the Kentucky Association for Economic

1 Development since 2020 and have been an active member of the Southern Economic
2 Development Council since 2017.

3 I joined Kentucky Power as External Affairs Manager in 2019. In addition to my
4 position at Kentucky Power, I have been a member of the City of Ashland's Board of
5 Commissioners since 2014 and have been re-elected to that board four times. The
6 Commission is responsible for setting the policy and budget to manage the city's
7 operations. I represent the city on the Ashland Housing Authority Board, as well as the
8 executive board of Ashland in Motion, an organization committed to the development of
9 downtown Ashland. I also chair the city's capital projects committee.

10 **Q. WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MANAGER?**

11 A. My responsibilities include economic development, managing local government relations,
12 and community outreach.

13 My responsibilities in economic development include providing support to local
14 and regional economic development partners by assisting with site visits, recruitment trips,
15 and information gathering for consultant requests for potential projects. I also work with
16 the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, the Kentucky Association for
17 Economic Development, One East Kentucky, and the Ashland Alliance to help attract
18 industry to our region. Finally, I manage the Kentucky Power Economic Growth Grant
19 ("K-PEGG") Program. In addition to economic development, I work diligently to maintain
20 relationships with judge executives, mayors, and staff in Kentucky Power's service
21 territory. These relationships are imperative during times of emergency response and
22 helpful for economic development. I am responsible for the northern part of the territory
23 and cover Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Greenup, Lawrence, Lewis, Morgan, Owsley, and Rowan

1 counties. I am also responsible for Kentucky Power's community outreach in those
2 counties. As part of community outreach, I organize staff and resources for community
3 events and volunteer opportunities.

4 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED IN ANY REGULATORY**
5 **PROCEEDINGS?**

6 A. Yes. I have submitted testimony before this Commission in Case No. 2022-00387
7 (application for a special contract) and Case No. 2022-00424 (application for a special
8 contract under tariffs E.D.R. and D.R.S.).

III. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

9 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

10 A. The purpose of my testimony is to describe Kentucky Power's economic development
11 efforts and the economic development challenges and successes present in the
12 Company's service territory. My testimony also demonstrates that the Commission
13 should authorize the Company to continue the K-PEGG program and addresses the
14 Company's long-term plan for continuing its economic development in eastern Kentucky.

IV. THE NEED FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN **THE COMPANY'S SERVICE TERRITORY**

15 **Q. WHY IS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IMPORTANT FOR EASTERN**
16 **KENTUCKY?**

17 A. The International Economic Development Council defines economic development as
18 "programs, policies and activities that seek to improve the economic well-being and quality

1 of life for a community by creating and retaining jobs and providing a stable tax base.”¹
2 Kentucky Power is actively involved in economic development activities for the sake of its
3 customers and the communities it serves. If eastern Kentucky is going to reverse the trend
4 of companies leaving the region and taking people with them, economic development is
5 the only path forward.

6 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ECONOMIC TRENDS IN THE COMPANY’S**
7 **SERVICE TERRITORY?**

8 A. Kentucky Power’s service territory has endured devastating job losses for over a decade.
9 Coal mining employment in eastern Kentucky decreased more than sixfold, falling from
10 13,372 jobs in 2007 to 2,797 by the first quarter of 2022.² In addition, AK Steel in Boyd
11 and Greenup counties, a major employer for the region, ceased operation during the same
12 period. The high rate of job losses in eastern Kentucky has impacted the communities
13 Kentucky Power serves in a variety of ways.

14 Unemployment Rates

15 The highest 11 unemployment rates in the Commonwealth are in the Kentucky Power
16 service territory, as summarized in Figure ACC-1 below³:

¹https://www.iedconline.org/clientuploads/Downloads/Key_Strategies/IEDC_Why_and_Impact_Economic_Development.pdf

² Kentucky Center for Economic Policy, *The State of Kentucky Working 2022* <https://kypolicy.org/the-state-of-working-kentucky-2022/>.

³ <https://www.nkytribune.com/2023/05/kentucky-center-for-statistics-releases-county-unemployment-data-for-april/>

Figure ACC-1

County	April 2023 Unemployment Rate (%)
Magoffin	8.5
Lewis	7.3
Martin	6.9
Elliott	6.7
Carter	6.5
Breathitt	5.8
Greenup	5.7
Johnson	5.6
Knott	5.4
Letcher	5.4

1 By comparison the average unemployment rate over the same period was 3.2% across
2 Kentucky, and 3.1% nationally.⁴ Additionally, the labor force participation rate is 42% in
3 Kentucky Power’s service territory compared to the US average of 63%. The
4 unemployment rate and low labor participation rate drags down the average household
5 income in the territory to \$40,000 compared to \$70,000 nationally and creates a situation
6 where 27% of the residents live in poverty (12% is the US average).

Population Loss

8 With the loss of jobs, the territory lost population. Between 2008 and 2022, the
9 Company’s service territory lost 39,350 people.⁵ To put that number in perspective, that
10 total is more than the population of Greenup County. It is also more than the populations
11 of Owsley, Elliott, Leslie, and Martin counties combined.

Economies

13 Business closures, and the resultant job and population losses, have significant
14 impact on Kentucky Power’s communities’ economies. By way of illustration, Kentucky

⁴ <https://www.nkytribune.com/2023/05/kentucky-center-for-statistics-releases-county-unemployment-data-for-april/>

⁵ <https://www.census.gov/>

1 Power utilized IMPLAN (an economic impact software nationally recognized and accepted
 2 by economic development professionals) to model the impact of the 240 jobs lost at AK
 3 Steel when it closed its doors in late 2019. IMPLAN is a micro-computer-based input-
 4 output (“I-O”) modeling system. The IMPLAN model looks at the impacts of ongoing
 5 economic activity and capital investments ⁶ and quantifies them. With IMPLAN, one can
 6 estimate I-O models of up to 528 sectors for any region consisting of one or more counties.
 7 In modeling AK Steel’s economic impact on the local area, the model specifically
 8 considered Kentucky Power’s Service territory and employment analysis for AK’s specific
 9 industry (steel manufacturing).

10 IMPLAN’s Ongoing Economic Activity results consider the annual impact of 240
 11 steel manufacturing jobs as represented by the production, purchase or sale of products or
 12 services as well as working for a wage or salary in the local area.

13 Figure ACC-2 provides IMPLAN’s results for the ongoing economic activity
 14 (now gone) associated with the 240 AK Steel jobs in Kentucky Power’s service territory.
 15 The AK Steel jobs represented 240 direct employee and 630 total jobs in the local
 16 economy.

Figure ACC-2				
Impact Type	Employment	Labor Income	Value Added	Output
1-Direct effect	240.00	\$33,333,348.80	\$73,098,770	\$263,453,614.87
2-Indirect	217.09	\$13,026,665.84	\$22,448,050.24	\$51,427,721.60
3-Induced	173.10	\$8,056,012.23	\$14,565,629.03	\$26,390,941.09
Total	630.18	\$54,416,026.88	\$110,112,456.97	\$341,272,277.55

⁶ Money used by a business to purchase fixed assets such as land, machinery, or buildings.

1 *Direct effect* refers to the employment, labor income, and value-added effects for the jobs
2 specifically to operate the AK Steel plant. *Indirect effect* refers to the employment, labor
3 income and value-added effects of the business-to-business purchases (goods or service)
4 within AK Steel's supply chain resulting from AK Steel's facility being located in the area.
5 *Induced effect* refers to the value added within the local economy stemming from
6 household spending of labor income which is generated by the spending of the
7 employees.⁷

8 **Q. HOW HAS THE DOWNWARD ECONOMIC TREND IN KENTUCKY POWER'S**
9 **SERVICE TERRITORY IMPACTED THE COMPANY?**

10 A. The high unemployment rate impairs our customers' ability to pay for goods and services,
11 including electricity. Population loss translates to customer loss for Kentucky Power.
12 Between 2008 and 2022, the Company lost 11,462 customers and has seen its total annual
13 weather normalized sales fall by 1,879 GWh, or 25.5 percent. Generally speaking, sales
14 represent the denominator in utility rate making and thus loss of load directly correlates to
15 increased rates for the remaining customers.

16 **Q. HOW DOES EASTERN KENTUCKY COMPARE TO OTHER PARTS OF THE**
17 **COMMONWEALTH WITH RESPECT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT?**

18 A. Kentucky Power's service territory is relatively new to the concept of economic
19 development, and this puts it at a disadvantage when compared to other regions in
20 Kentucky. For example, Greater Louisville, Inc., the regional chamber of
21 commerce/economic development organization for the metro-Louisville area, has been

⁷ Please see <https://blog.implan.com/understanding-implan-effects> for further information on these terms.

1 involved in economic development activities since 1987, while One East Kentucky, the
2 largest regional economic development organization in eastern Kentucky, began
3 operations in 2015. Regions like central Kentucky have a nearly 30-year head start in
4 identifying sites and preparing them for economic development.

5 Additionally, eastern Kentucky faces a particular hardship because of its lack of
6 economic diversity. The decline of coal and the closure of major manufacturers across
7 the region have left eastern Kentucky in need of residents and a tax base. Many of the
8 communities in Kentucky Power's service territory also do not have the resources to be
9 actively involved economic development activities.

10 Finally, eastern Kentucky's terrain makes large, quality sites for economic
11 development scarce. Many of the sites without a significant slope are hindered by flood
12 plain issues. The regional industrial parks in the Company's service territory are re-
13 claimed strip mine sites that face a unique set of building challenges as well.

V. KENTUCKY POWER'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

14 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE COMPANY'S EFFORTS TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC**
15 **DEVELOPMENT IN ITS SERVICE TERRITORY.**

16 A. Kentucky Power recognizes the importance of healthy local economies and takes a
17 leadership role in economic development in eastern Kentucky. Since 2012, Kentucky
18 Power has worked diligently with economic development organizations to promote
19 business investment, site development, job creation, and load growth in eastern Kentucky.

20 The Company's efforts are also aimed at recruiting industry and making capital
21 investments in its service territory, thereby increasing employment opportunities, and
22 expanding the tax base. Loss of jobs is crippling many of the communities in the

1 Company's service territory. The population loss that has occurred as a result is leaving
2 local governments scrambling for resources as the tax base is dwindling.

3 Kentucky Power works closely with and supports local economic development
4 organizations to focus on key aspects in its economic development efforts: industry
5 retention, industry expansion, industry attraction, and site development. New and
6 diversified economic activity in the Company's service territory benefits both customers
7 and the Company.

8 Additionally, the external affairs managers as well as Kentucky Power's president
9 and COO are all graduates of the University of Oklahoma Economic Development
10 Institute and are experienced practitioners of economic development. Kentucky Power
11 holds seats on the boards of the Ashland Alliance, One East Kentucky, Hazard-Perry
12 County Economic Development Alliance, and the Kentucky Association for Economic
13 Development. Further, Kentucky Power representatives regularly participate in board
14 meetings for the area development districts, industrial park authorities and workforce
15 development. Kentucky Power eagerly lends its knowledge and assistance to its
16 communities for economic development activities.

17 **Q. DOES THE COMPANY HAVE ANY OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-**
18 **FOCUSED PROGRAMS IN PLACE?**

19 A. Yes. Since 2015, Kentucky Power has administered and contributed to funding the K-
20 PEGG Program, which provides grant funding targeted specifically at projects designed
21 to enhance the economic development potential of the communities in the Company's
22 service territory. In Case No. 2014-00396, the Commission recognized the importance of
23 a region's utility in economic development when it first approved the Company's

1 Kentucky Economic Development Surcharge Tariff (“Tariff K.E.D.S.”), which funds the
2 K-PEGG Program. The K-PEGG program is funded through Tariff K.E.D.S. at the rate
3 of \$1.00 per non-residential meter per month with a corresponding dollar-for-dollar
4 Company match.

5 **Q. PLEASE FURTHER DESCRIBE THE K-PEGG PROGRAM.**

6 A. K-PEGG funding is awarded for use in the following categories: Economic Development
7 Education, Sites and Buildings-Product Improvement, Marketing and Promotion, and
8 Professional Consulting Services. The program allows Kentucky Power to work
9 strategically with communities, government, and economic development partners to
10 facilitate business location and expansion specific to the Company’s twenty-county service
11 territory. Here is a brief description of each K-PEGG Program category:

12 Economic Development Education

13 The focus of this category is to provide educational opportunities to local economic
14 development practitioners within the Company’s service territory. These opportunities
15 seek to raise the bar of performance for our communities and partners that are focused
16 on economic development. Funds from this category have facilitated education for
17 economic development professionals in the service territory.

18 Sites and Building-Product Improvement

19 In 2012, Kentucky Power engaged InSite Consulting Group to identify areas of
20 improvement in the region’s industrial sites. The criteria for this category were based
21 around these recommendations and include infrastructure improvements, master plan
22 updates, due diligence items, site compaction and Build Ready certification, and “close
23 the deal” funding.

1 This category is designed to bring to market new or existing sites and facilities
2 within the Kentucky Power service territory and position communities to compete
3 successfully for new jobs and investment or to retain existing jobs. The product
4 improvement funds allow partner communities to leverage local, state, federal and private
5 participation in economic development projects and make sites competitive in the site
6 selection process.

7 Site selection involves measuring the needs of a new project against the merits of
8 potential locations. A formal process became widely accepted post WWII when large
9 companies needed to identify ideal locations for new corporate campuses and
10 manufacturing operations as the US population and economy expanded. Bringing
11 properties to market is critical for success in economic development. Regional economic
12 development partners rely on K-PEGG funding to meet this important need.

13 According to Site Selection Group, a leading provider of global location advisory,
14 economic incentive and corporate real estate services:

15 There is little that is more frustrating to an economic developer than
16 having high levels of prospect activity and having no buildings or sites to
17 show. Exacerbating the issue is that companies' deadlines to select a site
18 and bring products to market are getting shorter and shorter. To compete
19 for jobs and investment, economic developers are becoming more engaged
20 and taking a leadership role to provide viable real-estate options to
21 prospects⁸

22 Many industrial sites in Kentucky Power's territory are former mine land sites, often
23 referred to as "fill sites." Due to this fact, these sites are often at a competitive
24 disadvantage because each building site must be compacted before a foundation can be

⁸ <https://info.siteselectiongroup.com/blog/navigating-the-site-development-process>

1 constructed. This can add significant cost to build on a site and makes some eastern
2 Kentucky sites less competitive for industry.

3 Marketing and Promotion

4 K-PEGG lends support to regional economic development organizations who serve as the
5 primary marketing arm in the region's economic development activities. The organizations
6 tasked with marketing industrial properties in eastern Kentucky have limited funding.
7 Industrial authorities are in place to manage most of the properties but lack any funding to
8 do property improvements or marketing; especially with the decline of the coal severance
9 dollars that previously would typically fund these activities for industrial parks.

10 Professional Consulting Services

11 The use of consultants is often necessary for to provide a skill or resource that is not
12 readily available in a community or government or to provide a targeted approach to an
13 effort that will ensure strategic investment of time and money.

14 **Q. WHAT RESULTS HAVE BEEN REALIZED FROM THE COMPANY'S** 15 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOCUS?**

16 A. Kentucky Power and its economic development partners continue to work to remove
17 barriers to development. By working together, the region has produced certified and
18 build-ready sites and quantified the skills of its workforce so that it can be ready for
19 potential projects. Together, through these key aspects of economic development,
20 Kentucky Power and its community, government, and economic development partners
21 work diligently to build a stronger eastern Kentucky.

22 The Company's K-PEGG Program also has realized success in each of the
23 categories for which that program awards funding:

Economic Development Education

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2 Regional economic development organizations have used K-PEGG awards to host
3 economic development training for 67 elected officials. Economic development
4 education is important for local officials. Economic development education will help
5 them understand the factors that attract investment to a community and the importance of
6 strategic planning and partnerships. Educated officials will be able to set clear goals for
7 their communities and have the skills to work collaboratively to reach those goals. Local
8 officials with economic development training will be better equipped to identify and
9 pursue funding opportunities for economic development projects.

Sites and Building-Product Improvement

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11 A particular success in site development is found in Paintsville. The Johnson County
12 Fiscal Court was approved for a K-PEGG in 2021 to complete due diligence on the
13 Hager Hill Industrial Site. Johnson County leveraged the K-PEGG results to achieve
14 Build-Ready certification from the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development. The
15 Build-Ready designation means necessary permits, including water, environmental,
16 archeological, and geotechnical studies are on file, as well as preliminary building plans,
17 cost estimates and schedule projections. It is common for K-PEGG to assist with these
18 preliminary studies ahead of the site certification process. Sites will not be considered
19 Build-Ready without them.

20 After achieving Build-Ready certification, Johnson County applied and was
21 approved for a Kentucky Product Development Initiative (“KPDI”) grant. Johnson
22 County intends to purchase the property adjacent to the existing park, doubling the size of
23 the industrial park.

1 KPDI, is a partnership between the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development
2 and the Kentucky Association for Economic Development (“KAED”). In 2018, KAED
3 was approved for a K-PEGG to support its pilot of KDPI. KPDI was developed to
4 address a shortage of top-quality locations in the Commonwealth. KPDI grants are
5 awarded for utility infrastructure upgrades, property acquisition, facility enhancement or
6 due diligence necessary to prepare sites and buildings for investment. The initiative
7 enhances quantity and quality of Kentucky’s available sites and buildings, addresses the
8 lack of capital in a market and encourages collaboration among Kentucky economic
9 developers and stakeholders to help new and expanding businesses find a suitable
10 location more quickly.⁹

11 EastPark in Ashland also benefited from a KPDI grant in 2023. The grant
12 allowed EastPark to purchase the former Unity Aluminum site, which is also Build-
13 Ready Certified with K-PEGG funds. The site is important to the region as it has the
14 only 100,000 square foot speculative building available in the state.

15 An additional product the Kentucky Power service territory has to market is its
16 workforce. K-PEGG has funded two studies of the region’s workforce. Those studies
17 quantify the number of workers available for a prospect and qualify their skills. The
18 studies concluded that the region’s workforce possessed the skills necessary to transition
19 to aerospace, aviation, and advanced manufacturing sectors. This workforce information
20 has been valuable to the state, our regional partners, and the Company for recruitment.
21 The information in the study has been noted as a major factor in the location of

⁹ https://ced.ky.gov/Newsroom/NewsPage/04252019_KAED

1 companies like Dajcor, Danieli; a metal industry supplier located in Ashland and Omnis
2 Building Technologies; a building materials manufacturer located in Greenup.

3 K-PEGG has also assisted in site development that will train the workforce of the
4 future and re-train the numerous displaced coal and steel workers in our service territory
5 by assisting eKentucky Advanced Manufacturing Institute with upgrades to its training
6 equipment and Galen School of Nursing with expanding its facilities to train additional
7 nurses.

8 Marketing and Promotion

9 In 2020, One East Kentucky leveraged K-PEGG funds as a match for a \$1.2 million grant
10 from the Appalachian Regional Commission to recruit new industry, develop industrial
11 sites, and build a robust business retention and expansion program.¹⁰ SOAR also used K-
12 PEGG funds to create EKY Remote, a marketing campaign to recruit remote workers to
13 the region.¹¹

14 Kentucky Power fully funded through K-PEGG the AEROready™ Certification
15 process for its service territory. AEROready™ certification involves a deep analysis of
16 items to ensure that regions, site, and communities certified reduce risks for potential
17 aerospace companies. The certification validates the region as ready for aerospace
18 industry, that there is a supply of labor and opportunity, and that necessary infrastructure
19 is in place. The certification process provided Kentucky Power's regional economic
20 development organizations analyzed data, a recruiting plan and a SWOT (strengths,

¹⁰ <https://halrogers.house.gov/2020/9/congressman-rogers-announces-1-2-million-grant-for-opportunity-east-kentucky>

¹¹ <https://ekyremote.com/>

1 weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis to better prepare them to recruit aerospace
2 projects to the regions.

3 Professional Consulting Services

4 K-PEGG awards for professional consultants include broadband studies for Pikeville, gap
5 analysis for industrial sites in Greenup County, strategic planning for Ashland, Jenkins,
6 Prestonsburg, Pikeville, Whitesburg, and Hazard, and site identification in Lawrence
7 County.

8 The City of Pikeville used K-PEGG funds to study broadband feasibility in 2016.
9 This study was then used by the city to plan its broadband network. In 2022, Pikeville
10 announced its partnership with Intermountain Cable/Gearheart fiber to build its network.
11 Broadband is considered critical infrastructure for recruitment and Pikeville anticipates
12 its deployment to lead to many opportunities for the community.¹²

13 K-PEGG assisted Ashland Alliance with a gap analysis study of industrial sites in
14 Greenup County. This analysis assisted Greenup County and EastPark Industrial Park in
15 identifying flaws to existing industrial sites. Since the study, K-PEGG has assisted in
16 extending a road to allow for easier access to the Build Ready site in EastPark and a road
17 plan for access to the South Shore Industrial Site.

18 The City of Ashland and One East Kentucky engaged consultants to assist
19 Ashland, Jenkins, Prestonsburg, Pikeville, Whitesburg and Hazard with strategic
20 development plans in 2022. Those plans are targeted at downtown development to retain
21 population and enhance the quality-of-life aspect for recruitment.

¹² <https://www.wymt.com/2022/11/16/officials-give-update-pikeville-broadband-project/>

1 Lawrence County used K-PEGG funds for professional consulting to identify
2 potential industrial sites, determine their flaws, and create a plan to bring them to market.
3 Lawrence County intends to use the results of the study to apply for KPDI funds for site
4 development.

VI. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS IN THIS CASE

5 **Q. HOW DOES THE COMPANY PLAN TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC**
6 **DEVELOPMENT IN EASTERN KENTUCKY?**

7 A. Kentucky Power will continue its leadership role in economic development for eastern
8 Kentucky. Dividends from economic development efforts are often long-awaited but
9 critical to the Company's service territory. To maintain progress and encourage further
10 economic development of its service territory Kentucky Power is proposing to continue the
11 K-PEGG program and maintain Tariff K.E.D.S. at the rate of \$1.00 per meter per month
12 for its non-residential customers with the Company's dollar-for-dollar match.

13 **Q. HOW WILL THE CONTINUATION OF THE K-PEGG PROGRAM BENEFIT**
14 **KENTUCKY POWER'S CUSTOMERS?**

15 A. Economic development is the engine that drives community economies in Kentucky
16 Power's service territory. Through the collaborative work that Kentucky Power does with
17 workforce development agencies, local economic development organizations, local units
18 of governments, and private developers, we are helping to create critically needed jobs,
19 diversify our economy, provide existing businesses with tools to compete and grow,
20 increase the tax base for our local communities, and provide training and opportunities for
21 an already highly skilled workforce in eastern Kentucky. A vibrant, growing economy

1 helps all customers by increasing the customer base over which the fixed costs of Kentucky
2 Power's operations can be spread.

3 The K-PEGG Program that Kentucky Power proposes to continue in this case
4 directly addresses the primary economic development challenges that exist in Kentucky
5 Power's service territory. In addition to having a skilled workforce, it is also critically
6 important that economic development organizations in Kentucky Power's service area are
7 equipped with an inventory of prospective buildings and sites to incentivize business
8 expansions within the service territory or new businesses to locate within the service
9 territory. Kentucky Power currently works with many of our economic development
10 organizations and local communities to aggressively pursue business opportunities for the
11 Company's service area. Not having an adequate inventory of available facilities can be a
12 competitive disadvantage when competing for some opportunities. Utilizing the K-
13 PEGG Program to continue to incentivize local governments and developers to invest in
14 our communities will result in new jobs for our customers, increased investments in our
15 local communities, and an expanded customer base to share in Kentucky Power's fixed
16 costs.

17 Success in economic development takes time. Kentucky Power and its territory
18 are a little more than a decade in a long game. The region has seen a bit of success, but
19 the economic hardships the area faces demonstrate that more is needed. Economic
20 development is part of Kentucky Power's long-term strategy to support the region's
21 revitalization. The Company and its partners have laid the groundwork by getting sites
22 ready, quantifying the region's attributes in workforce and transportation, and developing
23 marketing strategies to recruit to the region. The Commonwealth of Kentucky is seeing

1 record years in economic development investment and many of the potential projects
2 have been sent to eastern Kentucky to compete. Since the beginning of 2023, Kentucky
3 Power and its partners have submitted 21 requests for information from companies
4 looking to locate a project. Those projects potentially represent more than \$17 billion in
5 capital investment and nearly 17,000 jobs. The region is just beginning to see the
6 opportunity presented by having available sites in a unique period of growth in the
7 Commonwealth.

VII. CONCLUSION

8 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR PRE-FILED TESTIMONY?**

9 **A.** Yes, it does.

VERIFICATION

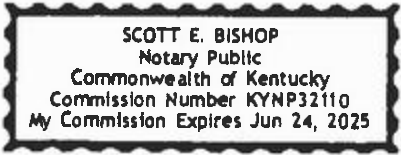
The undersigned, Amanda C. Clark, being duly sworn, deposes and says she is the External Affairs Manager for Kentucky Power, that she has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing testimony and the information contained therein is true and correct to the best of her information, knowledge, and belief after reasonable inquiry.


Amanda C. Clark

Commonwealth of Kentucky)
) Case No. 2023-00159
County of Boyd)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said County and State, by Amanda C. Clark, on June 15, 2023.


Notary Public



My Commission Expires June 24, 2025

Notary ID Number KYNP 32110

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
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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)	Case No. 2023-00159
Regulatory Assets And Liabilities; (4) A)	
Securitization Financing Order; And (5) All Other)	
Required Approvals And Relief)	

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I. INTRODUCTION

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS AND POSITION.**

2 A. My name is Everett G. Phillips. My business address is 1645 Winchester Avenue,
3 Ashland, Kentucky 41101. I am the Vice President of Distribution Region Operations
4 for Kentucky Power Company (“Kentucky Power” or “Company”).

II. BACKGROUND

5 **Q. PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**
6 **AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE.**

7 A. I earned a bachelor’s degree in Electrical Engineering in 1985 from West Virginia
8 University and a master’s degree in Business Administration in 2007 from University
9 of Phoenix. I am a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of
10 Kentucky. I have over 38 years of electric utility operations experience in the areas of
11 distribution construction design and engineering, major storm restoration, business
12 continuity planning, and management.

13 Throughout my career, I have held positions of increasing responsibility within
14 the utility space. After graduation from college in 1985, I began my career as an
15 electrical engineer in Huntington, West Virginia for Appalachian Power Company,
16 an affiliate of Kentucky Power. In 1994, I was promoted to Appalachian Power area
17 supervisor in Clintwood, Virginia. In 1998, I was promoted to the Kentucky Power

1 Pikeville district superintendent position, and in 2000, I was promoted to the Pikeville
2 district manager. In 2004, I moved to Ashland, Kentucky, where I served as Director
3 of Customer and Distribution Operations. In 2017, I was promoted to Managing
4 Director of Distribution Region Operations, and in 2019 my title changed to Vice
5 President of Distribution Region Operations.

6 **Q. WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS VICE PRESIDENT OF**
7 **DISTRIBUTION REGION OPERATIONS?**

8 A. I am responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Company's distribution system
9 including its planning, construction, operation, and maintenance. My duties include
10 the safe and reliable delivery of service to customers, the oversight and management
11 of service extensions to new customers, and the restoration of service when outages
12 occur. I am also responsible for Kentucky Power's Distribution Vegetation
13 Management Program and oversee the Company's distribution grid modernization
14 investments for reliability improvements.

15 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED BEFORE THIS COMMISSION?**

16 A. Yes. I testified before this Commission in the Company's base rate case filings, Case
17 Nos. 2009-00459, 2014-00396, 2017-00179 and 2020-00174. My testimony in each
18 proceeding focused on the Company's Distribution Vegetation Management Program
19 and system reliability.

III. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

20 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

21 A. My testimony provides an overview of the Kentucky Power distribution system and
22 describe the operating challenges the Company currently faces with respect to
23 distribution. I will also describe the Company's distribution reliability programs aimed

1 at addressing those challenges. My testimony also discusses the Company’s reliability
 2 performance indices and how the Company’s reliability programs, including the
 3 Distribution Vegetation Management Program (“Vegetation Management Program”),
 4 positively impact reliability performance. I support the Company’s request to continue
 5 the one-way balancing mechanism associated with its Vegetation Management
 6 Program. I also describe the distribution system capital investments made since the
 7 Company’s last base rate case (Case No. 2020-00174) and the test year per book level
 8 of operation and maintenance (“O&M”) expense for distribution operations.

9 In order to further address the reliability needs of the Company’s system, I am
 10 also supporting the Company’s proposal to implement the Distribution Reliability
 11 Rider (“DRR”). The Company’s proposed DRR includes a suite of programs to address
 12 the most prevalent challenges and leading outage causes experienced on the Company’s
 13 system improving reliability for our customers.

14 Finally, I will provide an update on Kentucky Power’s Smart Grid investments
 15 consistent with the Commission’s Order from Case No. 2012-00428.

16 **Q. ARE YOU SPONSORING ANY EXHIBITS AS PART OF YOUR**
 17 **TESTIMONY?**

18 A. Yes. I am sponsoring the following exhibit attached to my testimony:

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1 **Q. WERE THESE EXHIBITS PREPARED BY YOU OR UNDER YOUR**
2 **DIRECTION?**

3 A. Yes.

4 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE COMPANY'S PROPOSALS RELATED TO**
5 **DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM INVESTMENT AND O&M IN THIS**
6 **PROCEEDING.**

7 A. The Company is requesting to continue the one-way balancing mechanism associated
8 with its Vegetation Management Program. This is based on an annual budget amount
9 equal to its actual test year Vegetation Management Program O&M expense of \$22.4
10 million, as shown on Application Section V, Exhibit 2 W43. As explained later in my
11 testimony, the Company is proposing to continue its 5-year cycle for trees inside of
12 rights-of-way ("TIR").

13 The Company is proposing to implement the DRR to improve reliability for
14 our customers through planned additional distribution investment and associated
15 O&M. Specifically, through the DRR, the Company is proposing to expand its efforts
16 to widen its ROW to address trees outside of rights-of-way ("TOR") and falling
17 limbs. Through the DRR, the Company will also make additional distribution
18 investments to address equipment-related outages, address operating challenges
19 related to the current system configuration, and further harden the Company's
20 distribution system. The initial DRR Work Plan is a five-year work plan (2024-
21 2028). The proposed estimated capital and O&M spend through the DRR for the first
22 year (2024) is \$19.4 million. I describe the DRR in further detail in Section IX of my
23 testimony and summarize the costs in Figure EGP-10.

IV. DESCRIPTION OF THE KENTUCKY POWER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM THAT SERVES**
2 **KENTUCKY POWER'S CUSTOMERS.**

3 A. Kentucky Power serves approximately 163,400 retail customers in Kentucky in a
4 service area that covers approximately 3,787 square miles. Kentucky Power's
5 distribution system includes approximately 233 distribution circuits, approximately
6 9,919 miles of primary and secondary overhead distribution lines, and approximately
7 189 miles of primary and secondary underground distribution lines. The Company's
8 10,108 miles of overhead and underground distribution lines operate at voltages
9 between 2.4 kV to 34.5 kV.

10 Kentucky Power's distribution system was originally designed to serve coal
11 mining operations that were prevalent throughout its service territory in the 1970s-80s.
12 As such, the Company's distribution system consists largely of long 34.5 kV and 12.47
13 kV circuits, that average 62.1 and 34.0 miles in length, respectively, with the longest
14 circuit covering 173 primary line miles. A map of Kentucky Power's service territory
15 is attached hereto as Exhibit EGP-1.

V. KENTUCKY POWER'S INVESTMENT IN ITS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM SINCE THE LAST BASE RATE CASE

16 **Q. HOW MUCH CAPITAL HAS KENTUCKY POWER INVESTED IN ITS**
17 **DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM SINCE THE LAST BASE CASE?**

18 A. The Company invested approximately \$256.9 million in its distribution system from
19 April 1, 2020, through March 31, 2023.

20 A breakdown of Kentucky Power's distribution capital additions per year for
21 each general project category is shown in Figure EGP-1.

Figure EGP- 1 – Kentucky Power Distribution Capital Additions by Year (\$)

	4/1/20- 12/31/20	1/1/21- 12/31/21	1/1/22- 12/31/22	1/1/23- 3/31/23	4/1/20-3/31/23	4/1/22- 3/31/23
CATEGORY	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL	Test Year
Asset Improvement	\$7,954,481	\$14,570,335	\$13,783,891	\$4,453,006	\$40,761,713	\$15,824,427
Customer Service	\$10,495,460	\$12,412,159	\$11,052,136	\$3,632,774	\$37,592,529	\$11,512,875
Vegetation Mgmt. Program	\$6,388,589	\$9,970,789	\$9,633,203	\$8,032,775	\$34,025,356	\$10,227,264
Other	\$42,609	\$24,405	\$3,117	\$120,593	\$190,724	\$123,580
Planning Capacity	\$634,500	\$7,704,389	\$303,804	(\$68,891)*	\$8,573,802	\$61,839
Reliability	\$8,692,524	\$6,005,792	\$4,737,388	\$1,500,956	\$20,936,660	\$5,059,549
System Restoration	\$9,067,463	\$21,747,237	\$15,462,491	\$1,355,257	\$47,632,448	\$14,946,733
Sub-Total	\$43,275,626	\$72,435,106	\$54,976,030	\$19,026,470	\$189,713,232	\$57,756,266
Intangible Plant	\$4,750,228	\$5,321,280	5,062,347	\$928,312	\$16,062,167	\$5,276,308
General Plant	\$2,818,472	\$9,554,380	\$36,746,819	\$2,024,735	\$51,144,406	\$37,954,681
Sub-Total	\$7,568,700	\$14,875,660	\$41,809,166	\$2,953,047	\$67,206,573	\$43,230,989
Total	\$50,844,326	\$87,310,766	\$96,785,196	\$21,979,517	\$256,919,805	\$100,987,255

* Negative number is the result of excess material returned to stock on a distribution substation project.

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF THESE DISTRIBUTION CAPITAL**
2 **ADDITIONS.**

3 A. Capital additions represent the annual investment in distribution infrastructure needed
4 to provide reliable electric service to new and existing customers. The Company
5 invests in the following general capital project categories:

- 6 • Asset Improvement – projects include replacement of outdated, failing
7 equipment, and other necessary infrastructure upgrades needed to maintain
8 safe and reliable electric service for Kentucky Power customers.
- 9 • Customer Service – work required to connect new customers and customers
10 who upgrade their facilities to the distribution system as well as the costs of
11 the necessary transformers and meters.
- 12 • Vegetation Management Program – includes capital work for the TIR and
13 TOR programs, performed by Kentucky Power’s Forestry department, to
14 widen existing clearance zones, remove large trees inside and outside of the
15 ROW, or to establish a new clearance zone for new construction.

- 1 • Other - miscellaneous projects, as well as distribution projects that support
2 other business units, including distribution upgrades made in response to a
3 transmission system change.
- 4 • Planning Capacity - comprised of projects developed as part of Kentucky
5 Power's long-range planning for meeting electrical load on Kentucky Power's
6 distribution system. The need for capacity expansion can be due to either new
7 customers or new load by existing customers in an area. While the Company
8 is seeing an overall decrease in customers, there are pockets of growth that
9 must be addressed on individual stations or circuits where the loading has
10 increased.
- 11 • Reliability - investments that target known reliability issues affecting groups
12 of customers or whole circuits experiencing reliability issues. This work
13 includes activities such as replacing poles, installing lightning mitigation,
14 replacement of crossarms, small conductors, addition of sectionalizing
15 devices, as well as necessary upgrades to allow for additional switching on
16 the distribution system to improve the resiliency of the distribution grid in
17 these targeted areas.
- 18 • System Restoration – involves restoring electrical service following an
19 unplanned event. These are typical system restoration projects, such as
20 replacing poles, reconductoring full-length spans, and replacing transformers
21 damaged during a storm or weather-related event, generally caused by TOR.
22 This category also includes the replacement of streetlights and outdoor area
23 lights.

24 **Q. DID KENTUCKY POWER MAKE OTHER CAPITAL INVESTMENTS SINCE**
25 **THE LAST RATE CASE?**

26 A. Yes. The Company also made distribution -related intangible and general plant capital
27 investments since the last rate case.

28 Intangible capital projects are routine software updates and new programs that
29 increase the efficiency of Kentucky Power's Distribution organization.

30 Additionally, as shown in Figure EGP-1, the total amount for Distribution-
31 General Plant since the Company's last rate case is \$51.1 million. The majority of
32 these costs are related to:

- 1 • Telecommunication upgrades necessary to improve internal Kentucky Power
2 communications. These upgrades allow for more efficient transfer of information
3 and data within the Company. For field employees, these upgrades facilitated
4 improvements to radio systems that provided a more reliable connection to
5 organizations such as dispatch and service centers.
- 6 • Buyout of existing Kentucky Power leases (excluding land leases). These buyouts
7 converted leased assets to owned assets on the books of the Company. The bought-
8 out leases consist primarily of Fleet, Telecom, Mobile Handling Equipment and
9 Technology equipment.

10 **Q. WHAT WAS THE ANNUAL LEVEL OF KENTUCKY POWER'S**
11 **DISTRIBUTION O&M EXPENSE FOR THE PERIOD 2020-2022 AND THE**
12 **TEST YEAR?**

13 A. Figure EGP-2 shows Kentucky Power's per book (unadjusted) distribution O&M
14 expenses by FERC Account for calendar years 2020 through 2022, and for the test
15 year.

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Figure EGP-2 –Kentucky Power Distribution O&M Expenses (\$)

	FERC ACCT	2020	2021	2022	Test Year
Distribution Operation	5800	\$758,510	\$829,970	\$805,659	\$842,415
	5810	\$312	\$3,410	\$1,964	\$2,549
	5820	\$222,575	\$259,294	\$388,479	\$413,460
	5830	\$692,064	\$397,079	\$351,141	\$288,721
	5840	\$151,144	\$152,750	\$238,861	\$236,693
	5850	\$83,521	\$78,060	\$46,816	\$60,855
	5860	\$1,379,775	\$1,151,401	\$1,229,732	\$1,179,733
	5870	\$201,141	\$193,715	\$200,910	\$206,568
	5880	\$4,770,802	\$2,424,122	\$3,192,387	\$3,637,288
	5890	\$1,386,488	\$242,074	\$933,528	\$937,317
Total		\$9,646,332	\$5,731,877	\$7,389,475	\$7,805,598
Distribution Maintenance	5900	\$3,036	\$26,434	\$5,110	\$7,828
	5910	\$111,506	\$8,122	\$20,773	\$19,055
	5920	\$337,490	\$683,774	\$337,440	\$307,280
	5930	\$32,329,792	\$33,683,296	\$33,194,092	\$35,399,412
	5940	\$78,228	\$19,443	\$48,395	\$51,244
	5950	\$45,466	\$52,827	\$23,586	\$30,987
	5960	\$57,121	(\$8,742)**	\$20,854	\$11,275
	5970	\$34,857	\$50,515	\$33,477	\$30,875
	5980	\$41,156	\$20,541	\$25,517	\$23,125
Total		\$33,038,652	\$34,536,208	\$33,709,243	\$35,881,083
Distribution Operation		\$9,646,332	\$5,731,877	\$7,389,475	\$7,805,598
Distribution Maintenance		\$33,038,652	\$34,536,208	\$33,709,243	\$35,881,083
Total		\$42,684,984	\$40,268,085	\$41,098,719	\$43,686,680

* **Note:** negative number is generally the result of reimbursements for make ready work related to pole attachments.

2 **Q. PLEASE DISCUSS THE TEST YEAR O&M EXPENDITURES VS.**
3 **HISTORICAL SPEND.**

4 A. The Company's test year O&M is showing a slight increase to historical spending,
5 primarily related to FERC Account 5930 – Maintenance of Overhead Lines. Company
6 Witness Whitney supports various adjustments to test year Distribution O&M expense,
7 including adjustments to normalize the level of storm-related expense in FERC
8 Account 5930. Company Witness West supports the Company's overall Kentucky

1 retail jurisdiction annual revenue requirement, which reflects an adjusted Distribution
 2 O&M of \$36.2 million, composed of the following items shown in Figure EGP-3:

Figure EGP-3–Kentucky Power Adjusted Distribution O&M Expenses

Adjusted Kentucky Retail Jurisdiction Distribution O&M	FERC Account	Description	Amount Requested
Distribution Operation	5800-5890	Distribution Operation Expense	\$8.0 million
Distribution Maintenance	5930	Vegetation Management Program	\$22.4 million
		Major and Non-Major Storm Projects	\$1.0 million
		Other Distribution Maintenance Overhead Line Expense	\$4.0 million
	5900-5920; 5940-5980	Other Distribution Maintenance Expense	\$0.8 million
Distribution Maintenance	5900-5980	Distribution Maintenance Expense	\$28.2 million
Total		Distribution O&M Expense	\$36.2 million

3 **Q. IS THE TEST-YEAR AMOUNT REQUESTED FOR O&M REASONABLE?**

4 A. Yes. The test-year amounts of O&M are in line with the Company’s historical O&M
 5 expenditures since its last base rate case. This represents the amount necessary for the
 6 Company to continue to provide safe and reliable service to its customers. In order to
 7 further improve reliability for customers, the Company is proposing the DRR, which
 8 has associated O&M not included in the test year amount.

VI. RELIABILITY INDICES AND PERFORMANCE

9 **Q. HOW DOES KENTUCKY POWER MONITOR AND TRACK RELIABILITY**
 10 **PERFORMANCE?**

11 A. The primary metrics used to gauge service reliability are System Average Interruption
 12 Frequency Index (“SAIFI”), System Average Interruption Duration Index (“SAIDI”),

1 Customer Average Interruption Duration Index (“CAIDI”), Customer Minutes of
2 Interruption (“CMI”), and Customer Interruption (“CI”). These metric data are
3 analyzed for historical trends by area and outage cause, which ultimately is used in
4 planning the reliability work.

5 SAIFI is the average frequency of sustained interruptions per customer over a
6 predefined area. It is the total number of (sustained) customer interruptions divided by
7 the total number of customers served. Kentucky Power measures SAIFI in terms of
8 events on a rolling twelve-month basis. Kentucky Power considers SAIFI to be general
9 indicator of the condition of an electric system under most circumstances.

10 SAIDI represents the total time the average customer is without service due to
11 sustained interruptions over a predefined period of time. It is the sum of customer
12 minutes of interruption from each outage divided by the total number of customers
13 served. Kentucky Power measures SAIDI in minutes on a rolling twelve-month
14 basis. SAIDI is equal to the product of SAIFI and CAIDI. Kentucky Power considers
15 SAIDI to be a balanced general indicator of overall system performance.

16 CAIDI is the average time needed to restore service to the average customer per
17 sustained interruption. It represents the sum of customer interruption durations divided
18 by the total number of customers interrupted. Kentucky Power measures CAIDI in
19 minutes on a rolling twelve-month basis. Kentucky Power considers CAIDI to be a
20 general indicator of response and recovery performance when sustained outages occur.

21 Kentucky Power also tracks CMI when evaluating system reliability
22 performance. CMI is a subset of CAIDI and represents the total number of customers

1 that experience a sustained outage multiplied by the duration of each customer
2 interruption.

3 Kentucky Power calculates and reports SAIFI, SAIDI and CAIDI indices
4 without Major Events to provide a more realistic view of how the system operates
5 during most operational conditions. Major weather events are typically excluded from
6 the calculation of these industry standard metrics to better represent system
7 performance during normal conditions and to allow for more consistent comparisons
8 with other utilities and industry averages.

9 **Q. WHAT ARE MAJOR STORM EVENTS AND WHY ARE THEY EXCLUDED**
10 **IN FIGURE EGP-4?**

11 A. IEEE 1366-2017, the “IEEE Guide for Electric Power Distribution Reliability Indices,”
12 defines a major event as “an event that exceeds reasonable design and or operational
13 limits of the electric power system.” A Major Storm Event includes at least one Major
14 Event Day (“MED”).” A MED is defined as “a day in which the daily system SAIDI
15 exceeds a threshold value, T_{MED} . For the purpose of calculating daily system SAIDI,
16 any interruption that spans multiple calendar days is accrued to the day on which the
17 interruption began. Statistically, days having a SAIDI greater than T_{MED} are days on
18 which the energy delivery system experienced stresses beyond that normally expected
19 (such as severe weather).” The IEEE standard uses an accepted statistical approach to
20 determine when it is appropriate to exclude a major event. By excluding major storm
21 events, which by definition are storm events that exceed reasonable design or
22 operational limits, the Company also is able to give the Commission a clearer picture
23 of the progress being made to improve the Company’s reliability.

1 **Q. PLEASE PROVIDE THE COMPANY'S RECENT SAIFI, CAIDI, AND SAIDI**
 2 **PERFORMANCE.**

3 A. The Company's SAIFI, CAIDI, and SAIDI indices for 2017 through 2022 are shown
 4 in Figure EGP-4.

Figure EGP-4 SAIFI, CAIDI, SAIDI Performance Indices

Year	SAIFI	CAIDI	SAIDI
2017	2.169	187.3	406.3
2018	2.342	206.8	484.2
2019	2.485	195.2	485.0
2020	2.010	197.7	397.4
2021	1.852	217.1	402.1
2022	2.289	214.3	490.6

5 The increase in SAIDI and SAIFI for 2022 as compared to prior years was
 6 caused by unusually stormy Major Storm Event and non-Major Storm Event weather
 7 conditions during the year. For example, in July of 2022, Kentucky Power's service
 8 territory experienced a historic 1000-year probability flooding event that is described
 9 in more detail by Company Witness Blankenship. Additionally, beyond this flooding
 10 event, there were 17 storm days recorded in July 2022. Excluding the MEDs for July
 11 2022, customers experienced 18.8 million CMI resulting primarily from this severe
 12 weather. January 2022 also stood out as the Company experienced thunderstorms, rain,
 13 and flooding that although were severe, did not include any MEDs, yet still totaled 9.6
 14 million CMI. The non-MED minutes for both January 2022 and July 2022 that were
 15 in excess of historical averages (2018-2021) were equivalent to an increase of over
 16 102.2 minutes to the Company SAIDI.

1 **Q. IS THE COMPANY'S RELIABILITY PERFORMANCE RELATED TO**
2 **UNDERINVESTMENT IN ITS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM?**

3 A. No. As explained further below, the Company's service territory presents many unique
4 challenges to reliability. Despite that, the Company has made and continues to make
5 the necessary upgrades to its distribution system to serve its customers and address the
6 most prevalent outage causes on its system. Specifically, the Company has made a
7 variety of distribution investments that are targeted at outages related to TIR, TOR, and
8 equipment failures as explained further below. As shown in Figures EGP-6 through
9 EGP-9, these programs have provided significant benefits to customers in terms of
10 improved resiliency of the existing distribution grid, improved reliability for customers,
11 and improved safety for the public and employees.

12 Furthermore, as explained further by Company Witness West, the Company
13 invests more than any other investor-owned utility in the Commonwealth on a per
14 customer basis. This, coupled with the reliability improvements that the Company has
15 made over the last 10-plus years, demonstrates the Company is investing properly in
16 its distribution system. However, the Company recognizes the need to complete
17 additional scopes of work to address reliability concerns on its system, which is why
18 the Company is proposing the DRR and its associated 5-year Work Plan.

VII. OPERATING CHALLENGES

19 **Q. DESCRIBE THE OPERATING CHALLENGES THAT KENTUCKY POWER**
20 **FACES.**

21 A. **Terrain**: The Company's service territory consists of heavily forested and
22 mountainous terrain that includes steep, rocky, heavily forested hill sides, and narrow

1 valleys that constrains access to the transmission and distribution facilities. The
2 difficulties this terrain creates in damage assessment, material and labor mobilization,
3 and damage repairs increases customer outage restoration times.

4 **Vegetation Density:** Approximately 75% of Kentucky Power's overhead primary
5 miles are exposed to vegetative risk and threat of interruption due to one or both TOR
6 and TIR causes. Please see Exhibit EGP-2 for a map of the vegetation density in the
7 Company's territory. The forests consist of mostly large, mature trees that experience
8 natural tree mortalities that are compounded by invasive species of disease and insects,
9 such as the Emerald Ash Borer. Since these trees are larger and heavier, when they do
10 fall, they cause severe damage to the Company's distribution assets, such as broken
11 poles, cross arms, and conductors.

12 **Insects:** Another contributor to the poor health of the trees outside of the ROW is the
13 Emerald Ash Borer beetle. Kentucky is home to more than 220 million ash trees.¹
14 When a tree becomes infested with the Emerald Ash Borer, it dies within a few years,
15 which makes it much more vulnerable to falling or being blown over into the
16 Company's facilities and causing customer outages. While Emerald Ash Borer activity
17 peaked in the Company's territory about 2.5 years ago, and is somewhat diminishing
18 now, the effects of the devastation are still being felt as the trees destroyed by the
19 insects, both TIR and TOR, are dead and dying.

20 **Major Storm Events:** Kentucky Power experienced 11 Major Storm Events (defined
21 above) between January 11, 2020, and April 1, 2023. These Major Events included
22 high windstorms, thunderstorms, straight-line windstorms, ice and snowstorms, and

¹ <https://entomology.ca.uky.edu/entfact/kentucky-emerald-ash-borer-eab-resources-updates>

1 rainstorms that caused mudslides and/or flooding. For more detail and descriptions
2 of the Major Storm Events, please see the testimony of Company Witness Blankenship.

3 **Rainfall:** Average rainfall for the past several years has increased from the 30-year
4 average. The increased rainfall contributes to the spread of insects, forest pathogens,
5 and root disease affecting trees. The rainfall also loosens the soil. All together the
6 increased effects of increased rainfall destabilizes the root structures, making the trees
7 more susceptible to failure due to the associated increases in wind speeds. This has led
8 to an increase in outages caused by TOR. As shown in Exhibit EGP-3, precipitation
9 data from the National Weather Service for Jackson, Kentucky for the years of 1981 to
10 2010 shows a monthly average rainfall of 4.03 inches per month, or an annual average
11 of 48.34 inches of rainfall. By contrast, the average annual precipitation for the most
12 recent five-year period (2018-2022) was 59.13 inches, a 22.3% increase.

13 **Wind:** Over the last several years, Kentucky Power has experienced an increase in
14 the number of Weather Alert Events which has caused an increase in the number of
15 customer outages. Windstorms that produce wind gusts of at least 40 mph and other
16 weather events that include wind are included in these weather alerts. Additional
17 details on Weather Alert Events, windstorms and weather events are described in
18 Company Witness Blankenship's testimony.

19 **Operational-Long circuits lengths, 34.5 kV circuits:** Due to the rural nature of the
20 Company's service territory, the Company has long circuit lines and fewer customers
21 per mile of primary distribution than other Kentucky investor-owned utilities ("IOU").
22 For example, the Company has approximately 16 customers per distribution line mile.
23 This is significantly lower than our IOU peers in Kentucky that vary from between 34

1 and 65 customers per distribution line mile. This results in more exposure per mile per
2 customer served for Kentucky Power, and greater potential for outage per customer
3 with the additional exposure. This translates to potentially more customers interrupted
4 and an increase in customer minutes of interruption. Additionally, primary voltage
5 differences between stations and/or circuits (12.47 kV vs. 34.5 kV), generally has
6 limited transfer load capability due to capacity of step-up or step-down transformers
7 feeding the normal open points or connection points. There is also the potential for
8 greater scheduled outages, especially where work is inaccessible to bucket trucks.
9 Kentucky Power operates 39 circuits that have no three-phase connection to another
10 circuit. When customers on these circuits experience an outage, they must wait for the
11 circuit to be restored because the circuits do not have an alternative power source.

12 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE PRIMARY CAUSES OF OUTAGES IN**
13 **KENTUCKY POWER'S SERVICE TERRITORY.**

14 A. Figure EGP-5 summarizes the primary causes of customer outages and shows that
15 vegetation outside of the ROW and equipment failures are the two leading causes of
16 service interruption. Together these outage types account for 68% of CMI. Vegetation
17 outside ROW, or TOR, accounts for 46% of total CMI and distribution equipment
18 failures account for 22%. Moreover, TOR outages represent approximately 36,499,258
19 customer minutes interrupted out of approximately 79,488,727 total customer minutes
20 interrupted for 2022.

Figure EGP-5 Major Outage Causes

Major Outage Causes - 2018-2022 CMI						
Outage Cause	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% of Total 2022 CMI
Trees Outside the ROW	36,151,502	41,010,994	30,255,212	30,474,613	36,499,258	46%
Equipment Failures	13,894,662	12,269,660	14,375,575	11,802,883	17,644,837	22%
Scheduled Company	10,847,405	9,713,420	4,442,381	7,103,757	5,665,724	7%
All Other Outage Causes	19,026,795	16,564,391	16,527,505	16,575,061	19,678,908	25%
Total CMI	79,920,364	79,558,465	65,600,673	65,956,314	79,488,727	100%

1 While the Company prudently invests in and maintains all distribution
2 equipment, equipment failures eventually occur. These failures occur for a variety of
3 reasons including equipment in service beyond manufacturer's useful life, stress as a
4 result of conditions, and material or manufacturer defects caused by storms, vegetation,
5 or vehicle accidents. Two primary examples of distribution equipment failures
6 negatively impacting reliability are failures of insulators and cutouts. The outages
7 caused by these equipment failures represent approximately 37% of total CMI for the
8 2022 distribution equipment failures. Insulator failures account for approximately
9 4,600,384 CMI and cutouts represent approximately 1,849,019 CMI out of a total of
10 79,488,727 CMI for 2022. Additional details regarding specific reasons for the
11 equipment failures can be found later in my testimony in Section IX- the DRR section.

12 The All-Other category, which in sum totals approximately 25% of the total
13 CMI, consists of a number of causes including: weather-related, trees inside the ROW,
14 vehicle accidents, animals, ice, unknown causes, vandalism, etc.

VIII. DISTRIBUTION RELIABILITY PROGRAMS

1 **Q. DOES KENTUCKY POWER CURRENTLY HAVE SPECIFIC PROGRAMS**
2 **AIMED AT MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING THE RELIABILITY OF ITS**
3 **SYSTEM?**

4 A. Yes. Kentucky Power currently uses a combination of programs to maintain
5 reliability on its distribution infrastructure. These programs are designed to reduce
6 the number of service interruptions and to minimize their impact on customers. The
7 Company's distribution management programs can be divided into three major
8 categories:

- 9 1) Distribution Asset Management.
- 10 2) Major Distribution Reliability and Capacity Additions; and
- 11 3) Kentucky Power's Distribution Vegetation Management Program.

1) Distribution Asset Management

12 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE KENTUCKY POWER'S DISTRIBUTION ASSET**
13 **MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS.**

14 A. The Distribution Asset Management Programs are designed to maximize the
15 efficiency of expenditures and optimize system performance. The programs and their
16 distribution system roles are:

- 17 1. Overhead Circuit and Underground Facilities Inspection and Maintenance
18 Program: Every two years Kentucky Power visually inspects its overhead and the
19 external, above-ground portions of underground distribution underground facilities
20 to identify and correct potential problems before they can lead to an outage or cause
21 a hazardous situation for the public. Through identifying and repairing such

1 potential problems, Kentucky Power's customers experience safer service with
2 fewer service interruptions.

3 2. Capacitor and Regulator Inspection and Maintenance Program: The purpose of this
4 program is to inspect and maintain all fixed and switched capacitor and regulator
5 installations to ensure these devices function properly. Capacitor and regulator
6 installations provide voltage support throughout the Kentucky Power service
7 territory and are a critical component in the implementation of Volt/VAR
8 Optimization, which improves the energy efficiency of the Company's distribution
9 system.

10 3. Recloser Maintenance / Replacement Program: The Company performs preventive
11 maintenance on reclosers, and replaces, as needed, recloser units that are not
12 operating properly. When a recloser device senses a fault, the device will
13 automatically open and allow a brief period for the cause of the fault to clear from
14 the line. The reclosing equipment will then automatically re-energize the circuit.
15 A recloser that does not open and close properly can turn a momentary interruption
16 into a sustained interruption of service or result in an interruption to more customers
17 than necessary.

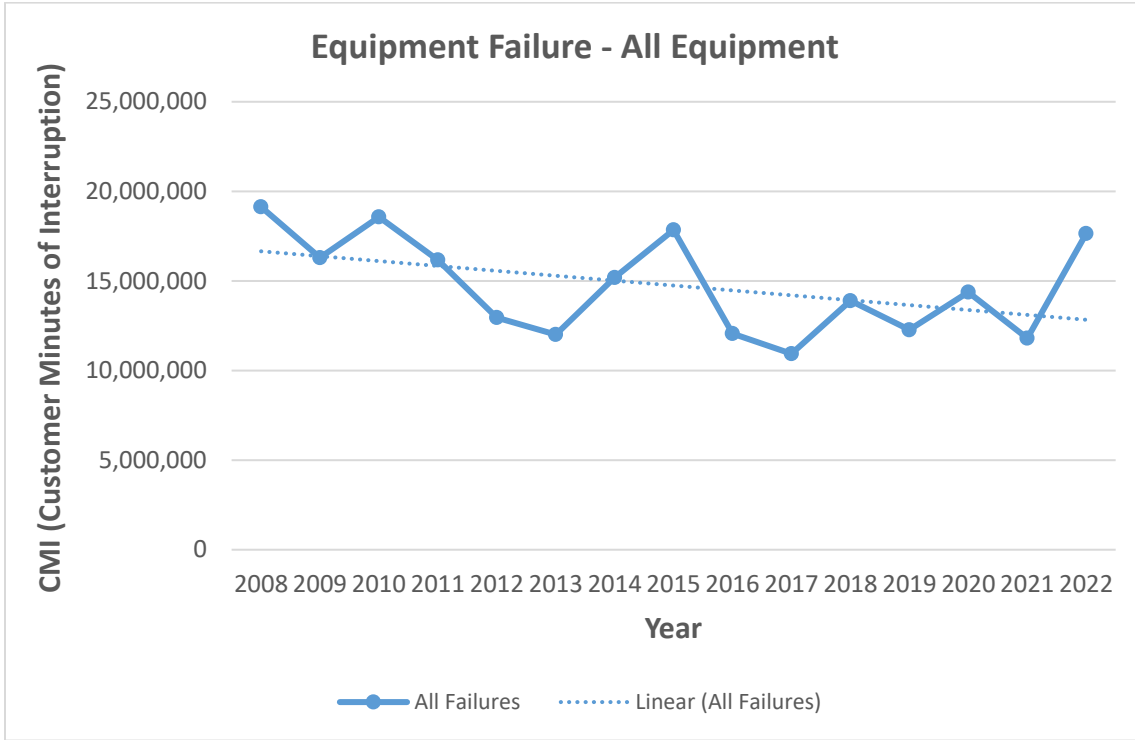
18 4. Overhead Conductor Program: This program minimizes primary and secondary
19 conductor failures by replacing overhead conductors that show signs of wear.
20 Targeted areas are identified using historical reliability data, and also include areas
21 with an above average number of splices identified through the overhead facilities
22 inspection program.

1 5. Sectionalizing Program: This program improves the reliability of Kentucky
2 Power's distribution circuits by adding new, or modifying existing, sectionalizing
3 devices. These sectionalizing devices may be manual pole top switches, automatic
4 devices such as reclosers, automatic switches, or fused cutouts. The addition of
5 manual switches where warranted allows the outage duration to be lessened for the
6 customers served by the unaffected portions of the circuit that can be re-energized.
7 Fused cutouts or reclosers work to remove a faulted section of the circuit from
8 service and prevent the entire circuit from experiencing a sustained outage. This
9 enhanced sectionalizing capability results in smaller circuit segments and fewer
10 customers being interrupted after faults occur on distribution circuits.

11 **Q. PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS ON THE RELIABILITY BENEFITS THAT**
12 **THE COMPANY'S CUSTOMERS RECEIVE THROUGH EXECUTION OF**
13 **THESE PROGRAMS?**

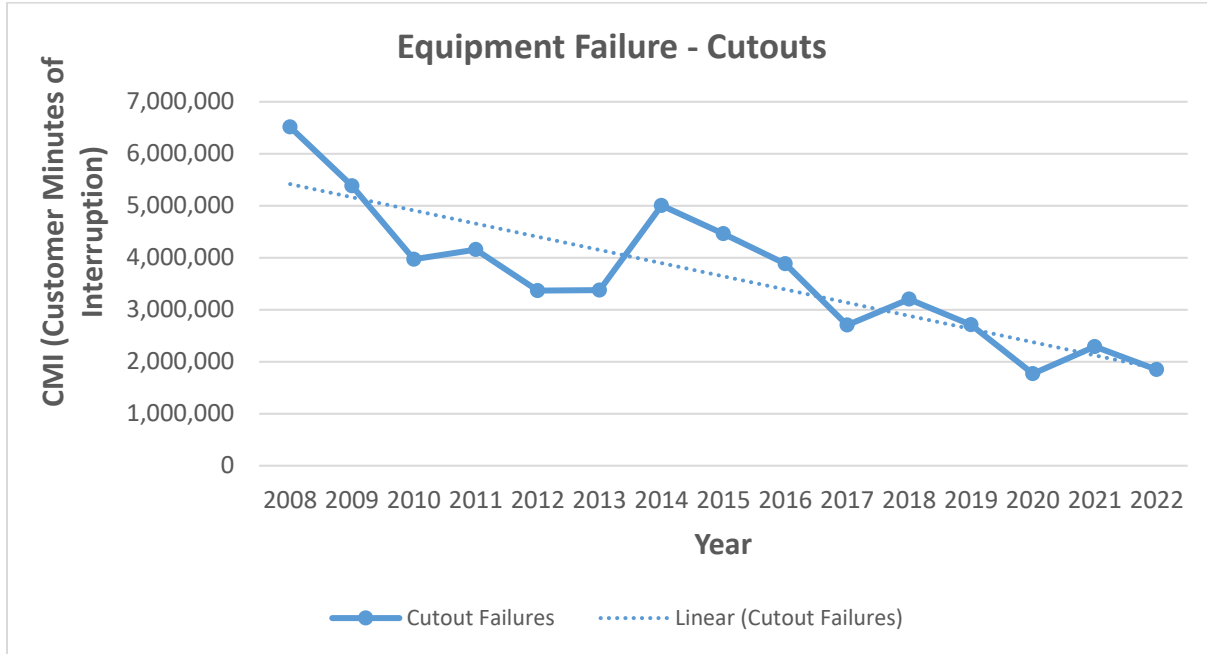
14 A. As shown by the trendline in Figure EGP-6, weather events in 2022 aside, equipment
15 failures since 2008 have generally been trending downward. As shown in Figure
16 EGP-6, Kentucky Power's customers have generally experienced a reduction in CMI
17 caused by equipment failures.

Figure EGP-6 Trendline of Equipment Failure-All Equipment



1 The Company actively monitors equipment failures by reviewing historical
 2 outage data. Monitoring equipment failures at this level allows the Company to target
 3 its efforts towards mitigating outages related to specific equipment to improve overall
 4 reliability for Kentucky Power customers. For example, over the past 15 years (2008-
 5 2022) cutouts were the leading cause of equipment failures. By reviewing the historical
 6 outage data, and determining the leading causes of equipment failures, the Company
 7 has targeted cutouts resulting in a reduction in CMI of 72%, as illustrated in Figure
 8 EGP-7.

Figure EGP-7 Trendline of Equipment Failure-Cutouts



1 Insulator failures has been the second leading cause of equipment failure
 2 related CMI across the Company’s distribution system during the past 15 years.
 3 However, in 2022 insulator failures were the leading cause of equipment failure-
 4 related outages and contributed 4,600,384 CMI in 2022. Similar to the actions taken
 5 to address cutout outages, the Company will address equipment outages for insulator
 6 failures through its DRR, which is described further below.

2) Major Distribution Reliability and Capacity Additions

7 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE MAJOR**
 8 **DISTRIBUTION RELIABILITY AND CAPACITY ADDITIONS PROGRAM.**

9 A. Each year, the Company undertakes various major distribution reliability
 10 improvements in addition to those included in the Asset Management Programs
 11 described previously. The improvements range from the simple construction of new

1 distribution feeder ties to the complex additions of new substations with new
2 distribution feeders to better serve our customers.

3 The Company's proactive planning efforts identify areas where the expected
4 demand for electricity is approaching the limit of the distribution system's current
5 capacity. The reliability improvement projects are necessary to serve load growth and
6 upgrade, improve, or effectively maintain the Company's distribution system. These
7 projects either re-conductor the existing feeders or allow portions of the existing
8 distribution system to be reconfigured. The expansion of the distribution system to
9 serve new customers can also result in the upgrade or replacement of distribution
10 facilities to maintain and enhance reliable service to the Company's customers.

3) Kentucky Power's Distribution Vegetation Management Program

11 **Q. PLEASE PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF KENTUCKY POWER'S VEGETATION**
12 **MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.**

13 A. Systematic, whole system vegetation management programs are widely utilized by the
14 utility industry as an effective way to reduce the frequency and duration of vegetation
15 related outages. Kentucky Power's Vegetation Management Program includes two
16 major components for: (1) trees inside the ROW ("TIR"), a five-year cycle-based
17 program, and (2) trees outside the ROW, identifying and removing danger trees and
18 enhancing the ROW.

1. Distribution Vegetation Management Program-TIR

19 The TIR program is a cycle-based maintenance program that completes vegetation
20 clearing and inspection of all distribution circuit ROW once every five years. The
21 Company began the current five-year cycle-based Vegetation Management Program
22 January 1, 2019. Activities associated with the program include inspections, customer

1 communications, brush removal, trimming of trees, tree removals, certain herbicide
2 applications, and post-clearing audits and inspections. The Company's Forestry Staff
3 facilitate coordination and review of these tasks. All other functions are executed by
4 contracted third parties working on behalf of Kentucky Power.

5 The Company is in the fifth year of the current five-year cycle and is
6 approximately 60 miles ahead of target. Specifically, Kentucky Power targeted 1,623
7 miles for annual cycle maintenance and completed on average for the past four years,
8 1,638 miles per year. As shown later in this section, since the Company started
9 focusing on TIR in June of 2010 and began implementing the five-year cycle
10 maintenance, Customer Interruptions and CMI have decreased substantially over that
11 period.

2. **Distribution Vegetation Management Program-TOR**

12 Vegetation, particularly trees outside ROW, remains the principal cause of outages in
13 Kentucky Power's service territory. Kentucky Power's service territory is heavily
14 forested and largely rural with difficult-to-access distribution equipment.

15 These terrain characteristics present unique accessibility and operational
16 challenges that must be taken into consideration when planning distribution system
17 maintenance. In the Company's 2018 Vegetation Management Plan, Kentucky Power
18 established a program to widen the Company's existing ROW to address outside of the
19 ROW causes of outages, including the removal of danger trees from outside the ROW.
20 The Company began the program on a provisional pilot basis in the Company's Hazard
21 District.

22 Based on the success in the Hazard and Pikeville Districts (the results of which
23 are discussed later in this testimony), Kentucky Power is asking for an enhancement of

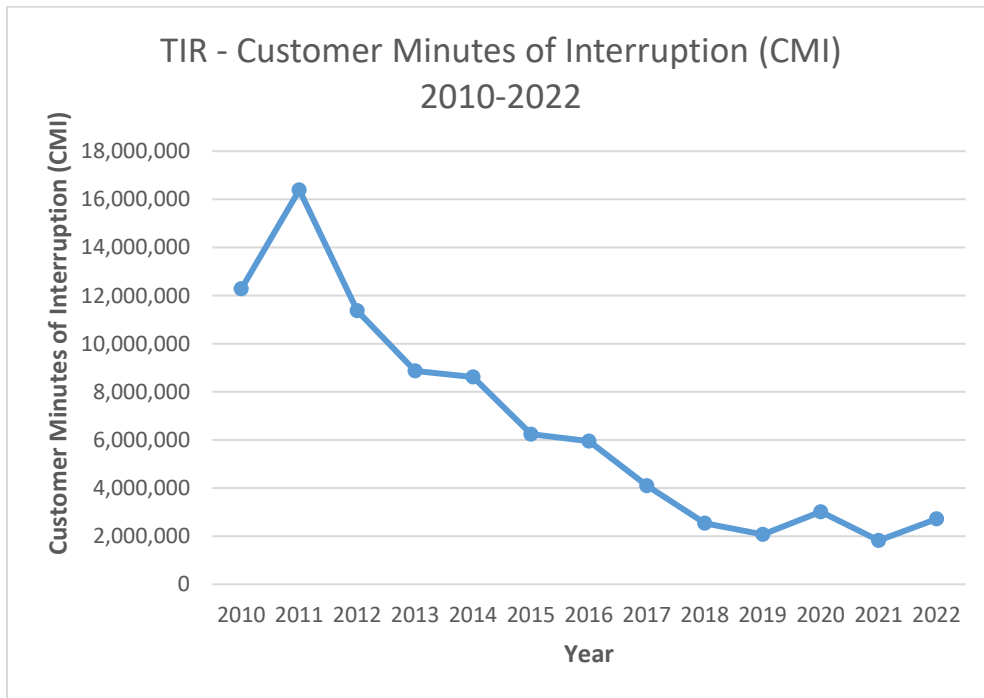
1 the program. The Company is planning to extend it to additional circuits, as well as to
 2 go further into the circuits where widening has occurred as part of the proposed DRR.

3 **Q. DOES THE TIR VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PROVIDE**
 4 **IMPROVED RELIABILITY FOR THE COMPANY’S CUSTOMERS?**

5 A. Yes. The TIR program focuses on re-clearing and maintaining the Company’s ROWs.
 6 As a result, one of the best measures of its effectiveness is CMI associated with trees
 7 and vines within the Company’s ROWs.

8 As shown in Figure EGP-8, customer minutes interrupted as a result of trees
 9 and vines in the ROW, which measure the total impact of the interruptions, declined
 10 from 16,388,594 minutes in 2011 to 2,719,179 minutes in the year ended December
 11 31, 2022. That represents an approximately 83% improvement between 2011 and
 12 2022.

Figure EGP-8 – TIR CMI Reduction Trend



1 TIR interruptions are expected to remain mostly unchanged for the following reasons:

- 2 • The Company has completed end-to-end maintenance clearing for the entire
3 primary distribution system and maintains control of its ROW.
- 4 • Refusals of customers to allow the Company to clear ROW to the Company's
5 vegetation specifications are not expected to decline; and
- 6 • Outages on secondary distribution lines constitute a greater portion of the remaining
7 total outages, limiting a reduction in the total number of outages beyond the current
8 numbers. The Company's distribution vegetation management work has less effect
9 on secondary distribution lines because secondary lines, including service to home
10 attachments, are positioned lower on the poles and are subject to interference from
11 customer planted trees and tall shrubs that become overgrown.

12 The trend over a ten-year period, as shown in Figure EGP-8 clearly shows the
13 success the Company and its customers are experiencing from the investment in
14 distribution vegetation management. In order to maintain this success, the Company
15 must continue to invest in this cycle-based vegetation management approach. Due to
16 the significant reliability improvements made by lowering CMI related to TIR outages,
17 it is important and prudent to continue current funding levels and implementation to
18 ensure the continued success of the program. Any reduction in the program levels can
19 possibly cause an uptick in the results and require more dollars to bring the issues back
20 under control.

1 **Q. IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING ANY CHANGES TO THE ONE-WAY**
2 **BALANCING MECHANISM ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMPANY'S**
3 **VEGETATION MANAGEMENT – TIR PROGRAM?**

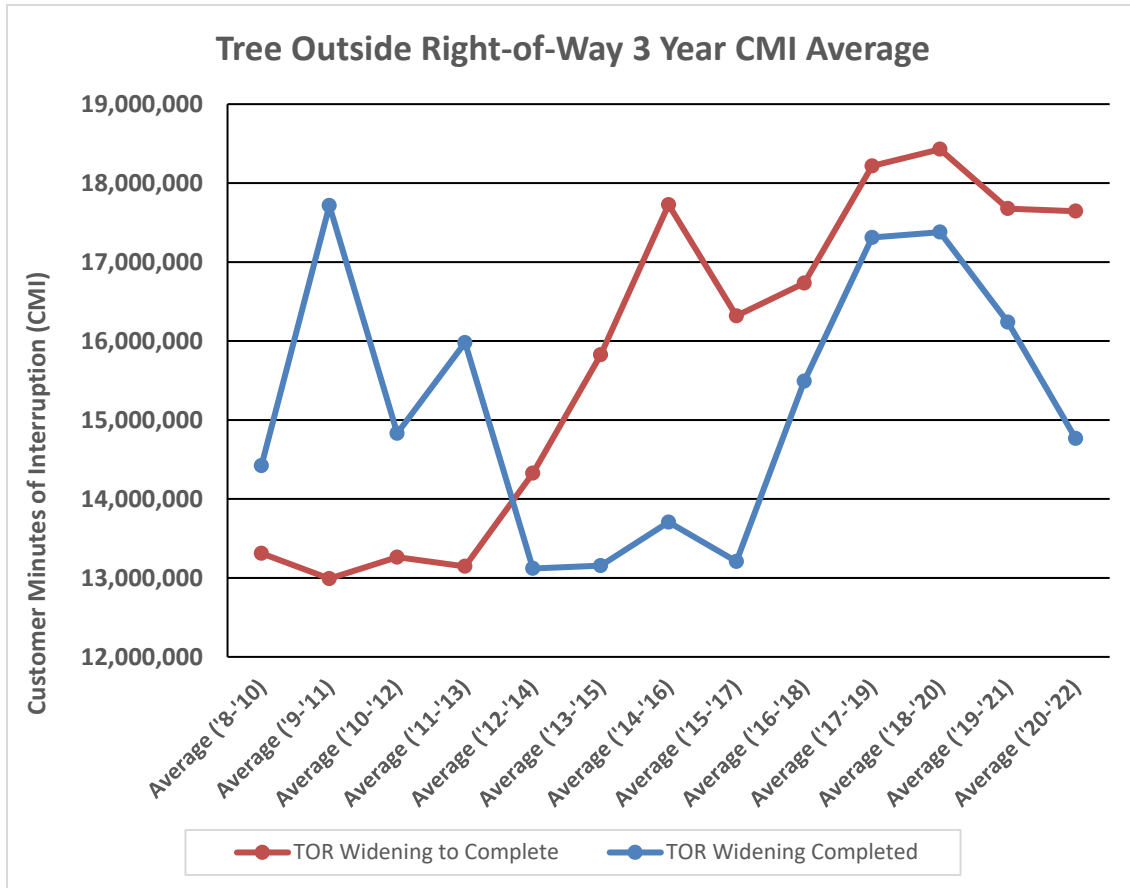
4 A. No. The Commission established the one-way balancing mechanism in its June 22,
5 2015 Order approving the Settlement Agreement in Case No. 2014-00396. In Case
6 Nos. 2017-00179 and 2020-00174, the Commission found that the one-way balancing
7 adjustments should be continued, with an adjustment based upon the change in the
8 vegetation management program's annual revenue requirement approved in those
9 cases. All expenses are recorded against each year's annual budget. Any annual
10 shortfall or excess is applied to the balancing account. The Company proposes to
11 continue the balancing account until further order of the Commission. The Company
12 is proposing that actual test year Vegetation Management Program O&M expense of
13 \$22.4 million, as shown on Application Section V, Exhibit 2 W43, be established as
14 the annual budget for the one-way balancing mechanism resulting from this
15 proceeding.

16 **Q. DOES THE TOR VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PROVIDE**
17 **IMPROVED RELIABILITY FOR THE COMPANY'S CUSTOMERS?**

18 A. Yes. In 2018, Kentucky Power initiated a pilot program to address the threat presented
19 by trees outside its rights-of-way. At the end of 2022, the Company had completed
20 portions of targeted widening on 65 of the 233 distribution circuits, or 28% of the
21 Company's distribution circuits. This targeted approach represents approximately
22 6.6% of the Company's overhead primary distribution miles. To normalize outlier
23 weather event years, the Company reviews a rolling three-year average of data for

1 TOR. Figure EGP-9 demonstrates there was a 15% reduction in SAIDI for average
 2 CMI 2018 through 2020 versus the average 2020 through 2022 for those circuits where
 3 some widening has occurred versus those circuits remaining to be completed has
 4 remained relatively flat.

Figure EGP-9 Three Year Average of TOR vs. CMI (2008-2022)



5 As shown in Figure EGP-9, circuits where the Company performed ROW
 6 widening to address TOR experienced a decrease in CMI as compared to those circuits
 7 that were not widened. In order to maintain and expand this success to all customers,
 8 the Company proposes to continue and expand in its TOR enhanced ROW widening
 9 program through the DRR.

IX. DISTRIBUTION RELIABILITY RIDER

1 **Q. WHAT IS THE COMPANY’S LONG-TERM STRATEGY TO ADDRESS THE**
2 **CHALLENGES IT FACES AND IMPROVE RELIABILITY?**

3 A. As discussed above, the Company’s distribution system faces numerous challenges.
4 These challenges pose an immediate threat, and in fact have been major contributors
5 to the Company’s reliability performance. These operating challenges translate into
6 customer outages, as highlighted in Figure EGP-5. Recent data shows that vegetation
7 outside of the ROW and equipment failures are the two leading causes of service
8 interruption.

9 In order for the Company to reverse these trends and improve reliability, the
10 Company has developed a three-pronged strategy, as described in the DRR Work Plan,
11 and shown in Exhibit EGP-4. The DRR Work Plan will initially focus on the two
12 leading outages causes in order to improve reliability for customers.

13 As noted above, TOR was identified as the single largest cause of CMI. To
14 address this, in 2018 the Company implemented a provisional pilot program through
15 widening ROW. This approach has shown success in addressing TOR and improving
16 reliability for customers. Therefore, as the first part of the Company’s strategy, the
17 DRR Work Plan would expand the Company’s efforts to take the enhanced ROW
18 widening approach and achieve similar reliability improvements the Company has seen
19 through its provisional pilot.

20 The second part of the strategy is to add additional opportunities for transferring
21 customers when a fault occurs. These include programs such as additional tie-lines,
22 additional substation sources, Distribution Automation Circuit Reconfiguration
23 (“DACR”) and recloser modernization.

1 The final part is asset renewal. Under asset renewal, the Company will monitor
2 and track specific defective equipment to determine if there is a tie to a manufacture or
3 year make or model and upgrade the equipment. Examples of this process are cutouts
4 and insulators. As a result of the Company's inspection program, Kentucky Power
5 noticed cracking of the porcelain cutouts (there were multiple manufacturers for
6 cutouts) over a span of time. The issues were occurring where the bonding agent to the
7 mounting assembly of the porcelain or the porcelain was cracking. The Company
8 noticed that when significant freezing and thawing occurred the following year the
9 Company would see increased failures, especially after rain. Not all issues of cutouts
10 are visibly noticeable from the ground and the Company began targeting a program to
11 replace porcelain cutouts. As explained earlier, Figure EGP-7 demonstrates the CMI
12 improvement trendline for cutouts.

13 In addition, the Company has identified that on certain models of epoxilators
14 (insulators), used on 34.5 kV, over time, damage has occurred from UV rays. As the
15 damage to the equipment occurs, the epoxilators are more noticeable from the ground.
16 The Company plans to include this equipment in the next 2-year circuit inspection cycle
17 and will identify and replace equipment where noticeable from ground. The asset
18 renewal program identified in the DRR Work Plan will position the Company to be
19 more readily able to invest proactively and reduce customer minutes of interruption
20 from defective equipment.

21 Once these DRR programs have been fully implemented over the next several
22 years and reliability has improved, the Company can then begin the next phase of its
23 long-term strategy through the DRR and continue upgrading its system from medium

1 loading to heavy loading. Please see Company Witness Blankenship’s testimony for
2 additional detail about the Company’s strategy to increase the level of “heavy loading”
3 of the Company’s facilities. Company Witness West explains the details of how the
4 DRR cost recovery mechanism will function, including how costs incurred in support
5 of DRR programs will be tracked and transparently presented to the Commission and
6 Staff for review on an annual basis.

7 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE FOUR EQUIPMENT-RELATED PROGRAMS**
8 **INCLUDED IN THE DRR WORK PLAN.**

9 A. The Company has performed a review of reliability information to help develop the
10 Company’s proposed initial DRR programs. Specifically, the Company reviewed
11 historical outage types and impacts associated with those outages. This information
12 helped the Company develop the proposed DRR programs, which are designed to target
13 the outage causes responsible for the greatest number of customer minutes of
14 interruption. The DRR programs will provide for investment in:

15 **Additional Distribution Assets**

16 The Company is proposing adding additional assets to improve operational efficiencies
17 that reduce customer minutes of interruption. The specific programs include:

- 18 • Additional Tie Lines – Construct primary lines to tie two circuits together,
19 permitting electrical load to be transferred between the two circuits. This will
20 reduce the number of radial circuits.

- 1 • DACR/Recloser Modernization –
- 2 ○ DACR – Install automation equipment on distribution circuits allowing
- 3 isolation of a fault; and reconfigures a circuit to close other devices to re-
- 4 energize the non-impacted areas of original circuit impacted by initial fault.
- 5 ○ Recloser Modernization – Upgrade the recloser devices to operate as single-
- 6 phase devices instead of 3-phase. However, they will remain in the 3-phase
- 7 circuit. Upgrade existing reclosing devices to electronically controlled
- 8 devices. These devices will allow for more precise coordination with other
- 9 devices, provide event recordings for outage and power quality
- 10 investigations, and enable future DACR implementation. These devices
- 11 will also allow for single phase operation in 3-phase circuits to keep
- 12 customers from other phases energized when there are single phase outages
- 13 on 3-phase devices.
- 14 • Additional New Distribution Substation Sources – The Company will construct
- 15 new distribution substations with associated transmission lines in and out of the
- 16 substation. This will include construction of distribution lines to tie into existing
- 17 distribution circuits. Each new substation will require a minimum of two to three
- 18 years to place in service due to long lead times on station equipment. When outages
- 19 occur, the new substations will allow the Company to restore power faster when
- 20 the system has capacity to shift load to adjacent circuits. The new substations with
- 21 this additional pathway of new circuits are intended to reduce outage durations for
- 22 customers.

1 **Distribution Asset Renewal**

- 2 • Asset Renewal and Resiliency – This is a feeder renewal and hardening program
3 that will renew and improve the feeder and enable overhead mainline facilities to
4 better withstand major and non-major weather events. Under this program,
5 Kentucky Power will select targeted facilities projects to renew and improve cable,
6 conductor, hardware and equipment that will reduce the risk of feeder-level
7 outages. This improvement will include strengthening structures by replacing to a
8 higher design standard, upgrading conductors, and relocating difficult to access
9 facilities. The Resiliency and Grid Hardening program is comprised of replacing
10 cutouts, arrestors, cross-arms, overhead hardware, and underground service
11 equipment rehabilitation. In addition, the Company will evaluate aging
12 infrastructure to replace with equipment designed for heavy loading criteria to
13 better protect against extreme weather, (*e.g.* replace poles and conductors to
14 withstand up to one half inch of ice). This will ruggedize the system and
15 accommodate greater system capacity for additional load carrying capability and
16 transferability. The Company will also use this program to replace certain types of
17 equipment that are leading to high levels of outage, such as insulators.

18 **Q. WHAT ARE THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED DRR?**

- 19 A. The DRR is the proposed mechanism by which the Company will recover the eligible
20 costs associated with DRR projects that are proposed in the DRR Work Plan. Figure
21 EGP-10 below shows the estimated capital and O&M costs for the proposed DRR

1 Work Plan from 2024 through 2028.

Figure EGP-10 Estimated DRR Capital and O&M Expenditures

DRR Component	Projected 2024 Spend	Projected 2025 Spend	Projected 2026 Spend	Projected 2027 Spend	Projected 2028 Spend
CAPITAL					
TOR – Enhanced ROW Widening	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000
Additional Tie Lines	\$1,000,000	\$3,300,000	\$3,200,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,600,000
DACR/Recloser Modernization	\$1,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$8,900,000	\$0	\$13,900,000
Additional New Distribution Substation Sources	\$3,000,000	\$12,000,000	\$4,800,000	\$22,600,000	\$10,100,000
Asset Renewal/ Storm Hardening or Resiliency	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$2,700,000	\$2,400,000
Totals	\$19,000,000	\$35,300,000	\$32,900,000	\$38,800,000	\$40,000,000
O&M					
TOR – Enhanced ROW Widening	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Additional Tie Lines	\$100,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
DACR/Recloser Modernization	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$400,000	\$0	\$700,000
Additional New Distribution Substation Sources	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Asset Renewal/ Storm Hardening or Resiliency	\$200,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$300,000	\$200,000
Totals	\$400,000	\$900,000	\$1,100,000	\$500,000	\$1,100,000

2 **Q. WHAT CUSTOMER BENEFITS WILL THE DRR PRODUCE?**

3 A. The DRR will provide many benefits for customers, including the following:

- 4 • Improved resiliency of the existing distribution grid;
- 5 • Improved reliability for customers; and

- Improved safety for the public and employees.

As shown in Figure EGP-11 the five programs that the Company plans to implement in the DRR are expected to provide reliability improvements as the capital improvements are implemented over the 2024-2028 timeframe.

Figure EGP-11 Expected Reliability Improvements 2024-2028

DRR Component	Equipment Affected	Measurement Units
TOR – Enhancing ROW Widening	Poles, conductor	Equipment replaced
Additional Tie Lines	Poles, conductor, regulators, switches	Tie lines completed
DACR /Recloser Modernization	Reclosers, telecommunication equipment including radios, antennas, distribution remote terminal units (“DRTU’s”)	DACR circuits put in-service
Additional New Distribution Substation Sources	Station transformers, circuit breakers, regulators	Distribution Sources added
Asset Renewal/ Storm Hardening or Resiliency	Poles, conductor	Equipment replaced
Total Projected SAIDI Minute Reduction by 12/31/29*	56 minutes	

*SAIDI (CMI) Savings potentially achieved the year following the capital investment installation.

Q. HOW WILL THE COMPANY REPORT ON THE DRR GOING FORWARD?

A. As explained further by Company Witness West, if approved, the Company will begin to implement the plan in 2024 and submit a filing for recovery of the investments. In addition, the Company will file a report, in a form similar to Exhibit EGP-4, which shows its performance in comparison to its plan for that year for the Commission to

1 review. The Company suggests this report would be part of the Company's annually
2 filed reliability report.

X. UPDATE ON SMART GRID INVESTMENTS

3 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE "SMART GRID" INVESTMENTS.**

4 A. Smart grid technology uses advanced information tools to improve the efficiency,
5 reliability, and safety of the distribution system. In its April 13, 2016 order in Case
6 No. 2012-00428, the Commission directed each utility in the Commonwealth subject
7 to its jurisdiction to identify its Smart Grid investments in each rate case. The
8 information provided in this section fulfills the Commission's directive.

9 **Q. WHAT KINDS OF SMART GRID INVESTMENTS HAVE THE COMPANY
10 MADE SINCE THE LAST BASE CASE?**

11 A. Since the last base case, Kentucky Power has made \$3,463,115 in Smart Grid
12 investments in its distribution system. These investments allow for a series of
13 automated actions that can reduce the impact and duration of an outage. If a fault
14 occurs on a distribution line that has DACR, the DACR system will recognize the fault
15 location, isolate that portion of line, and restore unaffected customers through other
16 portions of DACR construction, all before a truck is dispatched to the scene. To
17 facilitate these processes, Kentucky Power utilizes a Distribution Management System
18 that includes Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition ("SCADA") to provide system
19 analysis and remote control of the distribution system. The Data Management System
20 gathers information from electronic devices in the field, including the DACR
21 equipment, and integrates it with the mapping system to provide the real-time status of

1 these automated circuits. It also allows remote operation of devices on those circuits
2 by dispatchers if immediate intervention, maintenance, or load control is needed.

3 These Smart Grid investments provide customer benefits and an enhanced
4 customer experience. For example, upgrades to some of the Smart Grid investments
5 have improved DACR logic, which allows for more reliable and diversified automated
6 reactions, as well as greater monitoring capabilities of the DACR scheme. As another
7 example, the Company has made Smart Grid investments that include the construction
8 of new station and line equipment in order to break up overhead line miles on already
9 existing distribution circuits. Breaking up the overhead line miles facilitates
10 redundancy for customers in the area and can improve reliability by providing an
11 alternate source of power in the event of an outage. Ultimately, these types of Smart
12 Grid investments reduce the frequency and duration of customer outages. For this
13 reason, the Company looks for opportunities to incorporate Smart Grid investments
14 into the construction of new distribution circuits.

XI. CONCLUSION

15 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

16 **A. Yes.**

VERIFICATION

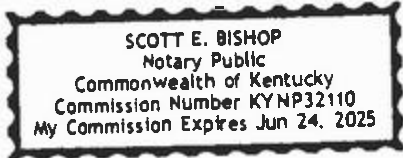
The undersigned, Everett G. Phillips, being duly sworn, deposes and says he is the Vice President, Distribution Region Operations for Kentucky Power, that he has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing testimony and the information contained therein is true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge, and belief after reasonable inquiry.

Everett G. Phillips
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Commonwealth of Kentucky)
)
County of Boyd) Case No. 2023-00159

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said County and State, by Everett G. Phillips, on June 22, 2023.

Scott E. Bishop
Notary Public



My Commission Expires June 24, 2025

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Electric Distribution Service Areas

PSC Regulated Rural Electric Utilities

Members of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. (transmission cooperative)

- Big Sandy RECC
- Blue Grass Energy Cooperative
- Clark Energy Cooperative
- Cumberland Valley Electric
- Farmers RECC
- Fleming-Mason Energy Cooperative
- Grayson RECC
- Inter-County Energy Cooperative
- Jackson Valley Cooperative
- Licking Valley RECC
- Nolin RECC
- Owen Electric Cooperative
- Salt River Electric Cooperative
- Shelby Energy Cooperative
- South Kentucky RECC
- Taylor County RECC

Members of Big Rivers Electric Corporation (transmission cooperative)

- Jackson Purchase Energy
- Kenergy Corporation
- Meade County RECC

Municipal Utilities

Barbourville, Bardstow, Bardwell, Benham, Benton, Berea, Bowling Green, Corbin, Falmouth, Frankfort, Franklin, Fulton, Glasgow, Henderson, Hickman, Hopkinsville, Jellico (TN), Madisonville, Mayfield, Murray, Nicholasville, Olive Hill, Owensboro, Paducah, Paris, Princeton, Providence, Russellville, Vanceburg, Williamstown

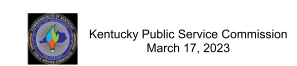
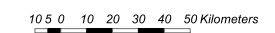
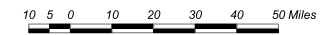
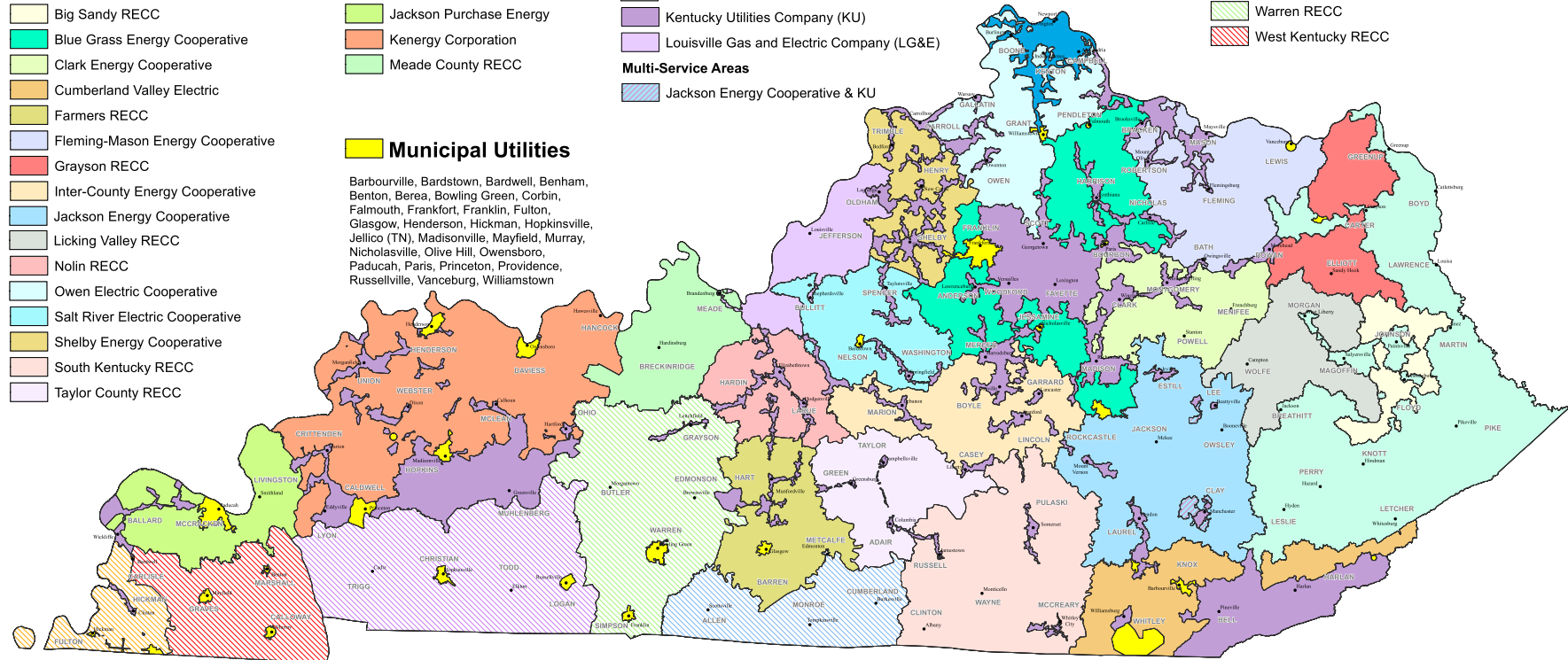
PSC Regulated Investor Owned Utilities

- Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.
- Kentucky Power Company
- Kentucky Utilities Company (KU)
- Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E)
- Multi-Service Areas
 - Jackson Energy Cooperative & KU

TVA Regulated Utilities

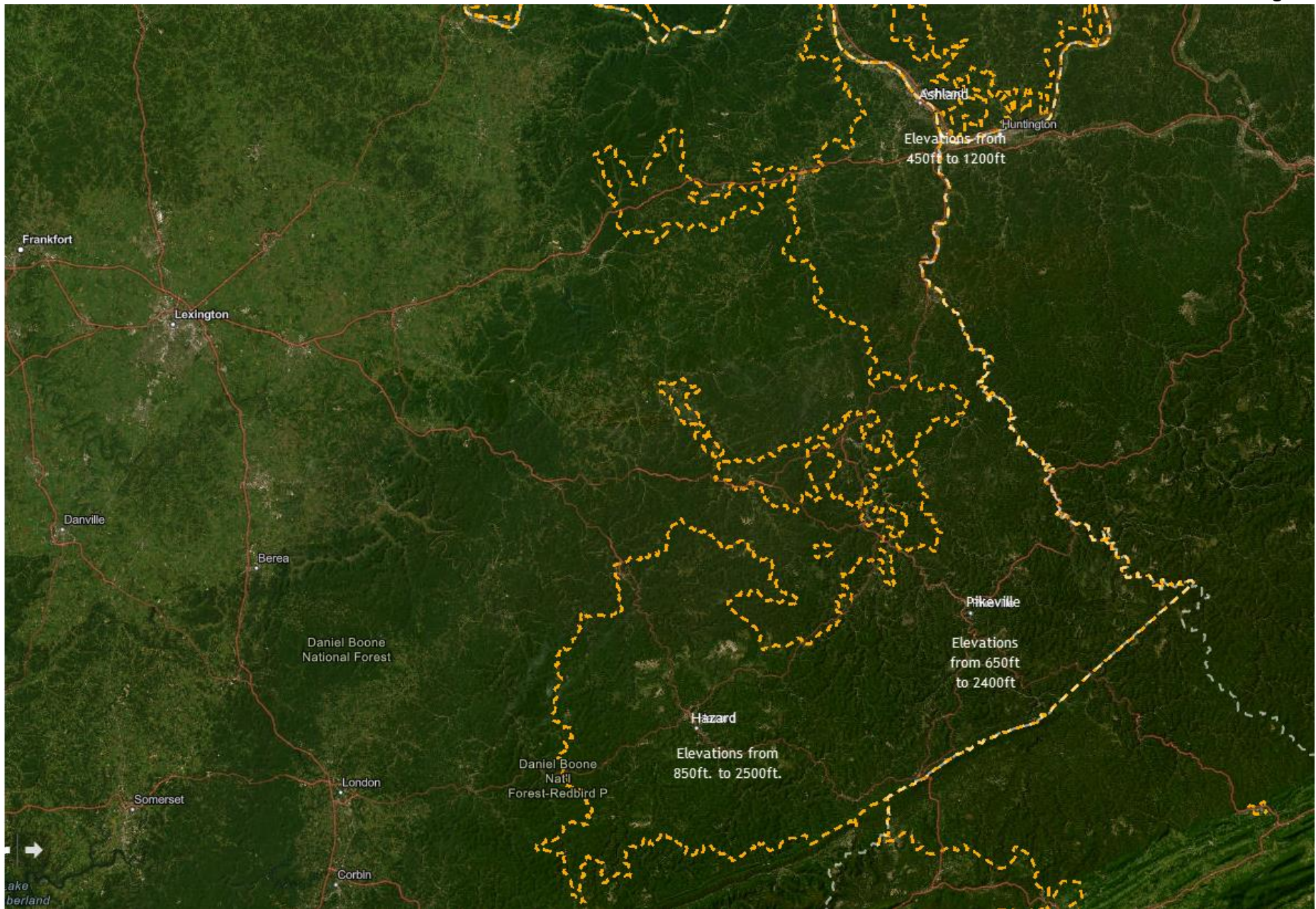
- Gibson EMC (TN)
- Pennyrile RECC
- Tri-County REMC
- Warren RECC
- West Kentucky RECC

- County Seats
- County Boundaries



The electric service areas are compiled from certified territory maps on file with the Public Service Commission. These are legal documents which define the retail service area of electric suppliers regulated by the Commission (Kentucky Statute 278.017). The legal certified territory boundaries are drafted on 1:24,000 USGS topographic maps, and can be assumed to have an accuracy of 100 feet. This map, which was compiled from that data, is for informational purposes only, and has no legal standing.

Kentucky has 30 municipal systems serving over 500,000 customers. Ten of these are provided wholesale power by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and are regulated by them. The others are self-regulated by the municipality. The boundaries for the municipal systems were either derived from the Public Service Commission's certified territory maps, or from boundaries submitted for informational purposes to the PSC from the utility. If the municipal service area boundaries were unknown, a circle was placed around the urbanized area.



Recorded Data from National Weather Service for Jackson, KY														
30 Yr Normal Precip (1981 - 2010) - Jackson, KY Area	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Norm	
		3.61	3.75	4.12	3.83	5.20	4.70	4.65	3.69	3.46	3.19	3.96	4.18	48.34
Monthly Total Inches Precipitation for Jackson, KY Area	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Total
	2001	2.50	3.72	2.17	1.69	4.39	4.19	6.43	2.41	1.09	1.41	1.82	2.55	34.37
	2002	4.09	1.24	7.96	4.11	5.23	4.98	5.50	1.72	3.48	6.39	3.61	4.28	52.59
	2003	2.10	7.88	1.47	5.14	5.98	7.54	3.95	5.12	4.33	2.20	5.49	3.78	54.98
	2004	4.23	3.77	3.87	4.01	10.78	6.18	7.02	2.39	7.55	4.96	4.37	3.27	62.40
	2005	5.12	3.03	3.52	7.47	2.50	2.78	4.08	3.92	0.51	1.57	2.66	3.18	40.34
	2006	5.57	1.85	2.89	4.57	3.61	3.24	3.87	3.69	6.39	5.49	2.43	2.03	45.63
	2007	2.83	1.20	2.71	3.22	1.82	2.15	4.05	2.64	2.49	3.80	3.37	5.18	35.46
	2008	2.46	3.41	4.14	4.00	3.24	3.94	6.13	1.16	0.67	1.46	3.03	6.86	40.50
	2009	5.80	1.73	3.52	3.64	9.22	7.03	6.40	3.55	4.88	3.54	0.80	5.96	56.07
	2010	4.27	3.11	2.43	2.61	7.92	5.60	3.34	3.51	2.05	1.68	5.77	2.97	45.26
	2011	2.72	3.97	4.74	10.20	6.69	5.49	6.02	3.07	3.20	4.25	5.48	4.18	60.01
	2012	4.86	3.90	4.07	2.67	4.20	1.91	7.39	4.75	6.77	4.24	0.84	6.39	51.99
	2013	5.73	1.91	4.63	3.70	4.23	6.36	6.62	10.04	1.27	2.13	3.01	7.09	56.72
	2014	3.15	4.47	5.51	5.43	2.30	3.12	5.77	8.55	2.35	7.77	2.97	2.49	53.88
	2015	2.12	4.06	6.26	10.29	1.74	7.42	8.87	5.02	2.09	2.40	2.41	4.64	57.32
	2016	3.29	6.27	2.38	3.82	7.04	5.01	6.35	6.83	1.32	1.51	2.91	6.16	52.89
	2017	4.71	2.86	4.42	4.02	7.41	6.21	4.13	4.56	3.33	5.29	1.30	3.28	51.52
	2018	1.92	8.00	6.97	4.12	6.18	4.63	5.06	4.43	9.17	5.12	4.91	7.47	67.98
	2019	4.26	8.87	2.40	2.80	4.90	8.01	6.97	1.25	T	6.01	5.80	6.30	57.57
	2020	3.37	7.12	9.42	4.69	4.98	5.38	5.45	6.21	3.78	3.19	2.94	4.91	61.44
	2021	3.55	8.09	5.44	3.39	2.24	3.84	7.52	8.78	2.39	2.84	1.67	2.71	52.46
	2022	7.71	5.61	2.21	3.60	6.51	3.43	14.86	3.65	1.31	0.83	2.81	3.69	56.22
	2023	4.26	5.14	4.09										
	20 Yr Mean (through Mar 2023)	4.10	4.42	4.28	4.67	5.17	4.96	6.19	4.66	3.47	3.51	3.25	4.63	53.03
3 Yr Mean ('20 - '22)	4.88	6.94	5.69	3.89	4.58	4.22	9.28	6.21	2.49	2.29	2.47	3.77	56.71	
5 Yr Mean (18 - '22)	4.16	7.54	5.29	3.72	4.96	5.06	7.97	4.86	4.16	3.60	3.63	5.02	59.13	

DRR Component	Program Description	Measures for Reliability Improvements	Projected 2024 Capital Spend	Projected 2025 Capital Spend	Projected 2026 Capital Spend	Projected 2027 Capital Spend	Projected 2028 Capital Spend
TOR - Enhanced ROW Widening	Targeted widening generally 10' to 30' on the uphill side of facilities. Circuits targeted based on historical TOR SAIDI and forester field inspections.	Reduce number of customer minutes of interruption (CMI) for TOR outages	\$12.0M	\$12.0M	\$12.0M	\$12.0M	\$12.0M
Additional Tie Lines	Construct primary lines to tie two circuits together, permitting electrical load to be transferred between the two circuits. This will reduce the number of radial circuits.	Reduce number of customers minutes of interruption (CMI)	\$1.0M	\$3.3M	\$3.2M	\$1.5M	\$1.6M
DACR (Distribution Automation- Circuit Reconfiguration)/Recloser Modernization	DACR-Install automation equipment on distribution circuits allowing isolation of a fault; reconfigures a circuit to close other devices to re-energize the non-impacted areas of original circuit impacted by initial fault. Recloser- Upgrade the recloser devices to operate as single-phase devices instead of 3-phase. However, they will remain in the 3-phase circuit. This operational change will reduce customer minutes of interruption. Upgrade existing reclosing devices to electronically controlled devices. These devices will allow for more precise coordination with other devices, provide event recordings for outage and power quality investigations, and enable future DACR implementation. These devices will also allow for single phase operation in 3-phase circuits to keep customers from other phases energized when there are single phase outages on 3-phase devices.	Reduce number of customers minutes of interruption (CMI)	\$1.0M	\$4.0M	\$8.9M	\$0.0M	\$13.9M
Additional New Distribution Substation Sources	Construct new distribution substations with associated transmission lines in and out of substation. Construct distribution lines to tie into existing distribution circuits. The new substations will be in remote areas, helping to reduce the number of radial distribution circuits. Each new substation will require a minimum of two years to place in-service due to long lead times on station equipment.	Reduce number of customers minutes of interruption (CMI)	\$3.0M	\$12.0M	\$4.8M	\$22.6M	\$10.1M
Asset Renewal/ Storm Hardening or Resiliency	Replace aging or failing equipment such as cutouts and insulators, as well as replace aging infrastructure with equipment designed for NESC heavy loading criteria to better protect against extreme weather; <i>i.e.</i> : replace poles and conductors to withstand up to one half inch of ice.	Reduce number of customers minutes of interruption (CMI) and outage time	\$2.0M	\$4.0M	\$4.0M	\$2.7M	\$2.4M
Totals			\$19.0M	\$35.3M	\$32.9M	\$38.8M	\$40.0M

NOTE: SAIDI (CMI) savings begins the year following when the Capital investment has been made, for example, SAIDI (CMI) savings would occur 2025 -2029. The Company projects **56 SAIDI** minutes saved at the completion of the proposed 5-year DRR Plan.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
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(3) Approval Of Accounting Practices To Establish)	Case No. 2023-00159
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EXHIBIT SDB-2	NESC Transfer Case Discovery

**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
STEPHEN D. BLANKENSHIP ON BEHALF OF
KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY**

CASE NO. 2023-00159

I. INTRODUCTION

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS AND POSITION.**

2 A. My name is Stephen D. Blankenship. My business address is 12333 Kevin Avenue,
3 Ashland, Kentucky 41102. I am the Region Support Manager for Kentucky Power
4 Company (“Kentucky Power” or the “Company”). Kentucky Power Company is a
5 subsidiary of American Electric Power Company, Inc. (“AEP”).

II. BACKGROUND

6 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL**
7 **BACKGROUND.**

8 A. I earned a bachelor’s degree in Industrial Relations in 1995 from the West Virginia
9 Institute of Technology, and an associate degree in Electronics and Computer
10 Engineering Technology in 2019 from Grantham University. Throughout my 25-year
11 career, I have held positions of increasing responsibility within the AEP family of
12 companies, which have focused primarily on distribution operations. I began my
13 career in 1998 as a Customer Service Representative in Hurricane, WV for American
14 Electric Power Service Corporation (“AEPSC”), a subsidiary of AEP. From 2002 to
15 2016, I held distribution dispatching positions of increasing responsibility in
16 locations that included Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Columbus, Ohio; and Ashland, Kentucky.
17 In 2016, I was promoted to Distribution Dispatch Supervisor for Kentucky Power. In

1 2019, I was promoted to Meter Revenue Operations Manager for Kentucky Power
2 and in 2020, I was promoted to Region Support Manager.

3 **Q. WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS REGION SUPPORT**
4 **MANAGER?**

5 A. I am responsible for the Company's distribution system operations, meter operations
6 and storm review coordination. My duties also include the management of the safe
7 and reliable restoration of the Company's distribution facilities following disruptions,
8 proper implementation of normal and emergency procedures, and overall real time
9 operation of the Company's distribution system. I am also responsible for
10 coordination of the Company's storm response and Planning Section of the Incident
11 Command System ("ICS") when implemented.

12 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED BEFORE THIS COMMISSION?**

13 A. Yes. I testified before this Commission in Case No. 2020-00174 (the Company's last
14 base rate case).

III. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

15 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

16 A. I support the reasonable and necessary distribution-related operations and maintenance
17 ("O&M") costs Kentucky Power incurred for system restoration following 11 Major
18 Storm Events that occurred between January 2020 and April 2023. The Company is
19 proposing to securitize these costs as part of this proceeding.

20 My testimony will also address the following:

- 21 • the increase in the number of Weather Alert Events in the Company's service
22 territory, including Major Storm Events and their magnitude;

- 1 • Major Storm Events’ impact on the Company’s distribution and transmission
2 systems;
- 3 • how the Company prepared and responded to these storms as it relates to
4 distribution; and
- 5 • the reasonableness of the distribution- and transmission-related O&M expenses
6 incurred for system restoration.

7 My testimony will also demonstrate that the Company’s storm restoration costs related
8 to the 11 Major Storm Events were prudently incurred, are reasonable, and are not a
9 result of underinvestment in the Company’s distribution system.

10 **Q. ARE YOU SPONSORING ANY EXHIBITS AS PART OF YOUR**
11 **TESTIMONY?**

12 A. Yes. I am sponsoring the following exhibits attached to my testimony:

13 <u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>
14 EXHIBIT SDB-1	Major Storm Event Cost Summary
15 EXHIBIT SDB-2	NESC Transfer Case Discovery

16 **Q. WERE THESE EXHIBITS PREPARED BY YOU OR UNDER YOUR**
17 **DIRECTION?**

18 A. Yes.

19 **Q. WHAT IS THE COMPANY’S PROPOSAL RELATED TO THE RECOVERY**
20 **OF THE 11 MAJOR STORM EVENTS THAT OCCURRED BETWEEN**
21 **JANUARY 2020 AND APRIL 2023?**

22 A. As a component of the Company’s overall securitization request in this case, the
23 Company is proposing to securitize approximately \$79.3 million of regulatory assets

1 associated with 11 Major Storm Events that occurred across the Company's service
2 territory between January 2020 and April 2023. Company Witness West further
3 describes the Company's overall securitization request in this proceeding.

**IV. KENTUCKY POWER SYSTEM AND THE INCREASING LEVEL OF
STORMS AND STORM SEVERITY**

4 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE DISTRIBUTION AND TRANSMISSION**
5 **SYSTEMS THAT SERVES KENTUCKY POWER'S CUSTOMERS.**

6 A. Kentucky Power serves approximately 163,400 retail customers in Kentucky in a
7 service area that covers approximately 3,787 square miles. Kentucky Power owns
8 approximately 1,263 circuit miles of transmission lines. Kentucky Power's
9 transmission system is designed and constructed to meet heavy loading criteria.

10 Kentucky Power's distribution system includes approximately 10,108 circuit
11 miles of underground and above-ground primary and secondary voltage lines.
12 Kentucky Power's distribution system is designed and constructed to meet medium
13 loading criteria, with some portions designed and constructed to meet heavy loading.
14 Kentucky Power's service territory includes some of the most rugged and difficult
15 topography in the Commonwealth. Its distribution and lower voltage transmission
16 facilities cross mountainous and heavily wooded terrain. Company Witness Phillips
17 provides further information regarding the Company's service territory and the
18 corresponding operational challenges.

19 **Q. WHAT ARE MAJOR STORM EVENTS AND HOW ARE THEY**
20 **DETERMINED?**

21 A. IEEE 1366-2017, the "IEEE Guide for Electric Power Distribution Reliability Indices,"
22 defines a major event as "an event that exceeds reasonable design and or operational

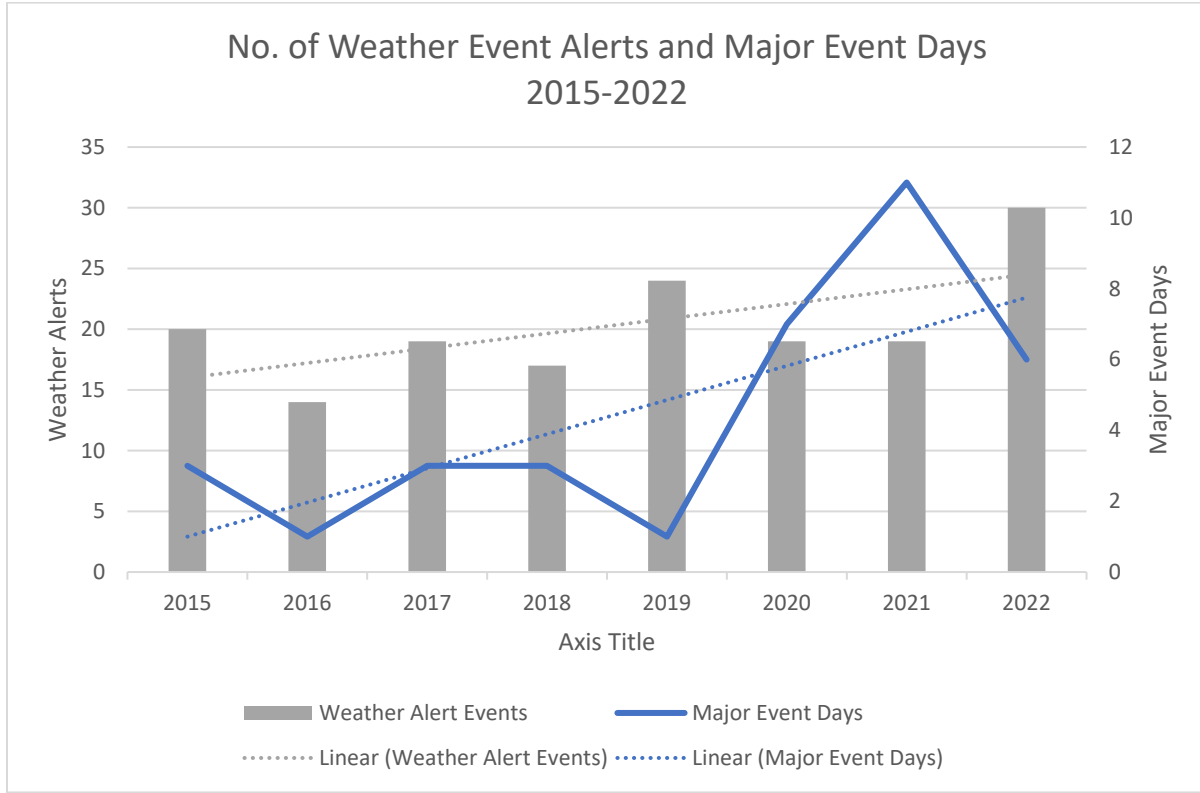
1 limits of the electric power system. A Major Storm Event includes at least one Major
2 Event Day. A Major Event Day is defined as “a day in which the daily system SAIDI
3 exceeds a threshold value, T_{MED} . For the purpose of calculating daily system SAIDI,
4 any interruption that spans multiple calendar days is accrued to the day on which the
5 interruption began. Statistically, days having a SAIDI greater than T_{MED} are days on
6 which the energy delivery system experienced stresses beyond that normally expected
7 (such as severe weather).” The IEEE standard uses an accepted statistical approach to
8 determine when it is appropriate to exclude a major event. By excluding major storm
9 events, which by definition are storm events that exceed reasonable design or
10 operational limits, the Company also is able to give the Commission a clearer picture
11 of the progress being made to improve the Company’s reliability.

12 **Q. WHAT ARE WEATHER ALERT EVENTS?**

13 A. Weather Alert Events are predicted weather events which meet pre-defined thresholds
14 that have been set by AEP’s Meteorology department. These thresholds include ice
15 storms that produce a quarter inch of ice or more, snowstorms that produce at least
16 three inches of wet snow or six inches of dry snow, windstorms that produce wind
17 gusts of at least 40 mph, and severe thunderstorms.

18 **Q. HAS KENTUCKY POWER BEEN EXPERIENCING A GROWING NUMBER**
19 **OF WEATHER ALERT EVENTS AS WELL AS MAJOR STORM EVENTS?**

20 A. Yes. Figure SDB-1 shows that over the last several years, Kentucky Power has
21 experienced an increase in the number of Weather Alert Events and Major Storm
22 Events, which has caused an increase in the number of customer outages. Weather
23 Alert Events can also include Major Storm Events.

Figure SDB-1

1 Although Figure SDB-1 indicates a decrease in the number of Major Storm
2 Events between 2021 and 2022, as I describe in more detail below, this does not take
3 into consideration the magnitude and severity of some of the Major Storm Events that
4 the Company experienced in particularly in 2021 and 2022, but also in any other year.

5 **Q. PLEASE ELABORATE ON THE MAGNITUDE AND SEVERITY OF**
6 **WEATHER ALERT EVENTS OVER THE PERIOD AT ISSUE.**

7 A. Weather Alert Events and Major Storm Events have been increasing in magnitude
8 and severity over the last three years. Below are three examples of recent severe
9 Major Storm Events impacting the Company’s service territory:

- 10 • April 12, 2020 Straight-Line Wind Storm – This storm, also known as a “gravity
11 wave,” produced winds of more than 40 mph and gusted as high as 79 mph near

1 Dorton, Kentucky. A gravity wave is a meteorological phenomenon where strong
2 winds of one to two hours' duration occur along with a rapid fall and rise in surface
3 pressure.¹ Several other gusts of 40+ mph occurred, leading to numerous
4 instances of damage across eastern Kentucky, including downed trees, power
5 lines, and structural damage. This damage resulted in several roadways being
6 blocked for a period of time into the morning of April 13, 2020. As many as
7 70,000 to 75,000 power outages were reported across eastern Kentucky.

- 8 • February 2021 Ice and Snow Storms – This event included three storms that
9 resulted in about one inch of ice and four to six inches of snow in the worst-hit
10 areas of the Company's service territory. Many roads became impassable due to
11 downed trees and electrical lines, as well as ice and snow. In total, 110,365
12 customers were impacted by this event. These storms were so severe and
13 destructive, Governor Beshear declared a State of Emergency across Kentucky on
14 February 11, 2021.
- 15 • July 28, 2022 Historic Flood Event – This event was a historic 1,000-year
16 probability flooding event that included heavy rain, deadly flash flooding,
17 mudslides, and landslides. Flash flooding presents the most dangerous kinds of
18 floods as it combines destructive power with incredible speed. There were times
19 during this event that rainfall rates exceeded four inches an hour, with an
20 estimated 14-16 inches of rainfall during the five-day event. Restoration crews
21 faced serious access issues as some roads and bridges were entirely washed away,
22 flooded, or blocked by debris. Governor Beshear declared a State of Emergency

¹ https://www.weather.gov/jkl/041220_Gravity_Wave (last accessed June 16, 2023).

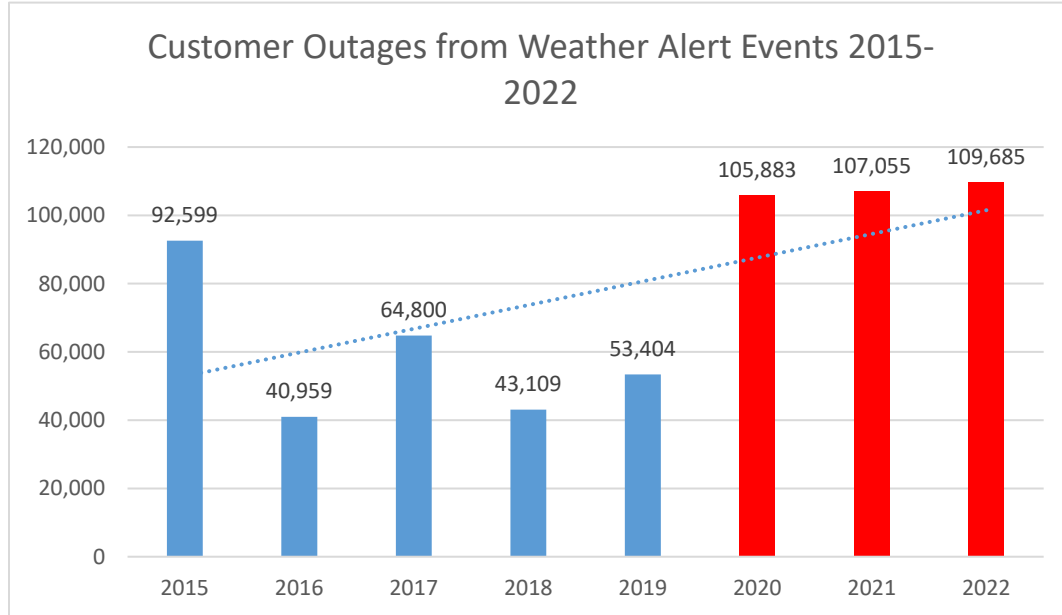
1 across Kentucky on July 28, 2022. The event led to 39 deaths and widespread
2 catastrophic damage.

3 These Major Storm Events, as well as others that the Company has recently
4 experienced, are discussed in more detail later in my testimony.

5 Another indicator of the increase in number and severity of Major Storm
6 Events is demonstrated by the number of requests the Company has made to establish
7 regulatory assets related to the extraordinary expenses resulting from restoring
8 customer service following these events. The Company has had to make six such
9 filings related to 11 Major Storm Events since 2020. From 2009 until 2020, the
10 Company had to make only three filings (Case Nos. 2009-00352, 2012-00445, and
11 2016-00180). The average deferral amount for each of the 11 Major Storm Events
12 that occurred from 2020 through 2023 is approximately \$7.2 million, whereas the
13 average deferral amount for each of the nine Major Storm Events that occurred
14 between 2009 and 2016 was approximately \$3.0 million.

15 **Q. HAVE THESE WEATHER ALERT EVENTS CONTRIBUTED TO AN**
16 **INCREASE IN CUSTOMER OUTAGES?**

17 A. Yes. These increased and intensified Weather Alert Events, combined with above
18 30-year average rainfall, have contributed to increased customer outages near historic
19 levels in recent years. As shown in Figure SDB-2, the average number of customer
20 outages over the past three years caused by these Weather Alert Events is
21 significantly higher than the previous five years.

Figure SDB-2

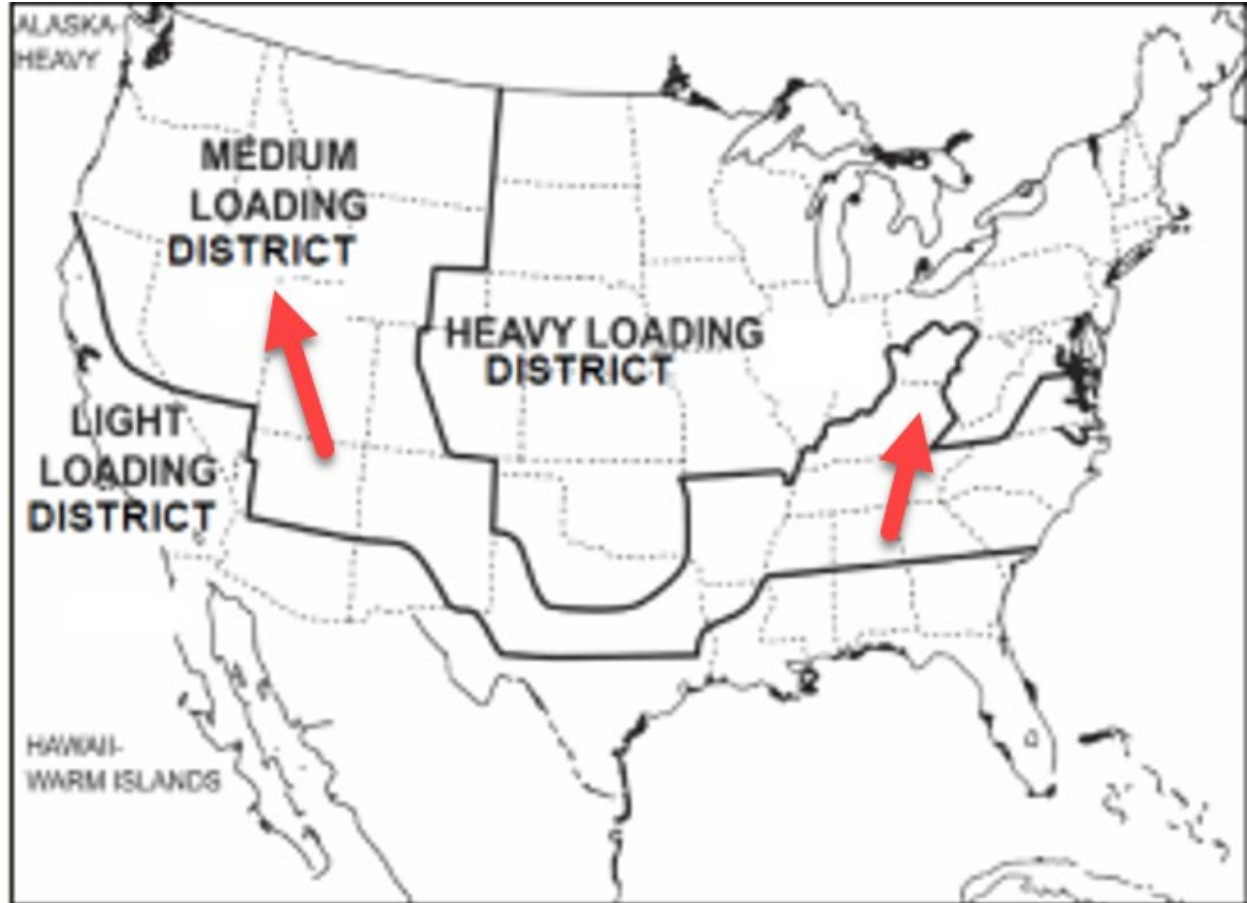
1 In sum, the increase in the number of customer outages is attributable to both
 2 the increasing number of Major Storm Events, as well as the magnitude and severity
 3 of these events.

4 **Q. WHAT IS THE CURRENT NESC LOADING OF THE COMPANY'S**
 5 **DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM?**

6 A. The 2023 National Electrical Safety Code (“NESC”) contains safety rules for
 7 overhead lines, including detailed strength (“loading”) requirements and clearance
 8 rules for the support structures, such as poles and cross arms.² Section 250 in the
 9 2023 NESC describes the structural loadings for the United States. Figure SDB-3
 10 below shows that the NESC requires medium loading in the Company’s service
 11 territory.

² Lawrence M. Slavin, “NESC® Requirements (Strength and Loading),” in *Overhead Distribution Lines: Design and Applications*, IEEE, 2021, pp.45-61, doi: 10.1002/9781119699170.ch6.

Figure SDB-3



1 As detailed recently in Case No. 2021-00481 (proposed transfer of ownership
2 of Kentucky Power), the Company's distribution lines were built to medium loading
3 standards in accordance with NESC requirements, but the Company has been
4 systematically upgrading to heavy loading standards over the last several years:

5 Prior to 2014, Kentucky Power's distribution lines were built using the
6 medium loading zone requirement of the National Electrical Safety Code
7 (NESC), which means that the distribution line is built to withstand a 1/4 inch
8 of ice. Although Kentucky is shown to be in the medium loading zone
9 according to Figure 250-1 of the NESC (see
10 JA_R_KIUC_2_39_Attachment1), in January of 2014, Kentucky Power
11 began designing the distribution lines to meet heavy loading requirements,
12 which means lines are now built to withstand up to a half inch of ice. It will

1 take several years to replace or modify over 210,000 poles and associated
2 power lines to meet the heavy loading zone requirements.³

3 In 2014, Kentucky Power began utilizing a new line design tool enabling the
4 Company to upgrade its distribution system from NESC medium loading to heavy
5 loading. This line design tool uses a structural load case analysis with NESC heavy
6 loading criteria on distribution poles and conductors. Specifically, the tool is used to
7 design distribution lines for customer service, line construction and maintenance,
8 reliability improvement projects, and various maintenance programs. Additionally,
9 in 2009, the Commission issued a report after the September 2008 Wind Storm and
10 the January 2009 Ice Storm recommending that "...utilities consider upgrading to
11 heavy loading standards in some circumstances. For example, it may be beneficial
12 to shorten span lengths when building lines in treed areas, thus improving the ability
13 of those lines to sustain the weight of fallen vegetation."⁴

14 **Q. HOW IS THE COMPANY'S DISTRIBUTION LINE LOADING RELEVANT**
15 **TO THE WEATHER ALERT EVENTS AND MAJOR STORM EVENTS YOU**
16 **HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING?**

17 A. It is relevant in contextualizing the severity of several of the recent Major Storm
18 Events the Company's service territory has experienced. For example, during the
19 February 2021 Ice and Snow Storms, the amount of ice that accumulated on portions
20 of the Company's system exceeded even the NESC heavy loading guidelines – the
21 highest distribution structure strength requirements in place anywhere in the United

³ See Exhibit SDB-2, Company's response to KIUC 2-39, *In The Matter Of: Electronic 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*, Case No. 2021-00481 (February 14, 2022).

⁴ See The Kentucky Public Service Commission Report on the September 2008 Wind Storm and the January 2009 Ice Storm, "Ike and Ice Report," November 19, 2009, Finding and Recommendation B1, at page 83.

1 State. Thus, even if all portions of the Company's distribution system had been
2 constructed to meet the highest applicable national standards at the time of the event,
3 the distribution system still could not have withstood that magnitude of ice, and the
4 event still would have resulted in significant damage and customer outages.

5 Furthermore, the ice from the storm weighed down trees causing some to fall
6 and damage the Company's distribution facilities. This damage also still would have
7 occurred regardless of the loading standards to which the Company's distribution
8 system was built. Company Witness Phillips discusses the proposal to enhance the
9 Company's trees outside of the rights-of-way program, which would mitigate tree-
10 related infrastructure damage and outages going forward.

V. MAJOR STORM EVENTS' IMPACT ON KENTUCKY POWER'S SYSTEM

11 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE ELEVEN MAJOR STORM EVENTS THAT**
12 **IMPACTED THE COMPANY'S SYSTEM.**

13 A. Kentucky Power experienced 11 Major Storm Events between January 11, 2020 and
14 April 1, 2023 that resulted in storm restoration costs totaling \$79.3 million above the
15 level of such costs in the Company's current base rates. These major events included
16 high windstorms, thunderstorms, straight-line wind storms, ice and snow storms, and
17 rainstorms that caused mudslides and/or flooding. Figure SDB-4 summarizes the
18 dates, type, and customer impacts of the Major Storm Events.

Figure SDB-4

Major Storm Event	Outages	Total Customers Impacted	CMI
January 11, 2020 High Wind Storm	190	10,673	4,507,240
April 8-9 2020 Thunderstorms	153	10,656	5,206,342
April 12, 2020 Straight-Line Wind Storm	909	72,459	200,900,139
December 24-25, 2020 Snow Storm	105	8,531	9,343,938
February 2021 Ice and Snow Storms (February 10, 15, and 17)	1,950	110,365	381,441,588
February 28, 2021 Major Flood Event	194	19,108	18,238,339
June 17, 2022 Thunderstorms and High Winds Event	437	27,794	28,828,056
July 28, 2022 Historic Flood Event	669	60,954	168,832,446
March 3, 2023 High Winds Event	349	28,049	21,744,501
March 25, 2023 High Winds Event	244	17,139	8,297,558
April, 2023 High Winds Event	516	35,318	32,241,177

1 **January 11, 2020 High Wind Storm**

2 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE JANUARY 11, 2020 HIGH WIND STORM.**

3 A. Strong winds (gusts peaking at 58 mph) associated with intense rain showers
4 immediately along a cold front, damaged structures, downed trees, and caused power
5 outages all across eastern Kentucky on January 11, 2020. The rain and high winds
6 caused significant damage to Kentucky Power's system, knocking down trees and
7 utility poles, damaging pole mounted transformers, and causing power outages for
8 thousands of Kentucky Power customers. Earlier heavy rainfall also led to a large
9 mudslide along U.S. Highway 421 near Hyden, in Leslie County, which caused large
10 trees and rocks to fall into and block the road.

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE DAMAGE TO THE COMPANY’S SYSTEM**
2 **CAUSED BY THE JANUARY 11, 2020 HIGH WIND STORM.**

3 A. The Company utilized the ICS for restoration efforts in connection with this storm,
4 which I explain in further detail later in my testimony. The Company experienced a
5 total of 190 outage cases, impacting a total of 10,673 customers for a total of
6 4,507,240 customer minutes of interruption (“CMI”). Nearly all outages were caused
7 by the high winds and mudslides near the Company’s distribution facilities.
8 Kentucky Power repaired and replaced 27 poles, 5 cross arms, 8 distribution
9 transformers, and approximately 158 spans of conductor as a result of the storm. The
10 actual total distribution system cost to restore service to customers was \$1,038,054,
11 of which \$646,479 was the actual jurisdictional incremental O&M expense
12 attributable to the storm.⁵

13 **April 8-9, 2020 Thunderstorms**

14 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE APRIL 8-9, 2020 THUNDERSTORMS.**

15 A. Beginning the afternoon of April 8, 2020, and continuing into the morning on April
16 9, 2020, severe thunderstorms producing high winds up to 46 mph and hail passed
17 through Kentucky Power’s service territory. The storms damaged structures, downed
18 trees, and caused power outages throughout Kentucky Power’s service territory. The
19 thunderstorm and high winds caused significant damage to Kentucky Power’s system,

⁵ See Order at 2, *In the Matter of: Electronic Application of Kentucky Power Company For An Order Approving Accounting Practices To Establish A Regulatory Asset Related To the Extraordinary Expenses Incurred By Kentucky Power Company In Connection With Three 2020 Major Storm Events*, Case No. 2020-00368 (Ky. P.S.C. February 5, 2021).

1 knocking down trees and utility poles, damaging pole mounted transformers, and
2 causing power outages for thousands of Kentucky Power customers.

3 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE DAMAGE TO THE COMPANY'S SYSTEM**
4 **CAUSED BY THE APRIL 8-9, 2020 THUNDERSTORMS.**

5 A. The Company experienced a total of 153 outage cases, impacting a total of 10,656
6 customers for a total of 5,206,342 CMI. Nearly all outages were caused by the high
7 winds and hail near the Company's distribution facilities and high winds causing
8 structure and conductor damage to the Company's transmission facilities. Kentucky
9 Power repaired and replaced 17 poles, 2 cross arms, 5 distribution transformers, and
10 approximately 84 spans of conductor on its distribution system and 3 structures, 2
11 cross arms, multiple damaged insulators and multiple spans of conductor on its
12 transmission system as a result of the storm. The actual distribution and transmission
13 costs were \$666,335 and \$260,645 (totaling \$926,980), respectively, of which
14 \$474,856 was the actual jurisdictional incremental O&M expense attributable to the
15 storms.⁶

16 **April 12, 2020 Straight-Line Wind Storm**

17 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE APRIL 12, 2020 STRAIGHT-LINE WIND STORM.**

18 A. A strong storm system with straight-line winds moved through eastern Kentucky and
19 Kentucky Power's service territory with sustained winds of more than 40 mph and
20 gusts as high as 79 mph. The high winds caused extensive damage within the
21 Company's service territory, downing trees and power lines, damaging buildings, and

⁶ See *id.*

1 causing several roadways to be blocked into the morning of April 13, 2020. The
2 storm also caused widespread power outages in the Company's Ashland, Hazard, and
3 Pikeville districts.

4 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE DAMAGE TO THE COMPANY'S SYSTEM**
5 **CAUSED BY THE APRIL 12, 2020 STRAIGHT-LINE WIND STORM.**

6 A. The Company utilized the ICS for restoration efforts as well as mutual assistance in
7 connection with this storm. The Company experienced a total of 909 outage cases,
8 impacting a total of 72,459 customers for a total of 200,900,139 CMI. Nearly all
9 outages were caused by the high winds near the Company's distribution facilities and
10 high winds causing structure and conductor damage to the Company's transmission
11 facilities. Kentucky Power repaired and replaced 305 poles, 604 cross arms, 169
12 distribution transformers, and approximately 1,128 spans of conductor (for a distance
13 of approximately 172,993 feet of conductor) on its distribution system, and 7
14 structures, 3 cross arms, and multiples spans of conductor on its transmission system
15 as a result of the storm. The Company further removed an in-line switch damaged
16 by the storm and had to relocate a 1-mile line section of the Hazard-Leslie 69 kV
17 circuit. The actual costs to restore service to customers were \$15,185,740 for
18 Kentucky Power's distribution system, and \$2,999,277 for its transmission system
19 (\$18,185,017 total), of which \$9,843,199 was the actual jurisdictional incremental
20 O&M expense attributable to the storm.⁷

⁷ See *id.*

1 **December 24-25, 2020 Snow Storm**

2 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE DECEMBER 24-25, 2020 STORM.**

3 A. On Thursday, December 24, 2020 and continuing through mid-day December 25,
4 2020, a snow storm swept through the Company's service territory resulting in
5 accumulations of 4-8 inches of heavy, wet snow causing widespread power outages
6 in the Ashland, Hazard, and Pikeville Districts. Initially, the weight of the snow
7 weakened (and broke) tree limbs causing outages; as melting occurred the weakened
8 limbs sprang back up and caused new outages. Thus, restoration efforts were
9 hindered as new outages continued to occur while older outages were restored due to
10 the melting of heavy snow. The snowstorm caused damage to Kentucky Power's
11 system, knocking down trees and utility poles, damaging pole mounted transformers,
12 and causing power outages for thousands of Kentucky Power customers.

13 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE DAMAGE TO THE COMPANY'S SYSTEM**
14 **CAUSED BY THE DECEMBER 24-25, 2020 STORM.**

15 A. The Company experienced a total of 105 outage cases, impacting a total of 8,531
16 customers for a total of 9,343,938 CMI. Kentucky Power repaired and replaced 6
17 poles, two transformers/oil spills, and approximately 182 spans of conductor as a
18 result of the snow storm. There also were a total of two forced transmission line
19 outages in the Hazard district. All outages were attributed to ice and snow that caused
20 conductor damage to Kentucky Power transmission facilities. The first outage (Daisy
21 – Leslie 69kv circuit) was caused by heavy ice that caused the conductor to sag into
22 the tree tops, causing the conductor to burn in two. The second outage (Leslie –
23 Pineville 161kv circuit) was caused by a broken ground wire that made contact with
24 the conductor. Company personnel responded and repaired the broken conductors

1 and stabilized the loose ground wires for both circuits. The estimated cost associated
2 with the storm was \$1,653,486, of which \$1,043,892 was the actual jurisdictional
3 incremental O&M expense attributable to the storm.⁸

4 **February 2021 Ice And Snow Storms**

5 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE FEBRUARY 2021 ICE AND SNOW STORMS.**

6 A. Between February 10, 2021 and February 17, 2021, Kentucky Power's service
7 territory experienced three ice and snow storms that caused extensive damage and
8 widespread power outages in the Company's Ashland, Hazard, and Pikeville
9 Districts. The storms brought down power lines and ice-laden trees causing extensive
10 debris and damage that required a massive cleanup effort. The first ice storm
11 extended from February 10, 2021 to February 11, 2021 and resulted in 0.25"-0.50"
12 of ice accumulation. The ice caused widespread outages as it brought down power
13 lines and caused ice-laden trees to fall on lines. The storm damage was of such a
14 magnitude and so extensive that outside resources were brought in to assist in
15 restoration efforts. Beginning February 8, 2021, the Commonwealth's Division of
16 Emergency Management established a winter storm event, and Governor Beshear on
17 February 11, 2021 declared a State of Emergency across Kentucky due to the severe
18 weather. The second ice storm extended from February 15, 2021 to February 16,
19 2021 and resulted in an additional 0.25"-0.50" of ice accumulation. Following the
20 second ice storm, the total ice accumulation measured approximately 0.50"-1.00"

⁸ See Order at 5, *In the Matter of: Electronic Application of Kentucky Power Company For An Order Approving Accounting Practices To Establish A Regulatory Asset Related To the Extraordinary Expenses Incurred By Kentucky Power Company In Connection With The December 24-25, 2020 Snow Storm*, Case No. 2021-00135 (Ky. P.S.C. April 5, 2021).

1 across much of the Company's service territory. In addition to bringing down
2 additional trees into power lines, the ice accumulation also caused many roads to
3 become impassable. Many areas also received four to six inches of snow on February
4 17, 2021. In addition to snow, this storm brought rising temperatures, causing some
5 of the ice from previous storms to melt, which resulted in additional trees breaking
6 and falling on power lines. The combination of snow and melting ice therefore caused
7 additional outages. It also further hampered restoration efforts due to the resulting
8 hazardous road conditions.

9 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE DAMAGE TO THE COMPANY'S SYSTEM**
10 **CAUSED BY THE FEBRUARY 2021 ICE AND SNOW STORMS.**

11 A. The Company utilized the ICS for restoration efforts, as well as mutual assistance in
12 connection with this storm. The Company experienced a total of 1,950 outage cases,
13 impacting a total of 110,365 customers for a total of 381,441,588 CMI. The resulting
14 damage to the Company's transmission and distribution systems was significant. The
15 storms caused 759 broken poles, 1,176 damaged cross arms, 412 damaged
16 transformers, and 851 damaged cutouts. Additionally, the Company repaired or
17 replaced thousands of spans of conductor, totaling more than 116 miles (nearly equal
18 to the distance between Lexington, Kentucky and Ashland, Kentucky). Many of the
19 outages experienced included multiple outages suffered by the same customers who
20 had their service restored only to lose service again when the successive storms swept
21 through Kentucky Power's service territory. The restoration efforts took nearly three
22 weeks, and early restoration efforts frequently were impaired or were required to be
23 repeated after new outages occurred from additional ice and/or snow. Restoration

1 crews and thousands of employees and contractors from ten states assisted in
2 restoring service to the Company's customers over the course of the three weeks. The
3 estimated cost associated with the storm was \$76,433,065, of which \$46,199,297 was
4 the actual jurisdictional incremental O&M expense attributable to the storm.⁹

5 **February 28, 2021 Major Flood Event**

6 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE FEBRUARY 28, 2021 MAJOR FLOOD EVENT.**

7 A. While the Company was still engaged in recovery efforts after the three February
8 2021 ice and snow storms, beginning late Friday night February 26, 2021 and
9 continuing through March 1, 2021, Kentucky Power's service territory experienced a
10 heavy rain event, resulting in severe flooding. Within 72 hours, most of Kentucky
11 Power's service territory received 3.5 inches to 5.8 inches of rainfall. In select areas
12 the service territory received 3.6 inches to 4.7 inches of rainfall within 24 hours. The
13 Major Flood Event caused extensive flooding, damage, and widespread power
14 outages mostly in the Company's Pikeville District. The Hazard and Ashland
15 Districts also experienced flooding, damage, and power outages as a result of the
16 Major Flood Event. On February 28, 2021, Governor Andy Beshear issued Executive
17 Order 2021-135 declaring a state of emergency throughout the Commonwealth as a
18 result of the severe weather system that generated heavy rain across the
19 Commonwealth causing flash flooding, flooding, high wind gusts, mudslides, and
20 landslides.

⁹ See Order at 4, *In the Matter of: Electronic Application of Kentucky Power Company For An Order Approving Accounting Practices To Establish A Regulatory Asset Related To the Extraordinary Expenses Incurred By Kentucky Power Company In Connection With Three February 2021 Major Storm Events*, Case No. 2021-00129, (Ky. P.S.C. April 5, 2021); see also Notice of Filing Final Costs ("KPCO_Exhibit_3_Actual_Costs.xlsx.") (Post-Case Files, January 18, 2022).

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE DAMAGE TO THE COMPANY’S SYSTEM**
2 **CAUSED BY THE FEBRUARY 28, 2021 MAJOR FLOOD EVENT.**

3 A. The Company utilized the ICS for restoration efforts, as well as mutual assistance in
4 connection with this storm. The Company experienced a total of 194 outage cases,
5 impacting a total of 19,108 customers for a total of 18,238,339 CMI. The Company
6 experienced significant access issues due to high flood waters and mudslides. These
7 mudslides persisted even once the flood waters subsided. Accordingly, outside
8 resources were brought in to assist with restoration efforts. The Major Flood Event
9 resulted in approximately 12 broken poles, 33 pole relocations caused by mud slides,
10 17 damaged cross arms, and 68 downed spans of wire. The estimated cost associated
11 with the storm was \$2,006,759, of which \$826,495 was the actual jurisdictional
12 incremental O&M expense attributable to the storm.¹⁰

13 **June 17, 2022 Thunderstorms and High Winds Event**

14 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE JUNE 17, 2022 THUNDERSTORMS AND HIGH**
15 **WINDS EVENT.**

16 A. The June 17, 2022 thunderstorms resulted in widespread wind gusts in the 40-65 mph
17 range with several localized gusts of 65 to 80 mph. The thunderstorms caused
18 extensive damage and widespread power outages in the Company’s Ashland, Hazard,
19 and Pikeville Districts. The storm damage was of such a magnitude and so extensive
20 that outside resources were brought in to assist in restoration efforts.

¹⁰ See Order at 3, *In the Matter of: Electronic Application of Kentucky Power Company For An Order Approving Accounting Practices To Establish A Regulatory Asset Related To the Extraordinary Expenses Incurred By Kentucky Power Company In Connection With The March 1, 2021 Major Storm Event*, Case No. 2021-00402 (Ky. P.S.C. April 5, 2021).

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE DAMAGE TO THE COMPANY’S SYSTEM**
2 **CAUSED BY THE JUNE 17, 2022 THUNDERSTORMS AND HIGH WINDS**
3 **EVENT.**

4 A. The Company utilized the ICS for restoration efforts, as well as mutual assistance.
5 The Company experienced a total of 437 outage cases, impacting a total of 27,794
6 customers for a total of 28,828,056 CMI. The event caused 53 broken poles, 52
7 damaged cross arms, and 11 damaged transformers. Additionally, the Company
8 repaired or replaced 605 spans of conductor, totaling more than 23.6 miles. The
9 restoration efforts took four days. Restoration crews and hundreds of employees and
10 contractors from ten states assisted in restoring service to the Company’s customers
11 over the course of the four days. The estimated cost associated with the storm was
12 \$5,409,015, of which \$3,401,582 was the actual jurisdictional incremental O&M
13 expense attributable to the storm.¹¹

14 **July 28, 2022 Historic Flood Event**

15 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE JULY 28, 2022 HISTORIC FLOOD EVENT.**

16 A. On July 28, 2022, Kentucky Power’s service territory experienced complexes of
17 thunderstorms which brought heavy rain, deadly flash flooding, mudslides, and
18 landslides. At times rainfall rates exceeded four inches an hour with an estimated 14-
19 16” of rainfall during the five-day catastrophic event. Most of the rainfall occurred
20 during the evening of July 27, 2022 and morning of July 28, 2022. Flash flooding

¹¹ See Order at 2, *In the Matter of: Electronic Application of Kentucky Power Company For An Order Approving Accounting Practices To Establish A Regulatory Asset Related To the Extraordinary Expenses Incurred By Kentucky Power Company In Connection With June 2022 and July 2022 Major Storm Events*, Case No. 2022-00293 (Ky. P.S.C. September 28, 2022).

1 presents the most dangerous kind of floods as it combines destructive power with
2 incredible speed. Unsurprisingly, record flash flooding was exhibited across eastern
3 Kentucky. The storm damage was of such a magnitude and so extensive that outside
4 resources were brought in to assist in restoration efforts.

5 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE DAMAGE TO THE COMPANY’S SYSTEM**
6 **CAUSED BY THE JULY 28, 2022 HISTORIC FLOOD EVENT.**

7 A. The Company utilized the ICS for restoration efforts, as well as mutual assistance in
8 connection with this storm. The Company experienced a total of 669 outage cases,
9 impacting a total of 60,954 customers for a total of 168,832,446 CMI. The July 28,
10 2022 Historic Flood Event caused 234 broken poles, 69 damaged cross arms, 33
11 damaged transformers, 13 damaged cutouts, and approximately 3,000 meters. The
12 Company repaired or replaced 608 spans of conductor, totaling more than 23.7 miles.
13 Additionally, there were 10 damaged substations: Bonnyman, Bulan, Burton,
14 Chavies, Engle, Falcon, Haddix, Shamrock and Engle Tap, Topmost, and
15 Whitesburg. Topmost was the worst hit experiencing 5 feet of water throughout the
16 entire station. The restoration efforts took approximately two weeks. Restoration
17 crews and approximately 1,168 employees and contractors from seven states assisted
18 in restoring service to the Company’s customers over the course of the two weeks.
19 The estimated cost associated with the storm was \$19,956,197, of which \$11,449,177
20 was the actual jurisdictional incremental O&M expense attributable to the storm.¹²

¹² See Order at 4, *In the Matter of: Electronic Application of Kentucky Power Company For An Order Approving Accounting Practices To Establish A Regulatory Asset Related To the Extraordinary Expenses Incurred By Kentucky Power Company In Connection With June 2022 and July 2022 Major Storm Events*, Case No. 2022-00293 (Ky. P.S.C. September 28, 2022); see also Notice of Filing Actual Costs (“KPCO_Exhibit_3_Actual_Costs.xlsx.”) (Post-Case Files, April 26, 2023).

1 **March 3, 2023 High Winds Event**

2 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE MARCH 3, 2023 HIGH WINDS EVENT.**

3 A. On March 3, 2023, Kentucky Power’s service territory experienced thunderstorms
4 and high winds that caused extensive damage and widespread power outages in the
5 Company’s Ashland, Hazard, and Pikeville Districts. Prior to the high winds event,
6 between March 2, 2023 and March 3, 2023, the Jackson, KY area also received 0.76”
7 of rainfall. The National Weather Service reported multiple wind gusts between 40-
8 60 miles per hour (“mph”) across the Company’s service territory with a peak wind
9 gust of 68 mph recorded near Index, KY.

10 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE DAMAGE TO THE COMPANY’S SYSTEM**
11 **CAUSED BY THE MARCH 3, 2023 HIGH WINDS EVENT.**

12 A. The Company utilized the ICS for restoration efforts, as well as mutual assistance in
13 connection with this storm. The Company experienced a total of 349 outage cases,
14 impacting a total of 28,049 customers for a total of 21,744,501 CMI. Damage to 36
15 transformers, 58 broken poles, 64 sets of cross arms, 25 cutouts, and 449 spans of
16 conductor occurred during this Major Storm Event. The damage was so extensive
17 that outside resources were brought in to assist with restoration efforts. The estimated
18 cost associated with the storm was \$5,436,349, of which \$3,295,455 was the actual
19 jurisdictional incremental O&M expense attributable to the storm.¹³

¹³ See Order at 3, *In the Matter of: Electronic Application Of Kentucky Power Company For An Order Approving Accounting Practices To Establish A Regulatory Asset Related To The Extraordinary Expenses Incurred By Kentucky Power Company In Connection With The March 3, 2023, March 25, 2023, And April 1, 2023 Major Event Storms*, Case No. 2023-00137 (Ky. P.S.C. June 5, 2023).

1 **March 25, 2023 High Winds Event**

2 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE MARCH 25, 2023 HIGH WINDS EVENT.**

3 A. Between March 24, 2023 and March 25, 2023, the Jackson, KY area received 1.05”
4 of rainfall. On March 25, 2023, Kentucky Power’s service territory experienced high
5 winds that caused extensive damage and widespread power outages in the Company’s
6 Ashland, Hazard, and Pikeville Districts. The National Weather Service reported
7 multiple wind gusts between 40-55 mph across the Company’s service territory with
8 a peak wind gust of 55 mph recorded near Jackson, KY.

9 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE DAMAGE TO THE COMPANY’S SYSTEM**
10 **CAUSED BY THE MARCH 25, 2023 HIGH WINDS EVENT.**

11 A. The Company utilized the mutual assistance for restoration efforts in connection with
12 this storm. The Company experienced a total of 244 outage cases, impacting a total
13 of 17,139 customers for a total of 8,297,558 CMI. Damage to 6 transformers, 21
14 broken poles, 33 sets of cross arms, 3 cutouts, and 312 spans of conductor occurred
15 during the Major Storm Event. Damage was so extensive that outside resources were
16 brought in to assist with restoration efforts. The estimated cost associated with the
17 storm was \$1,573,935, of which \$1,028,326 was the actual jurisdictional incremental
18 O&M expense attributable to the storm.¹⁴

19 **April 1, 2023 High Winds Event**

20 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE APRIL, 2023 HIGH WINDS EVENT.**

21 A. Between March 31, 2023 and April 1, 2023, the Jackson, KY area received 1.78” of
22 rainfall. On April 1, 2023, Kentucky Power’s service territory experienced high

¹⁴ See *id.* at 4.

1 winds that caused extensive damage and widespread power outages in the Company's
2 Ashland, Hazard, and Pikeville Districts. The National Weather Service reported
3 multiple wind gusts between 40-70 mph across the Company's service territory with
4 a peak wind gust of 70 mph recorded near Dorton, KY.

5 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE DAMAGE TO THE COMPANY'S SYSTEM**
6 **CAUSED BY THE APRIL 1, 2023 HIGH WINDS EVENT.**

7 A. The Company utilized the ICS for restoration efforts, as well as mutual assistance in
8 connection with this storm. The Company experienced a total of 516 outage cases,
9 impacting a total of 35,318 customers for a total of 32,241,177 CMI. Damage to 45
10 transformers, 77 broken poles, 70 sets of cross arms, 52 cutouts, and 538 spans of
11 conductor occurred during the Major Storm Event. Damage was so extensive that
12 outside resources were brought in to assist with restoration efforts. The estimated cost
13 associated with the storm was \$6,971,039, of which \$5,643,197 was the actual
14 jurisdictional incremental O&M expense attributable to the storm.¹⁵

VI. STORM PREPARATION AND RESPONSIVENESS

15 **Q. PLEASE DETAIL KENTUCKY POWER'S STORM PREPAREDNESS**
16 **EFFORTS.**

17 A. Even before the Company's storm response procedures are triggered by a storm event,
18 like the ones described in this testimony, the Company is actively ensuring that its
19 system and employees are prepared for and able to respond to storms quickly and
20 efficiently in order to restore service to customers as soon as possible. Kentucky

¹⁵ See *id.*

1 Power's storm preparedness efforts fall into two broad categories: (a) system
2 hardening and resiliency; and (b) storm responsiveness. System hardening includes
3 Kentucky Power's systematic approach to improving the existing infrastructure to
4 make it more durable for both normal operating conditions and weather-related
5 events. Grid resiliency efforts are designed to minimize the number of customers
6 affected by an outage, as well as to enable the Company to restore power outages
7 more quickly and efficiently when outages occur. There often is an overlap between
8 system hardening and system resiliency activities, which are discussed in more detail
9 by Company Witness Phillips.

10 The second category, storm responsiveness, includes Kentucky Power's
11 regular and ongoing efforts to respond quickly when a major storm strikes, which I
12 discuss in detail below.

Kentucky Power Company's Storm Responsiveness Overview

13 **Q. PLEASE GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF HOW THE COMPANY ANTICIPATES**
14 **AND PREPARES TO RESPOND TO STORMS.**

15 A. Prior to a storm event, the AEP Meteorology team and the Company actively monitor
16 the weather. To help determine if the weather will be severe, the AEP Meteorology
17 team and the Company utilize a Storm Outage Prediction Model ("SOPM"). The
18 SOPM application is a resource planning tool that uses historical weather events and
19 utility damage to create predictions of utility damage due to the weather forecast. This
20 is a critical tool in the Company's proactive preparation and response to adverse
21 weather situations. As much as three days prior to a storm event, AEP Meteorology
22 uses the SOPM predictions, along with their expertise and experience, to engage with
23 the Company to help determine the appropriate preparatory steps to be taken. This

1 includes helping the Company determine resource needs based upon the customer and
2 damage outage predictions. If the predictions indicated that the storm will be severe
3 enough, the Company will take the following steps as part of its storm response:

- 4 1. Incident Command System
- 5 2. Storm Preparation
- 6 3. Base Camps, Staging Sites, and Materials
- 7 4. Hazard Removal and Reconnaissance Assessments
- 8 5. Restoration Implementation
- 9 6. Safety

1. **Incident Command System**

10 **Q. WHAT IS THE ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE THE COMPANY USES TO**
11 **CARRY OUT MAJOR STORM EVENT RESTORATION?**

12 A. The Company utilizes the Incident Command System (“ICS”) during Major Storm
13 Events. ICS is a standardized, on-scene, all-hazard incident management tool that
14 allows responders to manage both small and large emergencies such as outages related
15 to major storms and other events requiring quick responses. ICS is the same process
16 used by other utilities and agencies such as the military and local and state government
17 emergency responders in responding to emergencies. Its key element is a common
18 chain of command where the roles are clearly defined. ICS’s Benefits include that it:

- 19 • Establishes consistent roles and responsibilities;
- 20 • Separates key restoration roles, i.e., operations, planning, logistics, finance and
21 safety;
- 22 • Limits spans of control;

- 1 • Clearly defines and limits the focus of employee’s responsibilities during the
2 restoration or emergency response;
- 3 • Provides standardized terminology that will allow for effective and efficient
4 communication internally and with local, state, and federal government
5 agencies; and
- 6 • Allows the Company to share resources efficiently and effectively regardless of
7 the incident size and transition employees throughout the service area during
8 events.

9 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE ICS.**

10 A. The primary objective of the ICS is to establish an emergency operation structure that
11 will efficiently utilize all available resources to resolve the emergency situation. The
12 ICS allows the Company to accomplish rapid and orderly repair of electric facilities for
13 the protection of public health and safety and the restoration of services to all customers
14 in the minimum time possible.

15 The second objective of the ICS is to provide for the timely collection of
16 accurate damage assessment reports for management, employees, and the general
17 public. The reports include such information as the extent of any damage to the
18 distribution and transmission systems and the progress made in restoring service.

19 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE COMPANY’S KEY FUNCTIONS UNDER THE ICS.**

20 A. When a major emergency or disaster occurs, the first function of Company personnel
21 is to clear all known public hazards, such as downed power lines, which pose an
22 immediate danger to the public. The second function is to conduct a detailed
23 assessment of the damage to the affected systems so that the Company can procure the

1 necessary resources and management can position crews appropriately for the efficient
2 restoration of service. The third function is to restore service to the most customers in
3 the shortest time while keeping in focus restoration of service to vital community
4 services and installations (critical loads). The fourth function is to restore service to all
5 remaining customers as quickly as possible.

6 **Q. DOES THE COMPANY UTILIZE OTHER RESOURCES ASIDE FROM**
7 **COMPANY PERSONNEL DURING A MAJOR STORM EVENT?**

8 A. Yes. The Company also engages help from Regional Mutual Assistance Groups
9 (“RMAGs”).

10 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE MUTUAL ASSISTANCE RESOURCES.**

11 A. AEP is a member, and by extension Kentucky Power Company, of several RMAGs,
12 including Texas Mutual Assistance Group, Midwest Mutual Assistance Group, and
13 Great Lakes Mutual Assistance Group. Membership in these groups provides for a
14 potential source of additional assistance from other utilities as needed. Mutual
15 assistance is used by utilities to facilitate the restoration of service as rapidly as possible
16 after a storm or other adverse situation by supplementing a utilities’ workforce with
17 additional resources to safely and efficiently recover from an outage event.
18 Additionally, the Company is a member of the non-profit trade association,
19 Southeastern Electric Exchange (“SEE”), which is the largest Mutual Assistance
20 resource in the country.

2. Storm Preparation

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW KENTUCKY POWER PREPARES TO**
2 **RESPOND TO MAJOR STORM EVENTS.**

3 A. Kentucky Power prepares for storms by utilizing the aforementioned SOPM tool and
4 ICS structure along with its ongoing efforts to lay the groundwork to respond quickly
5 when a major storm strikes. As I discussed above, procedures are in place to assess
6 a storm before it hits using intelligent weather monitoring services, and when
7 required, to ramp up personnel, communications, materials, equipment and outside
8 resources, including mutual assistance, to match the severity of the storm. The
9 Company also conducts training exercises periodically to ensure key employees
10 understand their role and can practice their response.

3. Base Camps, Staging Sites, And Materials

11 **Q. WHAT ARE BASE CAMPS AND STAGING SITES?**

12 A. Base camps are locations where primary logistics functions for personnel for an
13 incident are coordinated. Base camps are equipped and staffed to provide sleeping
14 quarters, food, water, and sanitary services, as needed, to incident personnel. Staging
15 sites are locations set up for an incident where materials can be placed while awaiting
16 tactical assignment. During a Major Storm event, the Company's service centers can
17 function as a staging site. Depending on the circumstances, locations may serve both
18 as base camps for personnel and staging sites for materials.

1 **Q. HOW ARE THE BASE CAMPS AND STAGING SITES GENERALLY**
2 **SELECTED AND ORGANIZED?**

3 A. The Company has relationships with most of the sites utilized as a part of the overall
4 planning process for a snow or ice storm or similar event. The locations are chosen
5 due to the availability of space necessary to establish a base camp or staging area in
6 support of restoration efforts as well as their proximity to the Company's assets and the
7 area impacted by the storm.

8 **Q. DOES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BASE CAMPS HELP WITH THE**
9 **COMPANY'S RESTORATION EFFORTS?**

10 A. Yes. In some situations, the Company takes the action to set up base camps, and that
11 decision can help save restoration time. For example, during the February 2021 Ice
12 and Snow Storms, the ice accumulation caused many roads to become treacherous or
13 even impassable for several days, as temperatures never got above 32 degrees until
14 February 21st; without the establishment of base camps closer to the restoration areas,
15 the Company would no doubt have needed additional time to restore customers. With
16 impassable roads, as well as some hotels being out of service, establishing base camps
17 was the best housing option. An additional advantage of establishing base camps, is
18 that meals could be provided during the duration of the storm. This was practical, as
19 not only were restaurants closed or were inaccessible due to the roads, but providing
20 meals where the restoration workers were stationed provided time savings.

1 **Q. DID THE COVID PANDEMIC PRESENT ADDITIONAL CHALLENGES**
2 **REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND LAYOUT OF THE BASE**
3 **CAMPS FOR ANY OF THE ELEVEN MAJOR STORM EVENTS?**

4 A. Yes. Due to the safety measures required as a result of COVID-19, social distancing
5 prevented the base camps utilized during the February 2021 Ice and Snow Storms from
6 being filled to normal occupancy. The Company, as well as the RMAGs, were
7 following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) Guidelines which
8 restricted the capacity of the bunk trailers used within the base camps. However, the
9 use of base camps for this Major Storm Event was the most feasible housing approach,
10 due to the inaccessibility of roads to and from hotels, and the COVID-19 social
11 distancing policy would have only allowed one occupant per hotel room.

12 **Q. HOW DOES THE COMPANY ENSURE THAT IT HAS ADEQUATE**
13 **MATERIALS FOR STORM RESTORATION EFFORTS?**

14 A. The Company maintains stock of materials and supplies, which is held in storeroom
15 locations throughout the Company’s service territory and can be pre-staged in strategic
16 locations during a storm event. As part of the ICS, a storm stock list that anticipates
17 material demands to restore the system is maintained. From this list, pallets of the
18 anticipated materials are developed and made ready for delivery to the locations of
19 need. The list also serves as the basis for the initial storm orders of material to replace
20 that used during the early stages of restoration.

1 **4. Hazard Removal and Damage Assessments**

2 **Q. WHAT IS THE FIRST FUNCTION OF KENTUCKY POWER PERSONNEL**
3 **AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF A STORM?**

4 A. The first function of Company personnel after a storm hits is to clear all known public
5 hazards that pose an immediate danger to the public.

6 **Q. WHAT TYPES OF DISTRIBUTION HAZARDS EXIST AFTER SUCH**
7 **STORMS?**

8 A. Distribution lines and poles may be down across highways, roads, and streets. In some
9 instances, the downed facilities may block passage completely, while in other
10 instances, facilities may still be energized and thereby prevent safe passage across
11 them. Also, as previously mentioned, the weather itself can pose hazards, such as
12 making roads treacherous or impassable. As another example, as was the case during
13 the July 28, 2022 Historic Flood Event, some of the Company's assets were completely
14 submerged by flood waters and could not be accessed.

15 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW HAZARDS ARE IDENTIFIED AND ADDRESSED**
16 **DURING AND AFTER THE STORMS.**

17 A. Hazard assessment is an important component of the overall assessment process.
18 Hazards are identified through calls from customers or civil authorities during the
19 damage assessment process or by first responders and repair crews. Once a hazard
20 location is identified, it is cleared, made safe, and assessed for repair, and guarded by
21 qualified individuals until it can be mitigated, or, in cases where energized facilities are
22 not involved, made safe by the placement of cones, barricade tape, or other suitable
23 barrier until the facilities can be repaired.

1 **Q. WHAT IS THE SECOND FUNCTION OF KENTUCKY POWER PERSONNEL**
2 **AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF THE STORMS?**

3 A. The second function is to conduct a detailed assessment of the damage to the affected
4 systems so that necessary resources can be procured and management can position
5 crews appropriately for the efficient restoration of service. In the event of a major
6 restoration effort, it is very important to make a high-level damage assessment or
7 reconnaissance early in the outage event. The earlier the need for additional resources
8 is identified, the sooner those resources can be mobilized for the restoration effort.

9 **Q. HOW IS THE RECONNAISSANCE ASSESSMENT CONDUCTED?**

10 A. The reconnaissance assessment includes the following:

- 11 • Geographical description of the area involved
- 12 • Stations and/or circuits affected
- 13 • Equipment damaged and/or hazardous situations
- 14 • Estimated number of customers affected by district
- 15 • Restoration plans (manpower and material needs)
- 16 • Estimated restoration time

17 The reconnaissance assessment is followed as early as possible with assessment
18 of major interruptions and three phase outages and finally a complete circuit detailed
19 assessment.

5. Restoration Implementation

20 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE COMPANY'S RESTORATION STRATEGY**
21 **DURING A MAJOR STORM EVENT.**

22 A. After hazard removal and damage assessment, the Company's third function is to
23 restore service to the most consumers in the shortest time while keeping in focus

1 restoration of service to vital community services and installations (critical loads). The
2 fourth function is to restore service to all remaining users as quickly as possible.

3 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE COMPANY'S STRATEGY TO RESTORE**
4 **SERVICE TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES/CRITICAL LOADS.**

5 A. The Company establishes guidelines to assist in setting the priority order in which
6 assessed outages are worked. Critical loads are essential services to the safety, health
7 and welfare of the community and given priority over other outages during restoration
8 efforts. The Company has worked collaboratively with community leaders to identify
9 these critical loads which include:

- 10 • Hospitals and health support facilities
- 11 • Fire, law enforcement and essential governmental agencies
- 12 • Water and sewage treatment facilities
- 13 • Perishable food processors
- 14 • Media communication centers
- 15 • Federal Aviation Administration Navigational Facilities

16 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE COMPANY IMPLEMENTS ITS STRATEGY**
17 **TO RESTORE SERVICE TO THE MOST CUSTOMERS IN THE SHORTEST**
18 **AMOUNT OF TIME.**

19 A. In order to restore service to the most customers in the shortest amount of time, the
20 Company generally works through restoration in the following overall order,
21 prioritizing the stability and integrity of the entire transmission and distribution grid:

- 22 • Transmission circuits that could result in cascading station outages (outages that
23 could lead to outages on subsequent circuits if overall demand remains the same
24 after the initial outage)
- 25 • Subtransmission circuits that could also result in cascading station outages
- 26 • Subtransmission circuits that result in station outages
- 27 • Stations

- 1 • Distribution feeder circuits
- 2 • Distribution three phase branch circuits
- 3 • Two-phase and single-phase laterals
- 4 • Secondary/ Services
- 5 • Street lighting

6 Accordingly, for distribution, the first emphasis is on the feeder circuits, followed by
7 the three-phase branch circuits, laterals, and secondary/services. Finally, street lighting
8 is addressed. Of course, although this is the general work plan, the Company's crews
9 in practice will work multiple facilities in parallel paths to the extent possible so that
10 service can be restored as quickly as possible. Additionally, even though the overall
11 work plan listed above indicates that restoration of transmission facilities comes prior
12 to restoration of distribution facilities, the transmission and distribution work teams
13 also proceed in parallel paths so that service can be restored as quickly as possible.

14 **Q. WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF INITIALLY FOCUSING ON THE FEEDER**
15 **CIRCUITS IN THE RESTORATION PROCESS?**

16 A. Focusing on the feeder circuits supports the restoration of the largest number of
17 customers in the shortest time possible. A single feeder circuit may support service to
18 as many as 1,000 customers whereas laterals, for example, may only support service to
19 10 customers. In practical terms, the feeder or "backbone" circuits feed smaller lateral
20 circuits, and therefore need to be restored first.

21 **Q. DOES THE COMPANY KEEP ITS CUSTOMERS AND OTHER**
22 **STAKEHOLDERS INFORMED DURING RESTORATION EFFORTS?**

23 A. Yes. The Company recognizes that timely communication is vital to the process of
24 managing storm-related outages. Accordingly, the Company ensures that its
25 customers, all those participating in the restoration effort, and the Commission remain

1 apprised of all-important factors pertaining to the outage and restoration status of
2 events. This is accomplished through the Company's One Voice Communication
3 process. "One Voice" is a process that provides accurate and timely service restoration
4 information to all interested parties – such as customers, the media, government,
5 emergency management agencies and internal groups. The process promotes proactive
6 communication and potentially answers many questions before they are even asked.
7 Additionally, during larger storm events, such as those described above in my
8 testimony, the Company provides periodic updates to the Commission until customer
9 interruptions reach a certain threshold. Once the storm event has concluded, the
10 Company is required to complete and submit a summary of the event.

6. Safety

11 **Q. WHAT IS THE COMPANY'S PERSPECTIVE ON SAFETY DURING**
12 **RESTORATION ACTIVITIES?**

13 A. Kentucky Power and AEP are committed to the safety and health of its employees,
14 external crews, contractors, and the general public. Our goal in every storm recovery
15 event is "Zero harm" – no injuries or vehicle accidents.

16 **Q. WHAT STEPS DOES THE COMPANY TAKE TO ENSURE SAFETY AMONG**
17 **THE COMPANY'S EMPLOYEES AND THE CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL?**

18 A. As noted above, the Company has safety representatives provide a safety orientation to
19 mutual assistance and non-local contractor workers. This ensured that crews received
20 the same message and were provided additional safety oversight. The training included
21 live and video presentations and literature, plus information on local hospitals and
22 regional cautions such as dangerous snakes and plants. Kentucky Power Safety

1 personnel communicated daily with safety representatives from each of the mutual
2 assistance and non-local companies. Kentucky Power also stationed Company safety
3 representatives at each staging site who sat in on morning safety meetings with the
4 non-local crews.

5 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE COMPANY'S STORM PREPARATION AND**
6 **RESPONSIVENESS PROCESSES UTILIZED FOR THE 11 MAJOR STORM**
7 **EVENTS.**

8 A. The Company, as demonstrated in Figure SDB-5, followed its storm preparation and
9 responsiveness processes during the 11 Major Storm Events to the extent necessary
10 to ensure service was restored to our customers as quickly, efficiently, and safely as
11 possible.

Figure SDB-5

Storm Preparation and Responsiveness Processes Utilized							
Major Storm Event	ICS	Mutual Assistance	Storm Preparation	Base Camps (BC), Staging Sites & Materials (SS)	Hazard Removal & Reconnaissance Assessments	Restoration Implementation	Safety and Oversight
January 11, 2020 High Wind Storm	Yes	No	Yes	SS	Yes	Yes	Yes
April 8-9 2020 Thunderstorms	No	No	Yes	SS	Yes	Yes	Yes
April 12, 2020 Straight-Line Wind Storm	Yes	Yes	Yes	SS	Yes	Yes	Yes
December 24-25, 2020 Snow Storm	No	No	Yes	SS	Yes	Yes	Yes
February 2021 Ice and Snow Storms (February 10, 15, and 17)	Yes	Yes	Yes	BC, SS	Yes	Yes	Yes
February 28, 2021 Major Flood Event	Yes	Yes	Yes	SS	Yes	Yes	Yes
June 17, 2022 Thunderstorms and High Winds Event	Yes	Yes	Yes	SS	Yes	Yes	Yes
July 28, 2022 Historic Flood Event	Yes	Yes	Yes	SS	Yes	Yes	Yes
March 3, 2023 High Winds Event	Yes	Yes	Yes	SS	Yes	Yes	Yes
March 25, 2023 High Winds Event	No	Yes	Yes	SS	Yes	Yes	Yes
April 1, 2023 High Winds Event	Yes	Yes	Yes	SS	Yes	Yes	Yes

VII. MAJOR STORM EVENT COSTS

- 1 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE COSTS OF THE 11 MAJOR STORM EVENTS**
2 **THAT TOOK PLACE WITHIN THE COMPANY’S SERVICE TERRITORY**
3 **BETWEEN JANUARY 2020 AND APRIL 2023.**
- 4 **A.** Please see Figure SDB-6 below, which summarizes customers impacted and costs by
5 Major Storm Event.

Figure SDB-6

Deferral Requested in Case No.	Storm Dates	Actual Total Costs	Actual Jurisdictional Incremental O&M Expense	Amount in Base	Approved Deferral Amount
2020-00368	January 11, 2020	\$1,038,054	\$646,480		\$9,465,952
	April 8-9, 2020	\$926,980	\$474,856		
	April 12, 2020	\$18,185,017	\$9,843,199		
2021-00135	December 24-25, 2020	\$1,653,486	\$1,043,891		\$1,043,892
Total 2020 Storms		\$21,803,537	\$12,008,426	\$1,498,582	\$10,509,844
2021-00129	February 10-11, 2021	\$76,433,065	\$46,199,297		\$45,169,508
	February 15-16, 2021				
	February 17, 2021				
2021-00402	February 28, 2021	\$2,006,759	\$826,494		\$826,495
Total 2021 Storms		\$78,439,824	\$47,025,791	\$1,029,789	\$45,996,002
2022-00293	June 17, 2022	\$5,409,015	\$3,401,582		\$13,838,283
	July 26, 2022	\$19,956,197	\$11,449,177		
Total 2022 Storms		\$25,365,212	\$14,850,759	\$1,012,476	\$13,838,283
Deferral Requested in Case No.	Storm	Estimated Total Costs	Estimated Jurisdictional Incremental O&M Expense	Amount in Base	Estimated Deferral Amount**
2023-00137	March 3, 2023	\$5,436,349	\$3,295,455		\$8,954,502
	March 25, 2023	\$1,573,935	\$1,028,326		
	April 1, 2023	\$6,971,039	\$5,643,197		
Total 2023 Storms*		\$13,981,323	\$9,966,978	\$1,012,476	\$8,954,502
Total Actual and Estimated Deferred Storm Costs Since 2020-00174					\$79,298,631

*As of April 30, 2023

**The Company will file its final actual costs on or before September 30, 2023.

1 Exhibit SDB-1 includes a summary of storm costs for each of the 11 Major Storm
2 Events by cost category. As stated by Company Witness West, the Company will be
3 providing a detailed cost breakdown for each storm in response to Commission
4 Staff's standard data request to provide all exhibits and schedules that were prepared
5 in the utility's rate application.

1 **Q. WHAT PROCESSES DOES THE COMPANY HAVE IN PLACE TO ENSURE**
2 **THE PRUDENCY AND REASONABLENESS OF MAJOR STORM EVENT**
3 **COSTS?**

4 A. The Company has an onboarding process for mutual assistance as well as adheres to
5 Edison Electric Institute (“EEI”) governing principles for emergency assistance. The
6 ICS uses a simple and effective check-in process as part of onboarding to establish
7 resource accountability. Specifically, designated Company employees are given a
8 roster of mutual assistance workers to ensure that the Company is receiving the
9 agreed upon number of mutual assistance workers and is able to collect pertinent
10 information for tracking and resource assignments. With this information, the
11 Company knows what mutual assistance workers are on property, what areas and
12 work they are assigned, as well as the hours that are worked. This helps the Company
13 ensure that labor from mutual assistance is being properly charged. Through a
14 systematic approach utilized as part of ICS, mutual assistance will be released in due
15 course to help limit expenses incurred from these resources.

16 Although the Company utilizes formal contracts for mutual assistance so that
17 items such as labor rates have already been established prior to a Major Storm Event,
18 EEI member companies also use governing principles for emergency assistance
19 during these types of events. The EEI governing principles include guidelines for
20 costs and expenses incurred by mutual assistance resources as a result of furnishing
21 emergency assistance. These costs and expenses include such items as wages, travel
22 and living expenses, and replacement cost of material and supplies expended or
23 furnished. After a Major Storm Event, Company personnel will review mutual

1 assistance resource expenses to ensure that they followed these principles and were
2 incurred properly for providing emergency assistance. For example, a properly
3 incurred expense includes the mutual assistance wages and salaries paid while these
4 resources are traveling to the Company's service territory to render emergency
5 assistance.

6 **Q. IN YOUR EXPERT OPINION, ARE ANY OF THE STORM COSTS A**
7 **RESULT OF UNDERINVESTMENT IN THE COMPANY'S DISTRIBUTION**
8 **SYSTEM?**

9 A. No. As explained further by Company Witness Phillips and Company Witness West,
10 the damage sustained to the Company's distribution system is not attributable to the
11 Company's level of distribution investment. As discussed earlier in my testimony,
12 the frequency and severity of storms has been substantially increasing in recent years.
13 While the Company's distribution system was originally built to recommended NESC
14 medium loading standards, the Company has been upgrading to higher NESC heavy
15 loading standards where applicable. However, as was the case in the February 2021
16 Ice and Snow Storms, the amount of ice the storms brought were even above heavy
17 loading standards and still would have caused considerable outages and damage even
18 if the Company's entire distribution system met NESC heavy loading standards.
19 Additionally, trees outside of the Company's ROW can either fall or be blown into
20 the Company's distribution assets during Major Storm Events and cause outages. The
21 Company has already implemented a pilot program and is proposing a more
22 widespread targeted program to be implemented through the proposed Distribution
23 Reliability Rider, to target these trees outside ROW, as discussed in more detail by

1 Company Witnesses West and Phillips. As such, despite the Company's prudent
2 investment in its distribution system, it was necessary for the Company to incur the
3 costs to restore service as safely and quickly as reasonably possible after each of the
4 Major Storm Events described in this testimony.

VIII. CONCLUSION

5 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR TESTIMONY.**

6 A. The Company has demonstrated that the distribution-related O&M system restoration
7 costs associated with 11 Major Storm Events that impacted the Company's service
8 territory between January 2020 and April 2023 were reasonable and prudently
9 incurred. Therefore, the Company is proposing to finance these costs through
10 securitization, which request is supported and discussed in more detail by Company
11 Witness West.

12 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

13 A. Yes.

VERIFICATION

The undersigned, Stephen D. Blankenship, being duly sworn, deposes and says he is the Region Support Manager, for Kentucky Power, that he has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing testimony and the information contained therein is true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge, and belief after reasonable inquiry.

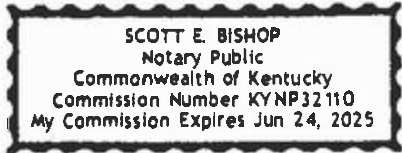
Stephen D. Blankenship
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Commonwealth of Kentucky)
)
County of Boyd)

Case No. 2023-00159

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said County and State, by Stephen D. Blankenship, on June 22, 2023.

Scott E. Bishop
Notary Public



My Commission Expires June 24, 2025

Notary ID Number KYNP 32110

	2020-00368			2021-00135	Total 2020	2021-00129	2021-00402	Total 2021	2022-00293		Total 2022	2023-00137**			Total 2023 To Date*		
	January 11, 2020	April 8-9, 2020	April 12, 2020	December 24-25, 2020		February 10-11; 15; and 17	February 28, 2021		June 17, 2022	July 26, 2022		March 3, 2023	March 25, 2023	April 1, 2023			
Total O&M by Category	Salary and Wages	\$ 230,859	\$ 139,708	\$ 1,868,073	\$ 263,268	\$ 2,501,908	\$ 3,082,331	\$ 292,200	\$ 3,374,531	\$ 485,666	\$ 2,853,945	\$ 3,339,611	\$ 509,213	\$ 206,887	\$ 410,842	\$ 1,126,942	
	Transportation	\$ 55,926	\$ 21,719	\$ 424,346	\$ 208,875	\$ 710,865	\$ 616,902	\$ 152,411	\$ 769,313	\$ 26,391	\$ 479,538	\$ 505,929	\$ 80,611	\$ 48,750	\$ 97,500	\$ 226,861	
	Other	\$ 6,876	\$ 3,856	\$ 324,176	\$ 16,290	\$ 351,198	\$ 9,946,877	\$ 16,273	\$ 9,963,150	\$ 82,995	\$ 565,617	\$ 648,612	\$ 147,471	\$ 156,000	\$ 390,000	\$ 693,471	
	Materials and Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Outside Contract Services (if applicable)	\$ 491,868	\$ 468,524	\$ 8,646,426	\$ 669,256	\$ 10,276,074	\$ 34,578,892	\$ 709,387	\$ 35,288,279	\$ 3,097,623	\$ 9,300,346	\$ 12,397,968	\$ 2,847,008	\$ 720,000	\$ 4,608,962	\$ 8,175,970	
	Total	\$ 785,529	\$ 633,807	\$ 11,263,021	\$ 1,157,689	\$ 13,840,045	\$ 48,225,002	\$ 1,170,271	\$ 49,395,273	\$ 3,692,675	\$ 13,199,446	\$ 16,892,121	\$ 3,584,303	\$ 1,131,637	\$ 5,507,304	\$ 10,223,244	
Incremental O&M by Category	Salary and Wages	\$ 161,328	\$ 118,249	\$ 1,427,343	\$ 222,313	\$ 1,929,233	\$ 2,184,187	\$ 144,334	\$ 2,328,521	\$ 295,535	\$ 1,904,513	\$ 2,200,048	\$ 369,083	\$ 171,276	\$ 716,440	\$ 1,256,799	
	Transportation	\$ 4,392	\$ 1,156	\$ 33,319	\$ 8,945	\$ 47,812	\$ 47,446	\$ 5,660	\$ 53,106	\$ 1,364	\$ 24,386	\$ 25,750	\$ 4,279	\$ 2,673	\$ 5,187	\$ 12,140	
	Other	\$ 4,988	\$ 3,202	\$ 316,135	\$ 14,607	\$ 338,933	\$ 9,941,049	\$ 15,895	\$ 9,956,944	\$ 81,642	\$ 551,662	\$ 633,304	\$ 145,352	\$ 156,000	\$ 390,000	\$ 691,352	
	Materials and Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Outside Contract Services (if applicable)	\$ 475,773	\$ 352,248	\$ 8,066,401	\$ 798,026	\$ 9,692,448	\$ 34,026,615	\$ 660,605	\$ 34,687,220	\$ 3,023,042	\$ 8,968,616	\$ 11,991,657	\$ 2,776,740	\$ 698,376	\$ 4,531,570	\$ 8,006,686	
	Total	\$ 646,480	\$ 474,856	\$ 9,843,199	\$ 1,043,891	\$ 12,008,426	\$ 46,199,297	\$ 826,494	\$ 47,025,791	\$ 3,401,582	\$ 11,449,177	\$ 14,850,759	\$ 3,295,455	\$ 1,028,326	\$ 5,643,197	\$ 9,966,978	
Amount in base					\$ 1,498,582			\$ 1,029,789			\$ 1,012,476				\$ 1,012,476		
Approved Deferral Amount					\$ 10,509,844			\$ 45,996,002			\$ 13,838,283				\$ 8,954,502		

*As of April 30, 2023

** Figures are estimated. The Company will file its final actual costs on or before September 30, 2023.

American Electric Power Company, Inc.
Kentucky Power Company
Liberty Utilities Co.
KPSB Case No. 2021-00481
KIUC's Second Set of Data Requests
Dated February 4, 2022

DATA REQUEST

KIUC 2_39 With respect to the \$11 million incurred in the spring and winter of 2020 and the \$75 million incurred in winter 2021 to repair the system and restore service in response to severe weather and storms, provide a copy of all analyses, root causes, and/or all other critiques performed by or for the Company that address the scope of physical damages, cost to repair the system and restore service, and/or proposals and/or recommendations to minimize such storm damages in the future. If no such analyses were performed, then describe why the Company did not engage in any self-assessments or third-party assessments.

RESPONSE

The Joint Applicants object to this request on the basis that it seeks information that is outside the scope of this proceeding and that is neither relevant to this proceeding nor calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

Subject to and without waiving this objection, the Joint Applicants state:

Each storm is unique in nature and after each storm, all charges were closely scrutinized to ensure accurate reporting of labor, equipment and material. The impacted areas were visually inspected to verify facilities were restored to normal and any hazardous conditions were mitigated. Some of the additional cost during the February 2021 storms were due to the fact there were three unusually destructive storms in one period that caused ice to accumulate to nearly one inch on trees and power lines. In addition, due to COVID protocols additional rooms and base camp trailers were needed to house employees and contractors.

No specific analyses were performed after the storms. However, Kentucky Power is taking steps to minimize storm damage in the future. Prior to 2014, Kentucky Power's distribution lines were built using the medium loading zone requirement of the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC), which means that the distribution line is built to withstand a 1/4 inch of ice. Although Kentucky is shown to be in the medium loading zone according to Figure 250-1 of the NESC (see JA_R_KIUC_2_39_Attachment1.pdf), in January of 2014, Kentucky Power began designing the distribution lines to meet heavy loading requirements, which means lines are now built to withstand up to a half inch of ice. It will take several years to replace or modify over 210,000 poles and associated power lines to meet the heavy loading zone requirements.

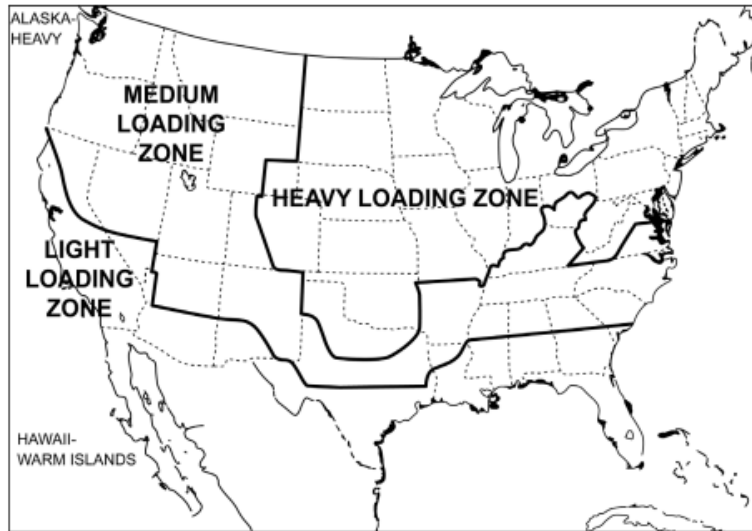
Kentucky Power would demonstrate the prudence of the costs at issue in a future rate proceeding in which it seeks recovery of those cost. See also the Joint Applicants' response to AG 2-3.

Witness: Brian K. West

F-250-1

Part 2: Safety Rules for Overhead Lines

F-250-1



The Warm Island Loading District includes American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and other islands located from 0 to 25 degrees latitude, north or south.

Figure 250-1—General loading map of United States with respect to loading of overhead lines

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 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)

Case No. 2023-00159

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
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EXHIBITS

<u>EXHIBIT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Exhibit TCK-1	Company’s Response to Commission’s Staff Set 1, Question 6 in Case No. 2023-00145

**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
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CASE NO. 2023-00159

I. INTRODUCTION

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, POSITION, AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 A. My name is Timothy C. Kerns. My business address is 200 Association Drive,
3 Charleston, WV, 25311. In March 2023, I accepted the position of Vice President
4 of Generating Assets for Appalachian Power Company (“Appalachian Power”) and
5 Wheeling Power Company (“Wheeling Power”) effective April 2023. Appalachian
6 Power and Wheeling Power are wholly owned subsidiaries of American Electric
7 Power Company, Inc. (“AEP”). Immediately prior to my current role, I was Vice
8 President of Generating Assets for Kentucky Power Company (“Kentucky Power”
9 or “the Company”) and Indiana Michigan Power Company (“I&M”) from 2020 to
10 2023.

II. BACKGROUND

11 **Q. PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**
12 **AND BUSINESS EXPERIENCE.**

13 A. I earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering Degree from West
14 Virginia Institute of Technology and have been employed by AEP system
15 companies for 34 years. I have worked at various power plants across the AEP
16 System since 1989 in various positions including as a Performance Engineer, a

1 Maintenance Engineer, and a Plant Manager where, among other things, I
2 performed, directed, and managed outage and non-outage maintenance and capital
3 work. Specifically, from 1989 to 1996 I was a Performance, Maintenance and
4 Environmental Engineer at the Philip Sporn Plant; from 1996-1998 I was an
5 Equipment Troubleshooting Specialist for the Regional Services Organization
6 (“RSO”); from 1998-1999 I was a Zone Superintendent for the RSO; from 1999-
7 2000 I was a Regional Engineer Manager; from 2001 to 2006 I was the RSO
8 Manager; from 2006-2011 I was the Plant Manager at the Tanners Creek and
9 Lawrenceburg Plants; from 2011 to 2017 I was the Plant Manager at the Rockport
10 Plant; from 2017 to 2020 I was the Managing Director of Generating Assets for
11 I&M; and from 2020 to 2023 I was the Vice President of Generating Assets for
12 Kentucky Power, Wheeling Power and I&M.

13 **Q. PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**
14 **AS VICE PRESIDENT GENERATING ASSETS FOR APPALACHIAN**
15 **POWER AND WHEELING POWER.**

16 A. In my new role I am responsible for the safe, reliable, and economic operation of
17 the fossil-fueled generating assets owned and operated by the Companies. This
18 includes the Amos, Mitchell, and Mountaineer coal-fired power plants, as well as
19 the gas-fired Ceredo (simple-cycle combustion turbines), Clinch River (gas-fired
20 boiler), and Dresden (combined-cycle) power plants, and Appalachian Power’s
21 hydro facilities. Specifically, I plan, organize, coordinate, direct, and control plant
22 activities, including the operations, maintenance, engineering, and construction of
23 the plant facilities. I also oversee plant budgets and interface with other AEP
24 functional groups such as Accounting, Regulatory, and Commercial Operations to

1 ensure the needs of the generating plants are met. Additionally, I am responsible
2 for any decommissioning, demolition, and disposition of generating assets owned
3 or operated by the Companies.

4 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR FAMILIARITY WITH KENTUCKY POWER**
5 **GENERATING ASSETS.**

6 A. In my former role as Kentucky Power's Vice President of Generating Assets, I was
7 responsible for the safe and reliable operation of Big Sandy Unit 1 and Mitchell
8 Units 1 and 2 for over three years. More importantly, I was in the role throughout
9 the test year for this proceeding.

10 Prior to the adoption of the resolutions identified in the Written Consent
11 Action of the Mitchell Operating Committee, Kentucky Power was Mitchell Plant's
12 operator until September 1, 2022. Until that time, I also had overall responsibility
13 for the operation and maintenance of the Plant as the Company's Vice President of
14 Generating Assets. I continue to have these responsibilities in my current role on
15 behalf of Wheeling Power now that Wheeling Power is the operator for the Mitchell
16 Plant. I am familiar with the day to-day operation of the Mitchell Plant as a result
17 of my responsibilities in the oversight of Plant personnel in connection with the
18 safe, reliable, and economic operation of the Plant. In this regard, my
19 responsibilities include interacting on a regular basis with the Mitchell Plant
20 manager, who reports directly to me, as well as with other Plant personnel in
21 connection with both day-to-day and longer-term Plant activities. In addition, I
22 regularly review budgets, review investments, and help plan the safe and reliable
23 operation of that facility. I also continue to participate as a non-voting member of
24 Mitchell Plant Operating Committee.

1 Lastly, as part of Wheeling Power’s management team, I work in close
2 coordination with the American Electric Power Service Corporation (“AEPSC”)
3 and Kentucky Power’s Managing Director of Generating Assets to ensure the
4 Mitchell Plant is safe, reliable and provides benefit to customers through effective
5 management of O&M expenditures and capital investments.

6 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED IN ANY REGULATORY**
7 **PROCEEDINGS?**

8 A. Yes. I have submitted testimony and testified on behalf of Kentucky Power before
9 this Commission in Case Nos. 2020-00174 (2020 base rate case) and 2021-00421
10 (Mitchell Plant operating agreements). I have also submitted testimony on behalf
11 of Wheeling Power before the West Virginia Public Service Commission
12 (“WVPSC”) in Case No. 21-0810-E-PC. In addition, I have submitted testimony
13 and testified on behalf of I&M before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
14 in Cause Nos. 44967, 44511, and 45235, and the Michigan Public Service
15 Commission in Cause Nos. U-18370, U-20070, and U-20359. Finally, I submitted
16 testimony at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in AEP Generating
17 Company’s depreciation rate cases.

III. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

18 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS**
19 **PROCEEDING?**

20 A. The purpose of my testimony is to:

- 21 • Describe Kentucky Power’s generation assets;

- 1 • Describe and support the reasonableness of Kentucky Power’s generation non-
2 fuel, non-labor operation and maintenance (“O&M”) expenses for the Mitchell
3 and Big Sandy Plants;
- 4 • Describe the retired Big Sandy generating assets;
- 5 • Describe capital investments placed in-service at Kentucky Power’s generating
6 assets since the Company’s last base case; and
- 7 • Describe the performance of the Company’s generation fleet during Winter
8 Storm Elliott.

9 **Q. WHAT IS THE TEST YEAR FOR THIS PROCEEDING?**

10 A. The test year in this proceeding is the twelve-month period from April 1, 2022
11 through March 31, 2023.

12 **Q. ARE YOU SPONSORING ANY EXHIBITS AS PART OF YOUR**
13 **TESTIMONY?**

14 A. Yes. I am sponsoring the following exhibits attached to my testimony:

<u>EXHIBIT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Exhibit TCK-1	Company’s Response to Commission’s Staff Set 1, Question 6 In Case No. 2023-00145

15 **IV. KENTUCKY POWER’S GENERATING ASSETS**

18 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE KENTUCKY POWER’S GENERATION ASSETS.**

19 A. Kentucky Power’s generation assets consisted of both owned and contracted
20 generation capacity totaling 1,468 MW until December 7, 2022. Beginning
21 December 7, 2022 through the 2022/2023 PJM planning year ending May 31, 2023,
22 Kentucky Power’s owned and contracted generation capacity totaled approximately
23 1,227 MW under the terms and conditions of the Power Coordination Agreement
24 (“PCA”).

1 **Q. PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE KENTUCKY POWER’S OWNED**
 2 **GENERATION.**

3 A. Kentucky Power’s generation assets consist of a total of 1,075 MW of capacity
 4 from two generating plants, Big Sandy and Mitchell. The Company’s assets and
 5 their characteristics are listed in Figure TCK-1.

Figure TCK-1: Kentucky Power Generation Assets

Plant	Kentucky Power-Owned Capacity (MW)	No. of Units	Location	Fuel	Expected Retirement Date
Big Sandy	295	1	Louisa, KY	Natural Gas	2031
Mitchell	780	2	Moundsville, WV	Coal	2040

6 Kentucky Power owns and operates the Big Sandy Plant located near
 7 Louisa, Kentucky. The plant currently has a single operating unit with a generating
 8 capacity of 295 MW. Big Sandy Unit 1 was originally placed in service in 1963
 9 and operated as a 278 MW sub-critical coal-fired generating unit through mid-
 10 November 2015. As approved by the Commission in Case No. 2013-00430, and
 11 described later in my testimony, Big Sandy Unit 1 was converted to a natural gas-
 12 fired unit and returned to service May 31, 2016. The Unit is equipped with low
 13 nitrogen oxide (“NO_x”) burners with overfire air for reduction of NO_x emissions.

14 The Mitchell Plant is located approximately 12 miles south of Moundsville,
 15 West Virginia on the Ohio River. Kentucky Power owns an undivided 50% interest
 16 in the Mitchell Plant; the other 50% interest is owned, and operated, by Wheeling
 17 Power. The plant comprises two super-critical pulverized coal-fired baseload
 18 generating units. Mitchell Unit 1 has a capacity of 770 MW and Mitchell Unit 2

1 has a capacity of 790 MW for a total capacity of 1,560 MW. Both Units were
2 placed in service in 1971.

3 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE WHAT COMPRISES KENTUCKY POWER'S**
4 **CONTRACTED GENERATION.**

5 A. Kentucky Power was a party to a unit power agreement ("UPA") with AEP
6 Generating Company for power from the Rockport Plant that terminated December
7 7, 2022. The Rockport Plant is located along the Ohio River in southern Indiana
8 and consists of two supercritical pulverized coal-fired generating units. Kentucky
9 Power's contractual share of the Rockport output totaled 393 MW. Upon
10 termination of the Rockport UPA, the Company forecasted that it would require
11 152.4 MW of replacement capacity through the 2022/2023 PJM planning year
12 ending May 31, 2023 that would be obtained through the PCA between Kentucky
13 Power and AEP's Operating Companies.

14 **Q. HAVE THE RETIREMENT DATES FOR BIG SANDY UNIT 1 OR**
15 **MITCHELL GENERATING UNITS CHANGED?**

16 A. There have been no changes to the expected retirement dates of either Big Sandy
17 Unit 1 or the Mitchell Plant. With continued investment and maintenance, Big
18 Sandy Unit 1 is expected to reach its current retirement date of 2031 and the
19 Mitchell plant is expected to reach its retirement date of 2040. However, it is my
20 understanding that, based on its recently filed Integrated Resource Plan, the
21 Company is proposing to operate Big Sandy Unit 1 through 2041. Additionally, as
22 a result of the Commission's Order in Case No. 2021-00004 denying a Certificate
23 for Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for Effluent Limitation

1 Guidelines (“ELG”) projects at Mitchell Plant, Kentucky Power’s interest in
2 Mitchell will terminate in 2028.

3 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE KENTUCKY POWER GENERATING ASSETS**
4 **THAT HAVE BEEN RETIRED.**

5 A. Due to EPA’s Mercury and Air Toxics (“MATS”) Rule, Big Sandy Unit 2, an
6 800MW coal-fired generating asset, was retired in May 2015 and Big Sandy Unit
7 1 was converted from coal-fired to natural gas-fired in May 2016. The fuel
8 conversion allowed Big Sandy Unit 1 to continue to operate in compliance with the
9 stringent air emission requirements of MATS. There were coal-related assets for
10 Big Sandy Unit 1 that were retired since they were not required for its natural gas
11 operations.

12 Demolition activities at Big Sandy Unit 2 began in 2016. Since that time,
13 the dismantlement of coal handling equipment and the demolition of its cooling
14 tower, turbine building, boiler house, and environmental equipment have been
15 completed. Currently, fly ash pond post-closure monitoring activities and asbestos
16 abatement continue at the Big Sandy Plant. The going-forward coal-related
17 decommissioning ARO costs associated with the fly ash pond and asbestos
18 abatement for Big Sandy Unit 2 are identified by Company Witness Whitney.

19 Big Sandy Unit 1, although converted to a natural gas generating asset in
20 2016, had some equipment solely related to its operation as a coal-fired facility.
21 Examples of Big Sandy Unit 1’s coal-related assets included the coal yard and its
22 associated equipment, the conveyors and silos which transferred coal from the coal
23 yard to the plant, the coal pulverizers, the Electrostatic Precipitators (“ESP”), and
24 the fly ash and bottom ash handling systems. This equipment was no longer

1 necessary when the unit began operating as a natural gas unit and was retired once
2 the unit no longer operated as a coal-fired facility.

V. KENTUCKY POWER GENERATION O&M

3 **Q. WHAT ARE THE O&M REQUIREMENTS OF KENTUCKY POWER'S**
4 **GENERATION ASSETS?**

5 A. Kentucky Power's plants must provide safe, economical, and reliable generation
6 output to serve load and accommodate fluctuating customer needs. In addition, a
7 unit's maintenance needs vary based on its type, design, age, condition, and
8 operational characteristics. All units are maintained to maximize operations, and
9 to do so in a safe manner in compliance with all local, state, and federal regulations.

10 **Q. HOW ARE O&M COSTS CONTROLLED AT THE PLANTS?**

11 A. To minimize O&M expenses, Kentucky Power relies on a system of maintenance
12 and operations management programs to ensure optimal performance of the
13 generating assets. These maintenance programs are:

- 14 • Predictive Maintenance: monitoring, inspections, and/or data analyses
15 conducted to diagnose potential maintenance issues early and usually
16 while the equipment is running to minimize downtime.
- 17 • Preventive Maintenance: protocols, testing, and physical work
18 conducted on equipment to address anticipated or diagnosed
19 vulnerabilities.

20 In addition, continuous improvements are incorporated into the operations
21 and maintenance of the generating units to eliminate waste and increase process
22 efficiencies. Together, these maintenance and operations management programs
23 help to optimize operation of the assets and limit O&M cost escalations.

1 **Q. WHAT IS KENTUCKY POWER'S TEST YEAR LEVEL OF**
 2 **GENERATION O&M EXPENSE?**

3 A. Kentucky Power's non-fuel, non-consumables, non-labor test year Generation
 4 O&M expense is \$27.634 million. As shown in Figure TCK-2 below, Kentucky
 5 Power's test year Generation O&M expenses include steam maintenance and steam
 6 operations amounts for Big Sandy, the Company's 50% undivided interest in
 7 Mitchell, and shared plant costs not attributable to a specific generating unit (known
 8 as Non-Plant costs).

**TCK-2: Test Year Kentucky Power Non-Fuel, Non-Consumables, Non-
 Labor Test Year Generation O&M***

Category	Big Sandy Plant	Mitchell Plant	Non-Plant	Total
Steam Maintenance	\$5,954,613	\$12,408,247	\$212,067	\$18,522,160
Steam Operations	\$1,570,122	\$4,911,699	\$2,629,917	\$9,111,737
Total:	\$7,524,734	\$17,319,946	\$2,841,984	\$27,633,897

*Total may not sum due to rounding

9 **Q. DOES THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$27.634 MILLION REPRESENT AN**
 10 **APPROPRIATE AND REASONABLE ONGOING LEVEL FOR O&M FOR**
 11 **KENTUCKY POWER'S GENERATION ASSETS?**

12 A. Yes. This total level is reasonable and fairly reflects an appropriate level of O&M
 13 for Big Sandy and Kentucky Power's undivided 50% share of the Mitchell Plant.

VI. GENERATION CAPITAL ADDITIONS

1 **Q. PLEASE PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF GENERATION CAPITAL**
2 **ADDITIONS PLACED IN-SERVICE SINCE THE COMPANY'S LAST**
3 **BASE CASE.**

4 A. As shown in TCK-3 below, Kentucky Power had steam and other generation plant
5 related capital additions totaling approximately \$44.167 million placed in-service
6 since the Company's last base case. Of that amount, \$11.221 million is associated
7 with major fossil fuel generation capital projects and \$22.529 million that is
8 associated with Production Plant Blanket ("PPB") capital projects.

9 Allocations to Kentucky Power's fossil fuel generation organization for
10 intangible projects (information technology projects that are not associated with
11 physical capital additions at Kentucky Power's plants but provide benefits to
12 Kentucky Power) account for a combined total of approximately \$11.551 million.
13 General capital additions that support plant operations account for approximately
14 \$456 thousand. The remaining fossil fuel generation capital amounts include Asset
15 Retirement Obligation ("ARO") estimates that resulted in a reduction of
16 approximately \$1.590 million to capital additions.

17 Figure TCK-3 is inclusive of all environmental project capital additions
18 placed in-service since the last base case. However, all environmental project costs
19 associated with ESP, Selective Catalytic Converter Reduction ("SCR"), and Dry
20 Sorbent Injection ("DSI") capital additions are collected through Environmental
21 Compliance Plan ("ECP") Company filings as discussed by Company Witness
22 Kahn.

**Figure TCK-3: Generation Capital Additions
April 2020 – March 2023**

Plant	Project Description	Addition to Plant (\$)
Big Sandy Plant	Fossil Fuel Major Projects	
	(Non-Environmental)	
	North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Physical Security Upgrade	\$519,594
		\$519,594
	(Environmental)	
	Repurpose Big Sandy Bottom Ash Pond (BAP)	\$417,077
		\$417,077
	Big Sandy Fossil Fuel Major Projects Sub-Total:	
		\$936,672
	Other Fossil Generation Capital Projects	
	Production Plant Blanket Projects:	\$5,811,279
	Non-Environmental	\$5,808,906
	Environmental	\$2,373
	ARO	\$2,752,924
	Big Sandy Other Fossil Generation Capital Projects Sub-Total:	
	\$8,564,203	
Big Sandy Plant Total		\$9,500,875
Mitchell Plant (Kentucky Power Share)	Fossil Fuel Major Projects	
	(Non-Environmental)	
	Mitchell Unit 2 Cooling Tower Components Replacement	\$2,772,398
	Mitchell Unit 2 Air Heater Basket Replacement	\$2,077,824
	Mitchell Unit 1 - Phase 2 Generator Step-up (GSU) Transformer Replacement	\$13,416
		\$4,863,638
	(Environmental)	
	Mitchell Unit 2 Electrostatic Precipitator (ESP)Upgrades	\$2,115,185
	Mitchell Unit 1 Selective Catalytic Converter (SCR) Catalyst Layer 4 Replacement	\$1,357,439
	Mitchell Unit 0 Dry Sorbent Injection (DSI) Lime Conversion	\$1,326,811
	Mitchell Landfill Expansion -Phase 3	\$587,858
	Mitchell Unit 1 SCR Catalyst Layer 3 Replacement	\$27,976
	Mitchell Unit 2 - SCR Catalyst Layer 3 Replacement	\$5,483
		\$5,420,752
	Mitchell Fossil Generation Capital Projects Sub-Total:	
		\$10,284,390
	Other Fossil Generation Capital Projects	
	Production Plant Blanket Projects	\$16,718,190
	Non-Environmental	\$13,365,463
Environmental	\$3,352,727	
ARO	(\$4,343,418)	
Mitchell Other Fossil Generation Capital Projects Sub-Total:		
	\$12,374,772	
Mitchell Plant Total		\$22,659,162
Various Facilities	Intangible Capital Projects	\$11,551,194
	General Capital Projects	\$456,050
Various Facilities Total		\$12,007,244
Total Kentucky Power Capital Additions		\$44,167,280

1 Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE INDIVIDUAL MAJOR FOSSIL FUEL
2 GENERATION CAPITAL PROJECT ADDITIONS OVER \$1 MILLION
3 INCLUDED IN FIGURE TCK-3 AND EXPLAIN WHY THEY WERE
4 NECESSARY.

5 A. A summary of individual major fossil fuel generation capital project additions over
6 \$1 million reflected in TCK-3 and associated necessities are summarized below.

1 Mitchell Major Capital Projects

2 Non-Environmental

- 3 • Mitchell Unit 2 Cooling Tower Components – Some of the Cooling Tower
4 components had reached the end of their useful life after 30 years of service
5 and some components had deteriorated to a point where they would not last
6 another 5-years without failing. This project replaced the Hot Water
7 Distribution deck, louvers and louver columns, outer periphery longitudinal
8 girts, and other associated components.
- 9 • Mitchell Unit 2 Air Heater Basket Replacement –The air heater baskets
10 were one year beyond their typical life cycle and were beginning to
11 deteriorate exponentially. As a result, Mitchell Unit 2 was beginning to
12 experience increases in its equivalent forced outage rate (“EFOR”)
13 associated with the baskets. The existing air heater baskets have been
14 replaced with new air heater baskets.

15 Environmental

- 16 • Mitchell Unit 2 ESP Upgrades – Upgrades required to comply with
17 particulate matter emission limits and the state of West Virginia 10%
18 opacity limit. The scope of the project included:
 - 19 ▪ the installation of a new heated purge air system;
 - 20 ▪ repair and replacement of corroded ESP sidewall casing, hopper
21 casing, and ductwork as needed;
 - 22 ▪ removal and replacement of the hot and cold roof, including
23 insulation, for approximately half of the precipitator;
 - 24 ▪ replacement of the discharge electrode support insulators as needed;
 - 25 ▪ repair of the collecting and discharge electrode rapper system; and
 - 26 ▪ replacement of the hopper level detection system.
- 27 • Mitchell Unit 1 SCR Catalyst Layer 4 Replacement – 4th layer SCR catalyst
28 replacement was required to maintain desirable NOx removal effectiveness.
29 NOx emissions are subject to the New Source Review (“NSR”) Consent

1 Decree and Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (“CSAPR”). The catalyst layer
2 replacement will also maintain effective mercury oxidation across the SCR
3 catalyst reactor.

- 4 • Mitchell Units 0 DSI Lime Conversion Project – Mitchell Plant currently
5 uses Trona for SO₃ mitigation. The project reconfigured the existing DSI
6 system for Mitchell Units 1 and 2 to more efficiently handle hydrated lime
7 in lieu of Trona, and reduce issues related to corrosion, as well as gain
8 benefits such as heat rate improvement, improved Equivalent Unplanned
9 Outage Rate (“EUOR”), and a lower minimum load. Conversion to lime
10 also allows for the use of a higher percentage of high sulfur coal which has
11 historically been cheaper than the lower sulfur coal, thereby resulting in
12 lower overall fuel costs. The project also installed a new distributed control
13 system for the DSI.

14 **Q. WHAT ARE PPB PROJECTS?**

15 A. PPB projects are capital projects necessary to provide for the safe, environmentally
16 responsible, reliable, and efficient operation of our generating units. They are
17 sometimes referred to as ‘Maintenance Capital’ projects. These projects are placed
18 into two categories, major or minor. Major plant blanket projects will have a total
19 cost of over \$1,000,000, but under \$3,000,000. Minor plant blanket projects, the
20 vast majority of which are smaller component replacements and installations, are
21 projects that have a total cost of under \$1,000,000.

22 When evaluating these PPB projects, Kentucky Power looks for cost
23 savings whenever possible without jeopardizing reliability and safety. All PPB
24 projects over \$1 million are also reviewed and approved through AEPSC’s
25 Strategic Capital Prioritization Process (“SCPP”) which includes review and
26 approval by AEP’s Vice President (VP) of Project Solutions, VP of Engineering

1 Service, VP of Generation Shared Services, VP of Appalachian Power Company/
2 Wheeling Power Company Generating Assets, and VP of Southwestern Power
3 Company Generating Assets.

4 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE SOME OF THE PPB CAPITAL ADDITIONS OVER**
5 **\$1 MILLION SINCE THE LAST BASE CASE AT KENTUCKY POWER**
6 **PLANTS.**

7 A. The major PPB projects for the Big Sandy and Mitchell Plants are listed below:

8 **Big Sandy Major PPB Capital Projects**

- 9 • Big Sandy Unit 1 Generator Stator Re-wedge – The generator stator was
10 last re-wedged in 2008 and upon inspection in fall 2022, it was
11 determined the stator required another re-wedge in order to mitigate the
12 potential risk of a premature stator failure and thereby enhance the
13 reliability of the generator. A stator failure would have left the Unit in
14 a forced state of being unable to operate for a period of one year or more
15 due to long lead time materials.

16 **Mitchell Plant Major PPB Capital Projects**

- 17 • Mitchell Unit 2 SCR Catalyst Layer 4 Replacement – Need for the
18 replacement of the catalyst 4th layer was due to normal deactivation over
19 thousands of hours of run time. SCR NOx removal effectiveness
20 requires adequate activity levels. SCR NOx performance is required for
21 compliance with the NSR Consent Decree requirements and CSAPR
22 regulations.

23 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE INTANGIBLE CAPITAL INVESTMENTS**

24 A. Intangible capital projects are routine software updates and new programs that
25 increase the efficiency of Kentucky Power's Generation organization.

1 **Q. ARE EXPENSES RELATED TO ELG COMPLIANCE AT MITCHELL**
2 **INCLUDED UNDER PPB PROJECTS OR INCLUDED IN O&M**
3 **EXPENSES?**

4 A. No. As I stated earlier in my testimony, this Commission did not approve the CPCN
5 to execute ELG projects required by EPA to comply with its revisions to the ELG
6 rule effective October 2020 at the Mitchell Units; therefore, Kentucky Power is not
7 authorized to recover costs related to ELG compliance projects at Mitchell.

8 **Q. HOW DOES THE COMPANY ENSURE ELG-RELATED COSTS ARE**
9 **NOT CHARGED TO KENTUCKY POWER SINCE THIS COMMISSION**
10 **ONLY APPROVED COAL COMBUSTION RESIDUALS (“CCR”)**
11 **PROJECT UPGRADES?**

12 A. Pursuant to the September 1, 2022 Written Consent Action of the Mitchell
13 Operating Committee, which is included as Exhibit V of Section II of the
14 Company’s Application, the Company hired Burns & McDonnell, an independent
15 engineering, architecture construction, environmental consulting firm, to perform
16 an assessment of the scope of work directly related to the CCR and ELG projects
17 for the purpose of determining the appropriate allocation of CCR and ELG related
18 costs. As a result of and in accordance with Burns & McDonnell’s assessments,
19 the Company established work orders to ensure costs related to the scope of work
20 for each of the CCR and ELG projects are appropriately charged.

VII. GENERATION PERFORMANCE DURING WINTER STORM ELLIOTT

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE WINTER STORM ELLIOTT.**

2 A. As explained further by Company Witness Vaughan, Winter Storm Elliott was a
3 bomb cyclone¹ that impacted the PJM region from December 23, 2022 through
4 December 27, 2022 (the “Winter Storm Elliott Period”), causing extreme cold
5 weather, including blizzards, high winds, and snow.

6 **Q. WERE THE COMPANY’S GENERATION ASSETS AVAILABLE AND**
7 **OPERATING DURING THE WINTER STORM ELLIOTT PERIOD?**

8 A. Both Mitchell Unit 1 and Unit 2 (collectively, the “Mitchell Units”) were available
9 and operating throughout the Winter Storm Elliott Period. As shown in Exhibit
10 TCK-1, Mitchell Unit 1 had a Net Capacity Factor² (“NCF”) of 80.3% and Mitchell
11 Unit 2 had an NCF of 74.1% during the Winter Storm Elliott Period. Big Sandy
12 Unit 1 was in a Planned Outage and was unavailable.

13 **Q. HOW DOES THE MITCHELL PLANT PREPARE FOR WINTER?**

14 A. In preparation for winter, the Mitchell Plant implements a “Winter Preparedness
15 Plan.” In 2022, the plant implemented the “Winter Preparedness Plan” starting on
16 October 3, 2022. The standard plan included employee training, completing
17 preventative maintenance work orders, performing equipment checks, replenishing
18 supplies, and other winter preparedness activities. Plant personnel completed a cold
19 weather site specific plan review on October 19, 2022 and completed training on
20 the North American Electric Reliability Council cold weather reliability standards

¹ A bomb cyclone is a large, intense storm that rapidly intensifies and is defined by a sudden and significant drop in atmospheric pressure.

² Net Capacity Factor is defined as the ratio of the generating unit’s ((net actual generation) to its net maximum capacity for the number of hours in the period being reported that the unit was in the active state) x 100%.

1 by October 31, 2022. Cold Weather Preparedness and Winterization checks
2 conducted as preventative maintenance activities were completed by November 2,
3 2022.

4 **Q. DID THE MITCHELL PLANT TAKE ANY ADDITIONAL**
5 **PREPARATORY STEPS IN ADVANCE OF WINTER STORM ELLIOTT?**

6 A. Yes. In anticipation of Winter Storm Elliott, Mitchell Plant staffing was increased
7 to at least one on-site member from the plant leadership team and additional plant
8 operations personnel and contractor support were brought on site.

9 **Q. HOW DID THE MITCHELL UNITS PERFORM DURING WINTER**
10 **STORM ELLIOTT?**

11 A. Both Mitchell Units performed well during the Winter Storm Elliott Period. Both
12 Units had a 0% forced outage factor³ and 0% maintenance outage factor⁴, meaning
13 at no point during the event were either of the Mitchell Units unavailable.

14 **Q. WAS EITHER UNIT'S OUTPUT REDUCED (OR DERATED) DURING**
15 **WINTER STORM ELLIOTT?**

16 A. Yes, at times, both Mitchell Units experienced derates due to operational issues. A
17 “derate” is defined as a decrease in the available capacity of an electric generating
18 unit, commonly due to a system or equipment modification or environmental,
19 operational, or reliability considerations. As demonstrated in Exhibit TCK-1, a
20 significant portion of the derates experienced at both Mitchell Units were required
21 to comply with particulate matter emission limits and the state of West Virginia’s

³ Forced outage factor is the ratio of ((All hours experienced during forced outages) to the number of hours in the period being reported that the unit was in the active state) x 100%.

⁴ Maintenance outage factor is the ratio of ((All hours experienced during maintenance outages) to the number of hours in the period being reported that the unit was in the active state) x 100%.

1 10% opacity limit. The opacity-related derates were not driven by Winter Storm
2 Elliott. Mitchell Unit 1 also had a small 35 MW derate related to a boiler clinker
3 for the duration of the Winter Storm Elliott Period.

4 The remaining derates were caused by frozen coal causing the coal
5 conveyor to trip out, freezing of slurry feed tanks, and a pulverizer damper
6 operation issue. This group of derates lasted a combined total of only 20.31 of the
7 240 hours of operation between both Mitchell Units during the Winter Storm Elliott
8 Period.

9 During Winter Storm Elliott, Unit 1 had an equivalent availability factor⁵
10 (“EAF”) of 86.3%, and Unit 2 had an EAF of 78.4%.

11 **Q. HOW DOES THE MITCHELL PLANT’S PERFORMANCE DURING**
12 **WINTER STORM ELLIOTT COMPARE TO ITS HISTORICAL**
13 **PERFORMANCE?**

14 A. Both Mitchell Units performed favorably during Winter Storm Elliott as compared
15 to their historic performance, as Figure TCK-4 demonstrates.

⁵ Equivalent Availability factor is the ratio of ((Available hours – equivalent planned derated hours – equivalent unplanned derated hours – equivalent seasonal derated hours) to the number of hours in the period being reported that the unit was in the active state) x 100%.

**Figure TCK-4: Mitchell Unit Performance:
Winter Storm Elliott Period Compared to 2016-2021**

Mitchell Unit	Winter Storm Elliott Period Net Capacity Factor ("NCF")	Average NCF (2016-2021)	Highest NCF (2016-2021)	Winter Storm Elliott Period Average Availability Factor ("EAF")	Average EAF (2016-2021)	Highest EAF (2016-2021)
Unit 1	80.3%	36.9%	52.0%	86.3%	57.1%	68.1%
Unit 2	74.1%	46.6%	65.8%	78.4%	69.3%	84.4%

1 As demonstrated above, Unit 1’s NCF and EAF and Unit 2’s NCF during the
 2 Winter Storm Elliott Period were higher during Winter Storm Elliott than their 6-
 3 year highest annual levels. Both Units’ NCF and EAF during the storm period far
 4 exceeded their 6-year averages.

5 **Q. COULD THE COMPANY REASONABLY HAVE DONE ANYTHING**
 6 **DURING THE WINTER STORM ELLIOTT PERIOD TO INCREASE THE**
 7 **OUTPUT OF THE MITCHELL GENERATING FACILITIES?**

8 A. No. Again, it is important to reiterate that, although the Mitchell Units were derated
 9 during Winter Storm Elliott, at no point was either Mitchell Unit unavailable to
 10 serve customers. Furthermore, the Company cannot legally operate the Mitchell
 11 Units in a manner that would violate the particulate matter emission limits and the
 12 state of West Virginia’s 10% opacity limit. The remaining non-opacity related
 13 derates were short in duration but were required to allow for the necessary repairs
 14 to be made while keeping the Units available. As such, when both Mitchell Units
 15 were needed during this extreme event, they were available and performed well, to
 16 the benefit of Kentucky Power customers.

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PLANNED OUTAGE AT BIG SANDY DURING**
2 **WINTER STORM ELLIOTT.**

3 A. Big Sandy Unit 1 began a Planned Outage on September 9, 2022. The outage was
4 originally scheduled to be completed on December 4, 2022, but had to be extended
5 several times through January 14, 2023 for a number of reasons including additional
6 time required to repair the generator due to hot spots in the core, replacement of the
7 generator rotor collector end retaining ring due to a crack discovered during the
8 outage, the repair of the hydrogen seal housing at the exciter due to a leak, and the
9 need to repair an unexpected condenser leak identified at start-up. The extensions
10 to the outage were necessary to repair and/or replace generator components to
11 prevent the risk of a catastrophic failure of the generator as well repair the
12 condenser to allow the Unit to restart and avoid future forced outages. The timeline
13 for the Company's outage extension request to PJM is discussed later in my
14 testimony. Each extension for the Big Sandy fall 2022 outage was approved by
15 PJM.

16 **Q. WHAT IS A PLANNED OUTAGE?**

17 A. A Planned Outage is a generating unit outage of a predetermined duration that can
18 last for several weeks and occurs only once or twice a year. Typically, these events
19 consist of a known scope of work and duration that is estimated prior to the outage
20 being scheduled.

21 **Q. HOW ARE PLANNED OUTAGES SCHEDULED?**

22 A. Planned Outages are scheduled well in advance (months and sometimes even years)
23 due to significant scope, equipment lead time, engineering, and time out of
24 operation. Such outages are planned in conjunction with PJM and with PJM's

1 approval. The Company schedules Planned Outages during the shoulder months
2 attempting to avoid, to the extent practical, multiple units simultaneously in a
3 Planned Outage.

4 **Q. WHEN A UNIT IS IN A PLANNED OUTAGE, IS IT POSSIBLE TO**
5 **QUICKLY RETURN THE UNIT TO SERVICE IF MARKET CONDITIONS**
6 **CHANGE?**

7 A. Generally, it is not. During a Planned Outage, a generating unit is often at least
8 partly dismantled, often with pressure parts (parts that contain steam at very high
9 pressures and temperatures when operating, such as boilers, turbines, etc.) taken
10 apart to be inspected, maintained, and/or replaced. It is very difficult if not
11 impossible to safely and quickly return a unit to service or deviate from the work
12 plan for the outage, particularly when major equipment is disconnected or
13 dismantled for repair at that time.

14 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE SCOPE OF WORK THAT WAS TO BE**
15 **COMPLETED DURING THE PLANNED OUTAGE AT BIG SANDY UNIT**
16 **1.**

17 A. As originally scoped, the fall 2022 Planned Outage at Big Sandy Unit 1 included a
18 generator field out inspection and a possible re-wedge of the Unit's stator.⁶ The
19 Company was, in fact, required to completely re-wedge the stator as part of this
20 scope of work.

⁶ The stator is the stationary part of a rotary system found in electric generators. In an electric generator, the stator converts the rotating magnetic field to electric current.

1 **Q. WHY DID BIG SANDY'S OUTAGE EXTEND BEYOND ITS PLANNED**
2 **OUTAGE END DATE?**

3 A. In November 2022, the Company extended the Planned Outage at Big Sandy Unit
4 1 to December 12, 2022, as it needed additional time to complete the original scope
5 of work. Then, on November 13, 2022, the Company discovered a crack on the
6 generator rotor collection end retaining ring and determined that the retaining ring
7 required replacement prior to returning the Unit to service. In order to complete that
8 repair, on December 2, 2022, the Company requested the Planned Outage at Big
9 Sandy Unit 1 be extended through December 30, 2022. PJM approved the extension
10 on December 6, 2022. The Planned Outage was extended twice more for a
11 hydrogen seal leak identified during an air leakage test and a condenser leak
12 discovered during start up. These extensions were requested on December 22, 2022,
13 and January 10, 2023, and were approved by PJM on December 28, 2022, and
14 January 11, 2023, respectively.

15 **Q. COULD THE COMPANY HAVE PLACED BIG SANDY UNIT 1 IN**
16 **SERVICE WITHOUT ADDRESSING THE ITEMS THAT CAUSED THE**
17 **PLANNED OUTAGE TO BE EXTENDED THROUGH THE WINTER**
18 **STORM ELLIOTT PERIOD?**

19 A. No, it could not. First, as explained further above, extending the outage to replace
20 the retaining ring extended the Planned Outage through what became the Winter
21 Storm Elliott Period. If the Company had not replaced that retaining ring, Big Sandy
22 Unit 1 would have been at an increased risk of catastrophic failure. Therefore, the
23 Company could not have safely placed the Unit back in service and operated it

1 without replacing the retaining ring. It likewise could not have put the Unit safely
2 back in service without fixing the hydrogen seal and condenser leaks.

3 **Q. WAS THERE ANY WAY FOR THE COMPANY TO HAVE KNOWN**
4 **ABOUT THE WINTER STORM ELLIOTT EVENT WHEN IT**
5 **REQUESTED THE PLANNED OUTAGE EXTENSION ON DECEMBER 2,**
6 **2022.**

7 A. No.

8 **Q. WERE THE COMPANY'S ACTIONS RELATED TO EXTENDING THE**
9 **BIG SANDY UNIT 1 OUTAGE REASONABLE?**

10 A. Yes. The Company could not have brought Big Sandy Unit 1 back online to serve
11 customers during Winter Storm Elliott without risking a catastrophic failure of the
12 Unit as all the repairs described above were required to be completed in order to
13 safely operate the Plant. Therefore, it was reasonable to extend the planned outage
14 to ensure the Unit would be in good working order to service customers into the
15 future.

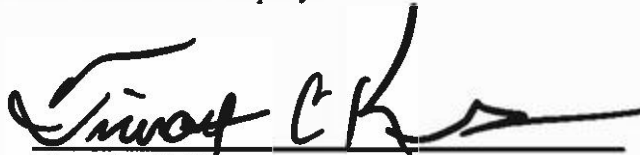
VIII. CONCLUSION

16 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

17 A. Yes, it does.

VERIFICATION

The undersigned, Timothy C. Kerns, being duly sworn, deposes and says he is the Vice President of Generating Assets, for Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company, that he has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing testimony and the information contained therein is true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge, and belief after reasonable inquiry.



Timothy C. Kerns

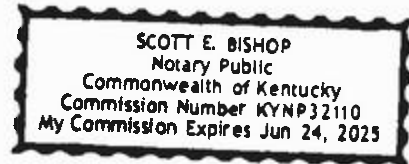
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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said County and State, by Timothy C. Kerns, on June 27, 2023.



Notary Public



My Commission Expires June 24, 2025

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DATA REQUEST

KPSC 1_6 Provide a detailed explanation of how Kentucky Power's generating units were operating during Winter Storm Elliott. Include in the response a list and event description in chronological order showing by unit and date any scheduled, actual, and forced outage for the months of November and December 2022.

RESPONSE

Winter Storm Elliott began in the Pacific Northwest on December 20, 2022 and moved east at a rapid pace becoming a bomb cyclone, an area of low pressure that intensifies rapidly, and entering the PJM territory on December 23, 2022. Winter Storm Elliott impacted the PJM territory from December 23, 2022 until December 27, 2022. During that period, none of the Company's generating units were forced from service.

Big Sandy Unit 1 was in its Planned Outage (9/9/22 – 1/14/23) which was extended from its planned end date of 12/12/2022 due to emergent generator repair work discovered during its reassembly. The completion of this work was required so the unit could be returned to service and operated safely and reliably.

Both Mitchell units operated continuously throughout the Winter Storm Elliott period (12/23/2022 – 12/27/2022). At times during that period, each of units' output was reduced (or derated) due to operational issues. Those deratings resulted in Net Capacity Factors (NCF) of 80.3% and 74.1% for Units 1 and 2, respectively and were largely unrelated to the extreme weather.

Table 1 below describes the performance of the Company's generating units during the period.

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Table 1. KPCo Unit Performance During the 5 day Winter Storm Elliott Period (12/23/2022 - 12/27/2022)

	Equivalent Forced Outage Rate (EFOR)	Equivalent Availability Factor (EAF)	Net Capacity Factory (NCF)
Big Sandy Unit 1	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Mitchell Unit 1	13.7%	86.3%	80.3%
Mitchell unit 2	21.6%	78.4%	74.1%

Performance Metric Definitions
Equivalent Forced Outage Rate (EFOR)¹ - The ratio of unit's forced outage hours + derates to the its forced outage hours + service hours expressed as a percentage.
Equivalent Availability (EAF)¹ - The ratio of the unit's available hours - all derate hours to the number of hours in the period.
Net Capacity Factor (NCF)¹ - The ratio of the unit's net generation to it maximum potential output for the period.
¹ Formal definitions and equations for performance metrics can be found in the <i>NERC 2023 Data Reporting Instructions - Appendix F</i>

Attachment KPCO_R_KPSC_1_6_Attachment1 lists the curtailing (derating) events for the period by unit and in chronological order.

Attachment KPCO_R_KPSC_1_6_Attachment2 lists the forced, maintenance and planned outages in chronological order for the months of November and December 2022.

Witness: Robert A. Jessee

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Unit Name	Event Type Code *		Event Start	Event End	Event Description	MW Reduction	Period Elapsed Loss (MWH)	Event Number	Event Elapsed Time (Hours)
	Outages	Curtail.							
Big Sandy 1	PO		09/09/22 11:00 PM	01/14/23 11:47 AM	Boiler i/r, Generator Field Out inspection/possible re wedge, Turbine Valve i/r, Corrosion Fatigue i/r, Cooling Tower i/r, ReHeat Attenuator i/r, Gas valve i/r, FD Fan and Motor i/r, High Energy Piping (HEP) i/r, Flow Accelerated Corrosion (FAC) i/r, Core Loop testing.	295	35,448	71	119.98
Mitchell 1		D3	12/22/22 12:00 AM	12/30/22 12:00 AM	Large clinker growing on North side of Boiler	35	4,200	948	119.98
Mitchell 1		D1	12/24/22 06:48 AM	12/24/22 07:06 AM	Reagent slurry feed tanks have frozen level indications and tanks were lower than expected	465	140	949	0.30
Mitchell 1		D1	12/24/22 07:06 AM	12/24/22 07:43 AM	Reagent slurry feed tanks have frozen level indications and tanks were lower than expected	97	60	950	0.62
Mitchell 1		D1	12/24/22 07:43 AM	12/24/22 08:20 AM	Reagent slurry feed tanks have frozen level indications and tanks were lower than expected	465	287	951	0.62
Mitchell 1		D1	12/24/22 08:20 AM	12/24/22 12:00 PM	Reagent slurry feed tanks have frozen level indications and tanks were lower than expected	140	514	952	3.67
Mitchell 1		D1	12/24/22 01:48 PM	12/24/22 07:34 PM	Opacity	80	462	953	5.77
Mitchell 1		D1	12/24/22 07:34 PM	12/25/22 09:00 AM	Opacity	90	1,210	954	13.43
Mitchell 1		D1	12/25/22 10:07 AM	12/25/22 12:31 PM	Frozen lumps of coal causing conveyor trip out outs	135	324	955	2.40
Mitchell 1		D1	12/26/22 12:20 AM	12/26/22 08:29 AM	Opacity	45	368	956	8.15
Mitchell 1		D1	12/26/22 08:29 AM	12/26/22 08:46 AM	Opacity	60	17	957	0.28
Mitchell 1		D1	12/26/22 08:46 AM	12/27/22 12:00 AM	Opacity	85	1,296	958	15.23
Mitchell 1		D3	12/27/22 12:00 AM	12/27/22 01:40 AM	Opacity	85	142	959	1.67
Mitchell 1		D3	12/27/22 01:40 AM	12/27/22 02:02 AM	Opacity	135	50	960	0.37
Mitchell 1		D3	12/27/22 02:02 AM	12/27/22 02:53 AM	Opacity	155	132	961	0.85
Mitchell 1		D3	12/27/22 02:53 AM	12/27/22 04:43 AM	Opacity	185	339	962	1.83
Mitchell 1		D3	12/27/22 04:43 AM	12/27/22 07:22 AM	Opacity	205	544	963	2.65
Mitchell 1		D3	12/27/22 07:22 AM	12/27/22 11:03 AM	Opacity	235	866	964	3.68
Mitchell 1		D3	12/27/22 11:03 AM	12/28/22 12:00 AM	Opacity	245	3,174	965	12.93
Mitchell 2		D1	12/23/22 10:10 AM	12/23/22 10:28 AM	25 Pulv issue	95	29	908	0.30
Mitchell 2		D1	12/23/22 10:28 AM	12/23/22 05:44 PM	25 Pulv issue, could not get dampers to operate	90	654	910	7.27
Mitchell 2		D1	12/23/22 12:07 PM	12/23/22 01:56 PM	Opacity	25	46	909	1.82
Mitchell 2		D1	12/23/22 01:56 PM	12/23/22 02:53 PM	Opacity	50	48	913	0.95
Mitchell 2		D1	12/23/22 02:53 PM	12/23/22 07:22 PM	Opacity	100	448	914	4.48
Mitchell 2		D1	12/23/22 07:22 PM	12/23/22 09:08 PM	Opacity	90	159	915	1.77
Mitchell 2		D1	12/23/22 09:08 PM	12/24/22 02:46 AM	Opacity	150	845	916	5.63
Mitchell 2		D1	12/24/22 02:46 AM	12/24/22 04:41 AM	Opacity	90	173	917	1.92
Mitchell 2		D1	12/24/22 04:41 AM	12/24/22 02:08 PM	Opacity	75	709	918	9.45
Mitchell 2		D1	12/24/22 06:48 AM	12/24/22 07:08 AM	Reagent slurry feed tanks have frozen level indications and tanks were lower than expected	415	138	911	0.33
Mitchell 2		D1	12/24/22 07:08 AM	12/24/22 12:00 PM	Reagent slurry feed tanks have frozen level indications and tanks were lower than expected	210	1,023	912	4.87
Mitchell 2		D1	12/24/22 02:08 PM	12/25/22 12:00 AM	Opacity	90	888	919	9.87
Mitchell 2		D3	12/25/22 12:00 AM	12/26/22 12:00 AM	Anticipated opacity	190	4,565	920	24.00
Mitchell 2		D3	12/26/22 12:00 AM	12/27/22 12:38 PM	Opacity	190	6,968	921	36.63
Mitchell 2		D3	12/27/22 12:38 PM	12/27/22 02:02 PM	Opacity	210	294	923	1.40
Mitchell 2		D3	12/27/22 02:02 PM	12/27/22 03:12 PM	Opacity	230	268	924	1.17
Mitchell 2		D3	12/27/22 03:12 PM	12/27/22 04:08 PM	Opacity	340	317	925	0.93
Mitchell 2		D3	12/27/22 04:08 PM	12/28/22 11:40 PM	Opacity	365	2,871	926	7.85

Event Type *

Outages

- FO Forced Outage
- MO Maintenance Outage
- PO Planned Outage
- RS Reserve Shutdown
- SF Startup Failure

Note: i/r = inspection and repair

Curtailment

- D1 Requires immediate reduction in capacity
- D2 Does not require an immediate reduction in capacity but requires a reduction within six (6) hours
- D3 Can be postponed beyond six (6) hours, but requires reduction in capacity before the end of the next weekend

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Unit Name	Event Type *	Event Start	Event End	Event Description
Big Sandy 1	PO	09/09/22 11:00 PM	01/14/23 11:47 AM	Boiler i/r, Generator Field Out inspection/possible rewedge, Turbine Valve i/r, Corrosion Fatigue i/r, Cooling Tower i/r, ReHeat Attemperator i/r, Gas valve i/r, FD Fan and Motor i/r, High Energy Piping (HEP) i/r, Flow Accelerated Corrosion (FAC) i/r, Core Loop testing.
Mitchell 1	PO	10/07/22 11:00 PM	11/19/22 05:32 PM	Boiler i/r, Precip i/r, Pulverizer/Feeder MATS i/r, Economizer wash, Replace Precip Transformer power cables, Replace SCR XJ s 14,15 and 115, Replace Exit Duct XJ FGX-71009, Water Cannon upgrades, Ovation Evergreen upgrade, Inter-lock testing, HE Piping i/r.
Mitchell 1	RS	11/19/22 05:32 PM	11/29/22 11:45 AM	Reserve Shutdown
Mitchell 1	SF	11/29/22 11:45 AM	11/29/22 06:03 PM	Unable to get firing permissives.
Mitchell 1	MO	12/03/22 01:47 AM	12/08/22 09:18 AM	Economizer tube leak repair
Mitchell 1	FO	12/08/22 11:45 AM	12/09/22 12:00 AM	PH Issues
Mitchell 1	FO	12/09/22 12:00 AM	12/10/22 08:01 AM	due to Urea from Hydrolyzer system entering the Condensate Return System. Samples will be collected and tested once the unit cools. Hydrolyzer will need pressurized to search for potential leaks.
Mitchell 1	FO	12/10/22 01:07 PM	12/13/22 04:30 PM	Due to Primary Superheater Outlet valve . packing blew out. Superheater Bypass Control valve URV 4, controller failed closed due to burned up controller.
Mitchell 1	RS	12/13/22 04:30 PM	12/14/22 02:45 AM	Reserve Shutdown
Mitchell 1	SF	12/14/22 02:45 AM	12/14/22 07:15 PM	Start Failure
Mitchell 1	MO	12/30/22 12:00 AM	01/22/23 05:59 PM	Boiler i/r, Boiler Hydro, Duct repairs, Clinker Removal, IK Soot Blower Repairs, 12 ID Fan Stall margin probe i/r.
Mitchell 2	PO	09/09/22 11:00 PM	12/16/22 02:25 PM	Boiler i/r, Cooling Tower i/r, Low Pressure Turbine "A"&"B" Valve replacement, SCR Catalyst #4 layer replacement, AH Basket i/r, Precip i/r.
Mitchell 2	PO	12/16/22 02:52 PM	12/16/22 03:28 PM	Boiler i/r, Cooling Tower i/r, Low Pressure Turbine "A"&"B" Valve replacement, SCR Catalyst #4 layer replacement, AH Basket i/r, Precip i/r.
Mitchell 2	FO	12/17/22 02:12 PM	12/20/22 04:08 PM	A Bus Relay PA Fan

Event Type *

- FO Forced Outage
- MO Maintenance Outage
- PO Planned Outage
- RS Reserve Shutdown
- SF Startup Failure
- Note: i/r = inspection and repair

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 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)

Case No. 2023-00159

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
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I. INTRODUCTION

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, POSITION AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 A. My name is Alex E. Vaughan. I am employed by AEPSC as Managing Director-
3 Renewables & Fuel Strategy. My business address is 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus,
4 Ohio 43215. AEPSC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of American Electric Power
5 Company, Inc. (“AEP”), the parent Company of Kentucky Power Company (the
6 “Company” or “Kentucky Power”).

II. BACKGROUND

7 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND**
8 **BUSINESS EXPERIENCES.**

9 A. I graduated from Bowling Green State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in
10 Finance in 2005. Prior to joining AEPSC, I worked for a retail bank and a holding
11 company where I held various underwriting, finance, and accounting positions. In
12 2007, I joined AEPSC as a Settlement Analyst in the RTO Settlements Group. I later
13 became the PJM Settlements Lead Analyst, and in that role, I was responsible for
14 reconciling AEP’s settlement of its activities in the PJM Interconnection, LLC (“PJM”)
15 market with the monthly PJM invoices and for resolving issues with PJM. In 2010, I
16 transferred to Regulatory Services as a Regulatory Analyst and was later promoted to

1 the position of Regulatory Consultant. My responsibilities included supporting
2 regulatory filings across AEP's eleven state jurisdictions and at the FERC. I also
3 performed financial analyses related to AEP's generation resources and loads, power
4 pools, and PJM. In September 2012, I was promoted to Manager, Regulatory Pricing
5 and Analysis, where I was responsible for cost of service, rate design, and special
6 contract analysis for the AEP east operating companies. In September 2018, I was
7 promoted to Director of Regulated Renewables and Pricing, at which time oversight of
8 regulated renewable and fuel filings across the AEP operating companies was added to
9 my responsibilities. I was promoted to my current position in June 2022.

10 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES.**

11 A. I am responsible for assisting Kentucky Power and the other AEP electric utility
12 operating companies in the preparation of their regulatory filings before this and other
13 commissions under whose jurisdiction these companies provide electric service. My
14 responsibilities include the oversight of cost of service analyses, rate design, special
15 contracts, energy supply costs, and renewables for the AEP System operating
16 companies.

17 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED IN ANY REGULATORY**
18 **PROCEEDINGS?**

19 A. Yes. I have presented testimony on behalf of the AEP operating companies numerous
20 times before the regulatory bodies in Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee,
21 Indiana, Michigan, and Oklahoma. In Kentucky, I have testified before the Kentucky
22 Public Service Commission (the "Commission") in several cases, most notably in
23 Kentucky Power's past four base rate case proceedings (Case Nos. 2013-00197, 2014-

1 00396, 2017-00179, and 2020-00174), and the proposed transfer of ownership of
2 Kentucky Power in Case No. 2021-00481.

III. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

3 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

4 A. The purpose of my testimony is threefold:

- 5 • To support the prudence of the approximately \$11.5 million winter storm
6 Elliott Peaking Unit Equivalent (“PUE”) purchased power expense and \$3.2
7 million of other PUE expense Kentucky Power incurred during the test year;
- 8 • To describe and outline the Company’s proposed financial power hedging
9 framework for which it is seeking approval; and
- 10 • To describe and support the Company’s proposed distributed solar program.

IV. PUE EXPENSE

11 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE SITUATION THAT CAUSED THE**
12 **APPROXIMATELY \$11.5 MILLION WINTER STORM ELLIOTT PUE**
13 **EXPENSE.**

14 A. Winter Storm Elliott (“Elliott”) was an extreme cold weather event that included
15 blizzards, high winds, snowfall and record cold temperatures across much of the United
16 States. Elliott occurred December 23, 2022 through December 26, 2022, in the PJM
17 region (the “Winter Storm Elliott Period”).¹ The resulting load during this period of
18 time was an extreme outlier in both magnitude and timing, with the Christmas Eve load

¹ PJM defined the Winter Storm Elliott Period as December 23, 2022 through December 26, 2022, and this is the time period used for purposes of this testimony. The Company also has referred to the Winter Storm Elliott Period when describing its generation performance as December 23, 2022 through December 27, 2022 (see Direct Testimony of Timothy C. Kerns).

1 being 40 gigawatts (“GW”) higher than the second highest in the past decade.² The
2 drastic temperature drop and higher than forecasted load caused PJM to dispatch
3 generation reserves, many of which failed to perform.

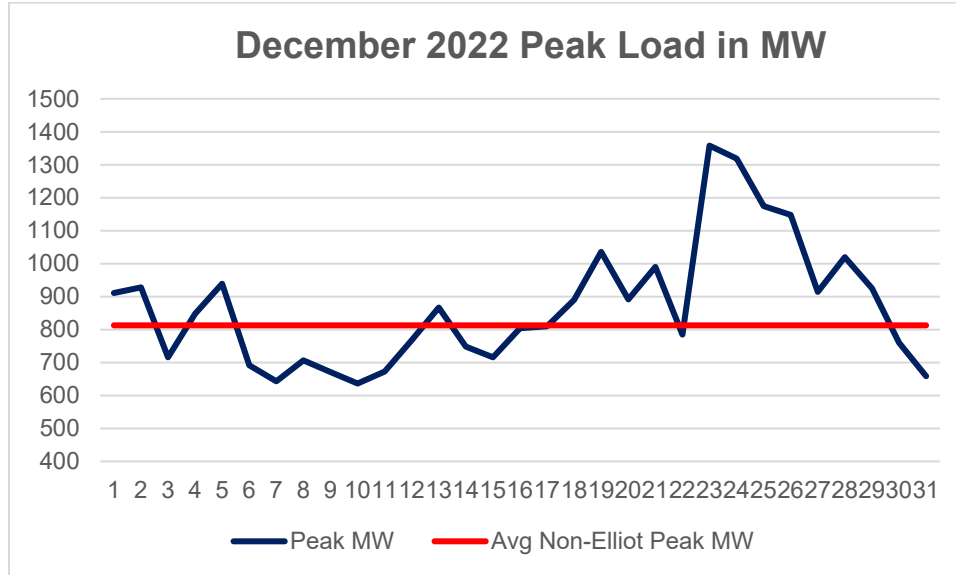
4 The unanticipated high load and rapid load increase combined with generation
5 outages due to cold weather and fuel issues resulted in Performance Assessment
6 Intervals (“PAIs”) on December 23, 2022 and December 24, 2022. PAIs are triggered
7 when PJM declares an emergency action in the RTO. During the PAIs, the load
8 weighted LMP reached the system marginal price cap of \$3,700/MWh as a result of
9 the supply/demand imbalance during emergency operations. Generation resource
10 outages during Elliott peaked at 48,080 MW on December 24, 2022. Roughly 11,000
11 MW of those outages were due to a lack of natural gas supply.³

12 **Q. DID THE COMPANY EXPERIENCE EXTREME LOAD CONDITIONS**
13 **DURING ELLIOTT?**

14 A. Yes. The Company’s peak load during the Winter Storm Elliott Period was 1,358
15 MW, 46% higher than the Company’s previous 12 month average peak demand
16 (“12CP”) of 929 MW. In 85 of the 96 hours during the event, the Company’s hourly
17 average load was higher than its most recent 12CP demand.

² <https://www.pjm.com/-/media/committees-groups/committees/mic/2023/20230111/item-0x---winter-storm-elliott-overview.ashx>

³ PJM State of the Market Report 2022 – pages 210-211.

Figure AEV-1

1 Figure AEV-1 illustrates the Company's daily peak demand during the month of
 2 December 2022. As can be seen, there is an extreme increase in demand during Elliott,
 3 including the 1,358 MW peak during hour ending 2100 on December 23, 2022. The
 4 flat line in Figure AEV-1 is the average peak demand during the non-Elliott days in
 5 December (813 MW). The Company's peak demand during Elliott was 545 MW
 6 higher than the average peak demand for the other 27 days of December 2022. Before
 7 this, one has to go back to January 2018 to find a Company peak higher than what was
 8 experienced during Elliott, and the Company has only had eight monthly peaks in the
 9 last decade greater than the Elliott peak. This illustrates the magnitude of the demand
 10 on the Company's system resulting from Elliott's extreme cold weather. This high load
 11 when combined with PJM-wide emergency operations resulted in extremely high
 12 system energy pricing at which the Company had to purchase its load obligation, in
 13 excess of its available supply, from the PJM spot energy market. Figure AEV-2 below
 14 shows the real-time LMPs over the Winter Storm Elliott Period, and Figure AEV-3

1 shows real-time LMPs over the month of December 2022 to put into context how much
2 of an outlier pricing during Elliott was and provide a narrower view on the hourly
3 pricing during Elliott.

Figure AEV-2

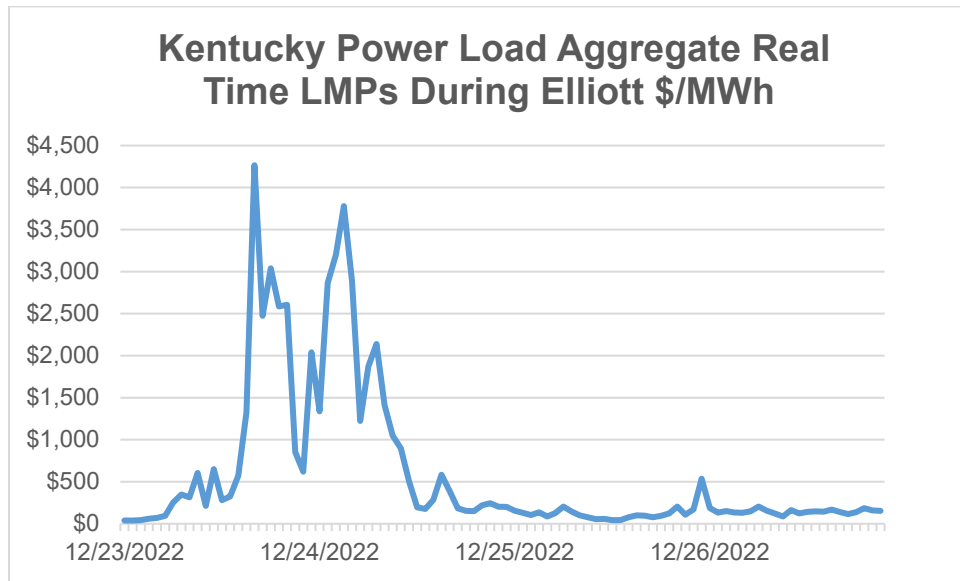
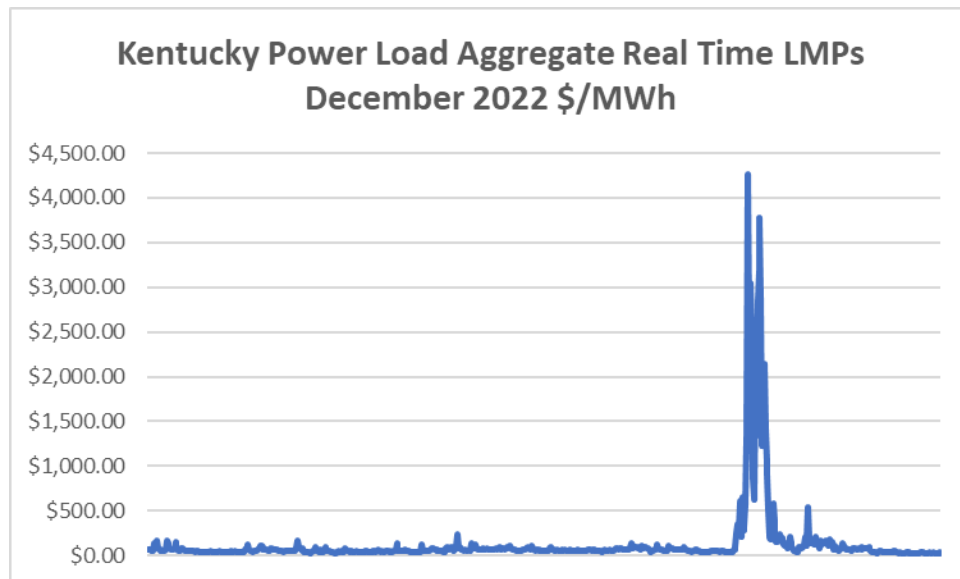


Figure AEV-3



1 **Q. HOW DID THE COMPANY'S GENERATION RESOURCES PERFORM**
2 **DURING THE WINTER STORM ELLIOTT EVENT?**

3 A. During Elliott, none of the Company's generating units were forced out of service.
4 Both Mitchell Units operated continuously throughout Elliott. Mitchell Units 1&2
5 operated at 80.31% and 74.11% net capacity factors,⁴ respectively. The Mitchell Units
6 performed at a level above the total PJM coal fleet which achieved a net capacity factor
7 of 73.03%⁵ during the same period of time. Big Sandy Unit 1 was in the midst of a
8 PJM-approved planned outage during Winter Storm Elliott. Company Witness Kerns
9 provides a more detailed description of the performance of the Company's generation
10 resources during the Winter Storm Elliott Period.

11 **Q. HAD THE COMPANY'S GENERATION RESOURCES RUN AT A 100%**
12 **CAPACITY FACTOR DURING THE WINTER STORM ELLIOTT PERIOD,**
13 **WOULD THERE STILL HAVE BEEN A NEED TO PURCHASE ENERGY**
14 **FROM THE PJM SPOT ENERGY MARKET?**

15 A. Yes. The Company's generation resources at 100% of their installed capacities
16 ("ICAP") can produce approximately 1,076 MWh. As discussed earlier, the
17 Company's load was extremely high during Elliott because of the extreme cold. In
18 many instances, the Company's customers rely on electricity for heating their homes,
19 which caused extremely high load conditions during Elliott. Thus, even had the
20 Company's generators run at 100% of their ICAPs, the Company would have still

⁴ December 23-27 period to be consistent with Company Witness Kerns's testimony.

⁵ Source: PJM Dataminer2 and PJM State of the Market Report for 2022.

1 purchased roughly 8,400 MWh from the PJM spot market during the Winter Storm
2 Elliott Period.

3 **Q. DID THE COMPANY INCUR A CAPACITY PERFORMANCE PENALTY**
4 **DURING THE ELLIOTT PAIs?**

5 A. No, due to the Company's prudent management of its available coal supplies during
6 2022, the Mitchell Plant was available to run and, as previously discussed, operated
7 continuously during Elliott and the PAIs called by PJM. Furthermore, the larger AEP
8 Companies FRR plan, in which Kentucky Power participates, also did not incur a
9 penalty as it benefited from the diversity of generation resource types and locations
10 utilized by the Companies in the plan.

11 **Q. WHAT OTHER OPTIONS WERE AVAILABLE TO THE COMPANY**
12 **DURING THE WINTER STORM ELLIOTT EVENT TO SERVE THE**
13 **HOURLY ENERGY NEEDS OF ITS CUSTOMERS?**

14 A. The Company had to purchase power from the PJM spot energy market during Elliott
15 because the Company's load obligations were in excess of the supply available from
16 its resources. The Company's plan for covering load obligations in excess of available
17 generation supply is to purchase the balance of its energy requirements from the PJM
18 spot energy markets. The Company's customers receive the lower of cost to generate
19 or market energy prices as determined by PJM's FERC approved tariff and economic
20 dispatch model. To the extent that the Company may be adding additional owned or
21 contracted capacity and energy resources in the future to replace the energy and
22 capacity from the recently expired Rockport Unit Power Agreement ("UPA"), those
23 resources would contribute in the future to reducing the Company's amount of spot

1 market energy purchases from PJM. However, it should be noted that resource
2 acquisitions are generally informed by long-range integrated resource planning and
3 forecasting that utilizes normative forecasts that do not account for extreme outlier
4 events like Elliott. The weather and resulting conditions in the PJM energy market
5 during Elliott were an outlier; it is highly unlikely that traditional resource planning
6 would result in the Company being insulated from all possible PJM energy market
7 fluctuations.

8 **Q. WAS THERE ANOTHER SOURCE OF PURCHASED POWER AVAILABLE**
9 **TO THE COMPANY AT A LOWER COST DURING THE ELLIOTT**
10 **EMERGENCY?**

11 A. No. It was a PJM system emergency; if excess power was available in the market,
12 then scarcity pricing and emergency conditions would not have occurred. Additionally,
13 it is fundamental under economic principles of supply and demand that a willing market
14 seller of energy would not sell available energy during such an event for less than the
15 transparent spot market price of energy.

16 **Q. HYPOTHETICALLY, WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE FINANCIAL**
17 **RESULT HAD THE COMPANY PURCHASED TERM FINANCIAL POWER**
18 **DURING 2022 IN AN AMOUNT TO COVER THE COMPANY'S PEAK LOAD**
19 **DURING THE ELLIOTT EXTREME COLD EVENT?**

20 A. Hypothetically speaking, had the Company known it would need 283 MW⁶ of
21 additional purchased power during Elliott, and had it purchased financial power⁷ in

⁶ Peak Kentucky Power load during Elliott minus generation resource (Mitchell and Big Sandy 1) ICAP.

⁷ The reference to financial power is referring to any purchase that is not asset specific.

1 advance of December 2022, customers' resulting fuel costs would have been
2 significantly higher. This is due to the high natural gas and power prices during 2022,
3 which caused the forward prices of financial power to be very high during 2022. Had
4 the Company transacted for this hypothetical amount of purchased power in any of the
5 five months leading up to December of 2022, purchased power expenses for December
6 would have been higher than what the Company actually experienced in three out of
7 the five months. Based on this information, the only way a hypothetical financial
8 power transaction would have potentially benefitted the Company's customers would
9 have been based on arbitrary market timing. Said another way, if the Company by luck
10 alone had transacted based on October forward prices having perfect knowledge of the
11 unknown Winter Storm Elliott to come, purchased power expense could have been
12 lower than what was realized.

13 Had the Company bought that same amount of financial purchased power for
14 the balance of the winter (January-March in addition to December), rather than settling
15 its net load requirements at the spot market energy prices, total fuel costs would have
16 been materially higher under every scenario as can be seen in Figure AEV-4.
17 Furthermore, as discussed later in the financial power hedging portion of my testimony,
18 these types of extreme load spikes are not what a hedging program is meant to insulate
19 against. In fact, the Company's proposed hedging program will utilize weather normal
20 load levels (which do not include extreme cold or heat events that materially impact
21 retail load) and would leave one standard deviation of the total position open to the spot
22 energy market.

Figure AEV-4 - Hypothetical Forward Purchased Power Transactions

MW Needed to Cover Elliott Peak		283				
July Forwards						
	December	January	February	March	Total	
Forward Price	\$87.96	\$113.72	\$106.52	\$76.42		
Liquidated Price	\$83.85	\$36.22	\$27.81	\$28.80		
Increase in Purchase Power Exp	\$864,103	\$16,293,909	\$14,946,855	\$10,011,819	\$42,116,685	
August Forwards						
	December	January	February	March	Total	
Forward Price	\$108.04	\$136.92	\$126.07	\$78.07		
Liquidated Price	\$83.85	\$36.22	\$27.81	\$28.80		
Increase in Purchase Power Exp	\$5,085,802	\$21,171,569	\$18,659,357	\$10,358,721	\$55,275,449	
September Forwards						
	December	January	February	March	Total	
Forward Price	\$94.97	\$126.51	\$111.50	\$75.71		
Liquidated Price	\$83.85	\$36.22	\$27.81	\$28.80		
Increase in Purchase Power Exp	\$2,337,913	\$18,982,929	\$15,892,546	\$9,862,545	\$47,075,934	
October Forwards						
	December	January	February	March	Total	
Forward Price	\$73.45	\$106.30	\$91.27	\$67.17		
Liquidated Price	\$83.85	\$36.22	\$27.81	\$28.80		
Increase in Purchase Power Exp	(\$2,186,537)	\$14,733,898	\$12,050,914	\$8,067,062	\$32,665,337	
November Forwards						
	December	January	February	March	Total	
Forward Price	\$80.90	\$99.41	\$91.97	\$67.02		
Liquidated Price	\$83.85	\$36.22	\$27.81	\$28.80		
Increase in Purchase Power Exp	(\$620,220)	\$13,285,317	\$12,183,842	\$8,035,525	\$32,884,465	

1 A similar fact pattern would be true if the Company had purchased a block of
2 financial power to replace Big Sandy Unit 1's 295 MW of generation when it became
3 known that the emergent generator issue with Big Sandy Unit 1⁸ would keep the unit
4 in a planned outage for all of December 2022. Had the Company purchased that block
5 of power⁹ for the remainder of the month of December after the equipment issue was
6 discovered on December 2, 2022, total purchased power costs realized would not have
7 changed materially. Forward pricing for the balance of December 2022 was

⁸ As discussed in more detail by Company Witness Kerns, the issue was discovered on December 2, 2022.

⁹ 295 x 696 hours in the balance of the month = 205,320 MWh of hypothetical purchased power transaction.

1 \$82.93/MWh and the average December 2022 liquidated price was \$83.85. Therefore,
2 less than a dollar per MWh (or roughly \$190,000 in total) of savings was hypothetically
3 possible. It should be noted that making such a transaction at a single point in time,
4 rather than layering in over time as the Company is proposing in its hedging program,
5 can be financially risky. This is very evident when looking out just a single month
6 from December of 2022 to January of 2023, when the average PJM spot market price
7 shown in Figure 4 dropped to just \$36.22/MWh.

8 **Q. DID THE COMPANY CURTAIL ITS NON-FIRM OR INTERRUPTIBLE**
9 **CUSTOMERS DURING ELLIOTT TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF**
10 **PURCHASED POWER IT INCURRED?**

11 A. Yes, the Company called for curtailments of its interruptible customers¹⁰ on December
12 23, 2022 and December 24, 2022, and those customers reduced their operations to their
13 contracted firm service level during these events.

14 **Q. DID THE COMPANY HAVE TO ENGAGE IN ROLLING BLACKOUTS**
15 **DURING WINTER STORM ELLIOTT?**

16 A. No. The Company was able to provide reliable service to its customers during the
17 Winter Storm Elliott and had no power supply-related outages.

18 **Q. DOES THE COMPANY MEET ITS CAPACITY OBLIGATIONS AND**
19 **RESERVE MARGIN REQUIREMENTS IN PJM?**

20 A. Yes it does. The Company plans for and meets its generation capacity obligations in
21 PJM, which is the balancing authority to which the Company belongs. The current

¹⁰ Tariff DRS and special contract.

1 capacity obligation is determined using a summer 5CP measurement. The Company's
2 customers have benefited from this market design because the Company's winter peak
3 is higher than its summer peak. The Company sources the additional winter energy
4 requirements for its customers from the PJM energy markets, which is an option
5 available to it as a member of the PJM RTO. The matter of securing the excess winter
6 energy requirements from the PJM energy market is a matter of economics, and not
7 reliability, which is why the Company did not have any firm load shedding events
8 during Elliott.

9 **Q. IS THE CURRENT STRATEGY OF MAKING BILATERAL MARKET**
10 **PURCHASES OF CAPACITY AND UTILIZING THE PJM SPOT ENERGY**
11 **MARKET FOR EXCESS ENERGY NEEDS IN LINE WITH THE COMPANY'S**
12 **PREVIOUS IRP?¹¹**

13 A. Yes it is. Both the Attorney General and Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers, Inc.
14 ("KIUC") (collectively, "AG-KIUC") advocated for the use of short-term bilateral
15 market capacity purchases and the PJM spot energy market in lieu of the Company
16 owning long-term assets to fill the same need. In their joint comments on Kentucky
17 Power's 2019 IRP Preferred Plan AG-KIUC stated: "This is further evidence that the
18 Company should adjust its Preferred Plan to include additional MPs [market
19 purchases], and it should not be overlooked that we have been in a low-cost

¹¹ *In The Matter Of: Electronic 2019 Integrated Resource Planning Report Of Kentucky Power Company, Case No. 2019-00443.*

1 environment for more than ten years with no indication this will change any time
2 soon.”¹² The joint comments also state:

3 In its response to Staff’s Post Hearing Request No. 2, the Company
4 noted that when its winter peak demand is greater than its summer peak
5 demand obligation, it buys energy from the pool. When this situation
6 occurs, it does not mean that Kentucky Power suffers from a reliability
7 issue, but instead it means it is more economic for Kentucky Power to
8 purchase energy from within the PJM market than for Kentucky Power
9 to construct new resources, especially since there is sufficient capacity
10 available in PJM to meet Kentucky Power’s winter peak. As long as
11 Kentucky Power meets its PJM summer peak demand obligation, and
12 PJM ensures that the entirety of the PJM System is reliable on a year
13 round basis, then it would become an economic matter as to whether
14 Kentucky Power should construct additional capacity to avoid having to
15 purchase during the winter period. Even if the Company were to
16 construct physical assets such as combustion turbine units to satisfy its
17 winter peak, Kentucky Power possibly would still purchase energy from
18 the PJM market during the winter as opposed to running its newly built
19 resources since PJM market resources could be cheaper to operate than
20 Kentucky Power’s new resources.¹³

21 This concept is exactly what the Company has been doing since the end of the Rockport
22 UPA and will continue to do until a long-term replacement solution is proposed by the
23 Company and approved by this Commission.

24 **Q. DID THE COMPANY ACT PRUDENTLY WHEN IT INCURRED THE**
25 **WINTER STORM ELLIOTT PUE EXPENSE?**

26 A. Yes. The Company took all reasonable efforts available to it to reduce the total amount
27 of purchased power expense during the extreme winter storm Elliott event. This
28 includes operating the Mitchell Plant through the event and curtailing interruptible

¹² Joint Review of Kentucky Power’s 2019 Integrated Resource Plan at 9, *In The Matter Of: Electronic 2019 Integrated Resource Planning Report Of Kentucky Power Company*, Case No. 2019-00443 (February 25, 2021).

¹³ *Id.* at 16.

1 customers during peak periods. The Company's actions in response to Winter Storm
2 Elliott were reasonable and prudent.

3 The entire PJM region, and much of the United States as the storm made its way
4 from west coast to east coast, was impacted by Elliott. Elliott was not just a Kentucky
5 Power issue, as it financially and operationally impacted many utilities in the region.
6 There was no reasonable and foreseeable way for the Company to avoid the resulting
7 PJM energy market exposure in a way that would have materially changed the realized
8 costs.

9 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE WHAT CAUSED THE APPROXIMATELY \$3.2**
10 **MILLION OF NON-WINTER STORM ELLIOTT TEST YEAR PUE**
11 **EXPENSE.**

12 A. Purchased power costs are excluded from FAC recovery when they are in excess of the
13 Company's highest cost source of internal generation, including the approved hourly
14 PUE calculation. It is not a cap on the level of costs that are recoverable, but rather on
15 what level of costs can be recovered in the monthly FAC rate updates. These instances
16 where purchased power costs exceed the PUE calculation are generally occurring
17 because the implied heat rate of the PJM energy market is higher than that of the
18 hypothetical combustion turbine used in the PUE calculation, the locational natural gas
19 price of the marginal unit in PJM's hourly economic dispatch solution is higher than
20 that of the price used in the PUE calculation, or some combination thereof. These
21 purchased power costs are still reasonably incurred as they are the product of hourly
22 economic dispatch which is optimized across the PJM RTO pursuant to PJM's FERC

1 approved tariff. They are next cheapest spot source of energy available to serve
2 customers.

3 **Q. WHAT IS THE COMPANY'S PROPOSAL FOR RECOVERY OF THE PUE**
4 **EXPENSE INCURRED SINCE THE COMPANY'S LAST BASE RATE CASE?**

5 A. As described by Company Witness West, the Company respectfully requests, based
6 upon the evidence supporting the prudence of the Winter Storm Elliott PUE expense
7 presented in this case, that the Commission find those costs were prudently incurred.
8 The Company further requests that the Commission include the Winter Storm Elliott
9 PUE expense in the revenue requirement approved in its final order in this case, up to
10 the noticed total revenue requirement. To be clear, the Company is not requesting
11 recovery of revenue above the amount included in its public notice in this case. The
12 Company proposes to amortize incremental non-Winter Storm Elliott PUE expense
13 incurred since the Company's last base rate case over three years, as detailed by
14 Company Witness Whitney.

V. FINANCIAL POWER HEDGING PROPOSAL

15 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE COMPANY'S CURRENT ENERGY POSITION**
16 **GIVEN ITS HISTORIC LOAD CHARACTERISTICS AND CURRENT**
17 **SUPPLY RESOURCES.**

18 A. The Company has been backstopped from an energy standpoint by a pooling
19 arrangement since 1951. Until December 31, 2013¹⁴ the Company was a member of
20 the AEP Interconnection Agreement ("AEP East Pool"), where any energy shortfall

¹⁴ The AEP East Pool terminated on this date by mutual notice.

1 was first met by the other Companies in the East Pool. After the AEP East Companies
2 joined the PJM RTO in 2004, any additional energy requirements beyond what could
3 be provided by the East Pool were sourced from the PJM spot energy market. This
4 included economic dispatch of the East Pool generating resources by PJM, so if it were
5 more economic to purchase energy from PJM than to generate energy from the East
6 Pool resources, the Companies did so, and customers benefited from the lower of cost
7 to produce or what could be purchased on the market. Beginning in 2014, the East Pool
8 was no longer a source of energy for the Company and its energy requirements were
9 sourced from the PJM RTO spot energy market with that same economic dispatch
10 concept applying. In December 2022 the Company became shorter from an energy
11 perspective (load requirements are greater than available economic generation
12 resources over some period of time) relative to its load requirements when the Rockport
13 UPA expired. To be clear, purchasing energy from the market to meet its requirements
14 is not something new for the Company, it just now finds itself in a larger energy deficit
15 than it has had previously.

16 **Q. HOW DO THE COMPANY'S GENERATING RESOURCES HEDGE**
17 **CUSTOMER MARKET RISK?**

18 A. Because the Company sells all of its available generation resources into PJM's spot
19 energy market and purchases all of its load from the same market, the net position if
20 short is what is actually exposed financially to the spot energy market. Thus, the
21 Company's generating resources provide a physical hedge on the spot energy market.
22 During times of planned or forced outages, absent taking on additional resource hedge
23 positions, the physical hedge position provided by the Mitchell and Big Sandy plants

1 will decline, leaving Customers more exposed to PJM's spot energy market price
2 volatility. However, the Company can reduce this exposure by purchasing financial
3 hedges to replace the generation.

4 **Q. DEFINE THE COMPANY'S OPEN ENERGY POSITION SUBJECT TO PJM**
5 **SPOT ENERGY MARKET VOLATILITY.**

6 A. The Company's Open Energy Position exposed to PJM spot energy market volatility
7 is defined as its hourly retail load less the generation from Mitchell and Big Sandy
8 generation plants.

9 **Q. CAN THE COMPANY REDUCE THE IMPACT THAT PJM'S SPOT ENERGY**
10 **MARKET HAS ON ITS OPEN ENERGY POSITION?**

11 A. Yes. Although no entity can accurately predict future energy prices, a structured
12 program that layers in financial hedges over time will help smooth out the impact of
13 PJM's spot energy market price volatility on the Company's Open Energy Position
14 resulting in greater fuel cost certainty for customers.

15 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE COMPANY'S PROPOSED FINANCIAL HEDGING**
16 **PLAN.**

17 A. The Company proposes to use financial hedge products to mitigate the volatility of its
18 PJM spot energy market energy purchases for its Open Energy Positions. PJM AD
19 HUB fixed-for-floating price swaps, also known as contracts for differences, will be
20 used to reduce customer exposure to the volatility in market prices. These forward
21 contracts will be purchased in layers over time to match the Company's target hedge
22 position and smooth out the impact of price volatility in the market. The hedging plan
23 would provide the flexibility to modify or unwind executed forward contracts, as

1 necessary, when adjustments or changes are made to the forecasted load or planned
2 outage schedules at the Mitchell and Big Sandy generation plants. If the PJM AD HUB
3 forward future market is not liquid enough to purchase the target hedge position, the
4 Company may purchase financial future contracts from adjacent zones or other liquid
5 trading hubs, such as the PJM West Hub, to fill in the short position.

6 **Q. WHAT IS THE PROPOSED TIME HORIZON FOR THE FINANCIAL**
7 **HEDGING PLAN?**

8 A. The Company proposes a financial hedge time horizon of a rolling 36-month period so
9 it can layer purchases of forward contract positions in equal one-third tranches, with
10 the first purchase at 36 months, the second at 18 months, and the third at 6 months, in
11 advance of the respective hedge period.

12 **Q. WHAT IS THE PROPOSED START DATE OF THE FINANCIAL HEDGING**
13 **PLAN?**

14 A. Upon Commission approval of the financial hedging plan.

15 **Q. HOW WILL THE COMPANY DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE MWH TO**
16 **HEDGE IN A GIVEN PERIOD?**

17 A. For each hedge interval, the Company will calculate its Interval Hedge Percent by
18 taking the forecasted generation from the Mitchell and Big Sandy plants based on the
19 fuel purchased in MWh plus any purchased forward hedge contracts (intervals 2 and 3)
20 divided by the forecasted weather normalized retail load in MWh less one standard
21 deviation of its forecasted weather normalized retail load in MWh. Since forecasts are
22 never perfect, a portion of the Open Energy Position will be left exposed to the PJM
23 spot energy market, one standard deviation represents that amount.

$$\text{Interval Hedge Percent (\%)} = \frac{\text{Forecasted Big Sandy and Mitchell Generation (MWh)} + \text{Purchased Forward Hedge Contracts (MWh)}}{\text{Forecasted Load (MWh)} - 1\sigma \text{ Forecasted Load (MWh)}}$$

1 The Target Hedge Percent in Figure AEV-5 below represents the targeted
 2 amount of the Company’s Open Energy Position to be hedged for a given hedge
 3 interval. When the Interval Hedge Percent is less than the Target Hedge Percent, the
 4 Company will calculate the Target Hedge Position for that interval and purchase
 5 forward energy contracts to hedge its Open Energy Position up to the Target Hedge
 6 Percent.

Figure AEV-5

Hedge Interval	Target Hedge Percent
Interval 1 (36-months prior to flow)	33%
Interval 2 (18 months prior to flow)	67%
Interval 3 (6-months prior to flow)	100%

7 The Target Hedge Position in MW is calculated by taking the generation in
 8 MWh from Mitchell and Big Sandy plus any purchased forward hedge contracts
 9 (intervals 2 and 3) less the Company’s forecasted weather normalized retail load in
 10 MWh as reduced by one standard deviation of its forecasted weather normalized retail
 11 load in MWh times the Target Hedge Percent, divided by the number of hours in the
 12 period.

$$\text{Target Hedge Position (MW)} = \frac{\text{Forecasted Big Sandy and Mitchell Generation (MWh)} + \text{Purchased Forward Hedge Contracts (MWh)} - [(\text{Forecasted Load (MWh)} - 1\sigma \text{ Forecasted Load (MWh)}) \times \text{Target Hedge Percent (\%)}]}{\text{Number of Hours in Hedge Period (Hrs)}}$$

1 In the event that the forward future market is not liquid enough to purchase the
2 number of MWh of financial energy needed to reach the Target Hedge Percent for a
3 given hedge interval, hedges will be purchased off-cycle to fill in the short positions.

4 **Q. WILL THE COMPANY PURCHASE FUTURE ENERGY CONTRACTS TO**
5 **HEDGE ITS OPEN ENERGY POSITION IN ALL THREE HEDGE**
6 **INTERVALS?**

7 A. The Big Sandy and Mitchell plants should provide enough generation to cover the
8 Target Hedge Percent during the first two intervals in most scenarios. During the third
9 interval, six months prior to the hedge period, future energy contracts may be needed
10 to reach the Target Hedge Percent. This may change over time as operating and outage
11 schedules change.

12 **Q. UNDER THE PROPOSED FINANCIAL HEDGING PLAN, HOW MANY MWH**
13 **OF THE COMPANY'S OPEN ENERGY POSITION WOULD BE HEDGED IN**
14 **2024?**

15 A. Based on the current weather normalize load forecast and outage schedules for the
16 Michell and Big Sandy Plants, the Company would purchase approximately 600,000
17 MWh of forward energy contracts to cover the Target Hedge Position in 2024. Once
18 purchased, the Company's current forecasted load less one standard deviation would
19 be hedged at 67%. The forward energy contract purchase timeline would be condensed
20 given the limited number of months between the proposed program start date and the
21 hedge period.

1 **Q. PLEASE PROVIDE A HISTORICAL EXAMPLE OF THE PROPOSED**
 2 **FINANCIAL HEDGING PLAN AND ITS IMPACT ON CUSTOMER FUEL**
 3 **COSTS?**

A.

Figure AEV-6
 Historical Example Hedge Transactions

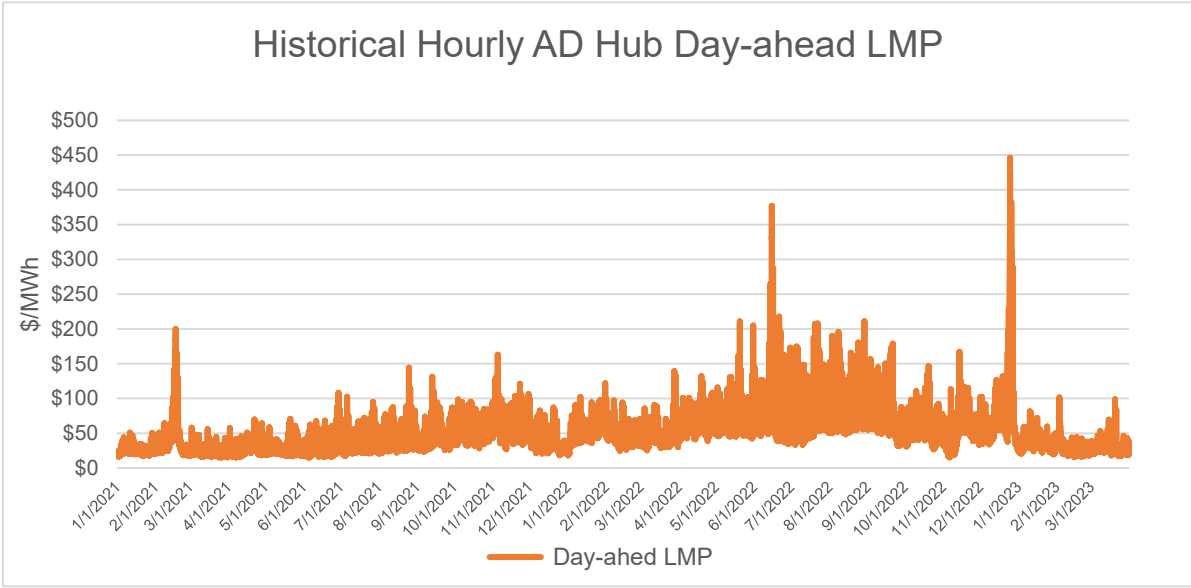
Hedge Interval 3									
Purchase Date	21Q1	21Q2	21Q3	21Q4	22Q1	22Q2	22Q3	22Q4	23Q1
7/1/2020	\$ 30.38								
10/1/2020		\$ 26.10							
1/2/2021			\$ 26.79						
4/1/2021				\$ 26.66					
7/1/2021					\$ 39.79				
10/1/2021						\$ 36.91			
1/2/2022							\$ 40.87		
4/1/2022								\$ 62.58	
7/1/2022									\$ 80.47
Day-Ahead Settle Price	\$ 30.33	\$ 29.71	\$ 41.22	\$ 51.88	\$ 48.46	\$ 77.06	\$ 87.06	\$ 64.70	\$ 31.05
Credit/(Charge)	\$ (0.05)	\$ 3.61	\$ 14.43	\$ 25.22	\$ 8.67	\$ 40.15	\$ 46.19	\$ 2.12	\$ (49.42)

4 It is estimated that for all nine hedging periods, the Company would have had sufficient
 5 generation from the Big Sandy and Mitchell plants to cover the Target Hedge Percent
 6 during the first two hedge intervals; therefore, all hedge transactions would have been
 7 purchased for the third hedge interval. For the hedging period beginning in January and
 8 ending in March of 2021 (21Q1), the forward energy contract pricing during the third
 9 hedging period was \$30.38/MWh and the average PJM spot energy market price of
 10 energy for the hedge period was \$30.33MWh. In this example the average hedge
 11 contract price was greater than the PJM spot energy market price creating a hedging
 12 loss of \$0.05/MWh for customers. The \$0.05/MWh hedging loss would have been
 13 charged to the FAC, thereby increasing customer's fuel costs. Similarly, For the
 14 hedging period beginning in April and ending in June of 2021 (21Q2), the forward
 15 energy contract pricing during the third hedging period was \$26.10/MWh and the

1 average PJM spot energy market price of energy for the hedge period was
2 \$29.71/MWh. In this example the average hedge contract price was less than the PJM
3 spot energy market price creating a hedging gain of \$3.61/MWh for customers. The
4 \$3.61/MWh hedging gain would have been credited to the FAC, thereby reducing
5 customer's fuel costs.

6 The goal of the proposed hedging plan is not to reduce customer's fuel costs
7 over time; rather, it is to reduce their exposure to the volatility of the PJM spot energy
8 market, especially when the Company's generating facilities have scheduled outages,
9 leaving customers more exposed to PJM's Day-ahead market. The proposed hedging
10 plan will reduce customer's sensitivity to PJM's spot market price volatility by creating
11 more predictable fuel costs over time. The graphs in Figure AEV-7 below illustrate
12 how hedging can help smooth out customer fuel costs. Had the Company incorporated
13 a structured hedging program between January 2021 and March 2023, Customers
14 would have been exposed to an average 21% price variance between their monthly fuel
15 charges rather than the 28% variance seen in the spot market.

Figure AEV-7



1 **Q. WHAT RATE RECOVERY TREATMENT IS THE COMPANY SEEKING**
2 **REGARDING ITS PROPOSED FINANCIAL POWER HEDGING PROGRAM?**

3 A. The Company proposes that all Commission-approved financial power hedging
4 program-related contract settlements (gains and losses) and related contract costs be
5 recovered through the FAC. A gain will be realized when the contracted price of
6 financial power is less than the realized LMP value at the time of settlement. A loss
7 will be realized when the opposite is true. The Company proposes that the financial
8 power hedging program transactions will not be subject to the PUE FAC limitation as
9 they are forward financial contracts entered into to reduce fuel rate volatility and market
10 exposure, not to necessarily produce the absolute lowest purchased power cost in any
11 hour.

12 **Q. WILL THE COMPANY MAKE ANY FINANCIAL GAINS FROM THE**
13 **PROPOSED FINANCIAL HEDGING PROGRAM?**

14 A. No. The Company's proposed financial hedging program is designed to smooth out the
15 impact of PJM's spot energy market price volatility on the Company's Open Energy
16 Position and provide greater fuel cost certainty for customers. The hedging plan
17 effectively locks-in or caps the price of future energy purchases for customers. If the
18 actual energy price in the future turns out to be lower than the hedged price, customers
19 will end up paying more for energy than they would have if the Company had
20 purchased its Open Energy Position from the PJM spot energy market. This incremental
21 cost will flow through the FAC as a hedge charge. Conversely, when the actual energy
22 price turns out to be greater than the hedge price, customers will pay less than they
23 would have if the Company had purchased its Open Energy Position from the PJM spot

1 energy market. Any credits or charges (gains and losses) associated with the hedging
2 program will be passed back to customers through the FAC. The potential for realized
3 hedge charges from this program is essentially the cost of reducing volatility in
4 customers' monthly fuel rates.

5 **Q. HOW WOULD THE FINANCIAL POWER HEDGING PROGRAM BE**
6 **ACCOUNTED FOR?**

7 A. The financial power product being employed is expected to be a derivative, which
8 would be subject to mark to market ("MTM") treatment. Should the Commission
9 authorize the Company to pass back any credits or charges (gains and losses) associated
10 with the hedging program to customer through the FAC, the Company would defer
11 MTM gains or losses prior to hedge liquidation to a regulatory asset or liability which
12 would unwind when the financial power contracts are liquidated at the time of
13 settlement. The net gain or loss from liquidation would flow through the FAC as
14 discussed earlier.

15 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR CONCLUSIONS REGARDING THE**
16 **COMPANY'S PROPOSAL.**

17 A. PJM's energy market is susceptible to market volatility largely driven by the
18 underlying and interrelated fuel markets, operating conditions, and has been
19 exacerbated over the years by extreme weather disturbances. A significant portion of
20 the Company's load is subject to the day-to-day volatility of PJM's spot market and
21 becomes even more magnified during times of planned outages at the Mitchell and Big
22 Sandy plants. To help mitigate the exposure to the daily market volatility, the Company
23 is proposing a rolling 36-month financial hedging plan to provide customers with

1 greater fuel cost certainty over time. Although the monthly results of the Company's
2 proposed hedging plan may not result in net fuel cost savings for customers, it will
3 reduce their exposure to the fluctuations in the PJM Day-ahead energy market by
4 creating more predictable fuel costs over time. This will leave customers better
5 positioned to budget for and manage their monthly energy bills.

VI. DISTRIBUTED SOLAR PROPOSAL (SOLAR GARDEN PROGRAM)

i. Proposed Ownership and Accounting Structure

6 **Q. PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE COMPANY'S PROPOSED SOLAR**
7 **GARDEN PROGRAM AND THE PROGRAM'S GENERAL COST**
8 **RECOVERY STRUCTURE.**

9 A. The Company proposes to own and operate one or more solar facilities, not to exceed
10 10 MW in individual size, to be located on the Company's distribution system. The
11 aggregate capacity of all the solar sites will not exceed 25 MW. This program will help
12 establish solar generation within the Company's service territory and fill a capacity
13 need that starts in 2026. Projects will be considered a prudent investment if the Net
14 Present Value¹⁵ ("NPV") of the benefits and costs of the project do not exceed the NPV
15 of the equivalent avoided capacity costs, an example of the items considered in the
16 analysis is shown in Figure AEV-8 below, and Figure AEV-9 is an illustrative example
17 of the economic test. The Company is seeking approval of this program so it can solicit
18 through requests for proposals and acquire the projects without further Commission
19 approvals if a project meets the proposed requirements.

¹⁵ The discount rate would be equal to the Company's approved after tax weighted average cost of capital.

Figure AEV-8

Inputs of NPV Economic Prudency Test

Cost of Service Build Up	Years 1-35	
O&M	(x)	
Property Taxes	(x)	
Insurance	(x)	
Land Lease	(x)	
ARO Depreciation	(x)	
Accretion Expense	(x)	
Depreciation Expense	(x)	
Income and Property Taxes	(x)	
PTC Revenue	(x)	
Return on Rate Base	(x)	
Total Cost of Service	(xx)	

Test Input	Value	
NPV of Cost of Service	(xx)	a
NPV of Energy Value	MWh x Energy Price	b
NPV of Ancillary Charges	MWh x Ancillary Charge	c
	Average 12 CP reduction x Annual Transmission Revenue	
NPV of OATT	Requirement \$/MW-yr	d
NPV of REC Value	MWh x REC Price	e
Total NPV		f = a - b - c - d - e
NPV of Capacity	Avoided Capacity x Capacity Price	g
Is (f) greater than (g)?	Prudency Test	

Figure AEV-9

Prudent Investment Example

NPV of Cost of Service	(64,904,189)	(63,595,882)
NPV of Benefits (Energy, OATT, Ancillary Service, REC Values)	49,500,986	70,342,556
Total NPV (a)	(15,403,203)	6,746,673
NPV of Capacity Cost (b)	(13,387,086)	(17,219,757)
Is a greater than b?	FALSE	TRUE

1 The Company is proposing to recover the net costs of these solar facilities
2 acquired through the solar gardens program through Tariff PPA until they can be
3 included in the Company’s rate base. The energy benefits from the solar facilities will

1 manifest as a reduction in FAC costs. The benefits and costs associated with these
2 solar facilities are discussed later in my testimony.

3 **Q. IS THIS PROPOSAL IN LINE WITH THE COMPANY'S RECENTLY FILED**
4 **2022 IRP?**

5 A. Yes. The Company's going in capacity positions shows a 115MW shortfall in 2026,
6 which grows even larger through 2037. The Preferred Plan shows 250MW of new solar
7 being added in 2027 and further solar additions in 2028 and 2029.

8 **Q. HOW WILL THE SOLAR GARDEN FACILITIES INTERACT WITH PJM?**

9 A. The solar facilities will be connected to the Company's distribution system. They will
10 act as a load reducer for PJM settlement purposes. This means that the Company's
11 internal distribution load will be reduced by the output of the solar facilities, which will
12 provide the Company and its customers with various PJM benefits. The solar facilities
13 will not be market-facing generation resources and will not participate in PJM's energy,
14 ancillary service, or capacity markets.

15 **Q. WHAT OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE COSTS ARE ASSOCIATED**
16 **WITH THE SOLAR FACILITIES?**

17 A. Outside of general operating and maintenance costs, there are property taxes, insurance
18 expenses and if the Company has to lease the land that the facilities reside on, land
19 lease payments to the lessors of the land.

20 **Q. WHAT IS THE DEPRECIABLE LIFE OF THE PROPOSED SOLAR**
21 **FACILITIES?**

22 A. The depreciable life of the proposed solar facilities is 35 years. This life is based upon
23 the Company's current accounting policies related to solar generation technology. The

1 35 year life would also be supported by incremental capital additions over the life of
2 the plant to lengthen the life of inverters.

3 **Q. ARE THERE ANY ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS (“AROs”)**
4 **ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMPANY’S PROPOSED SOLAR FACILITY?**

5 A. Yes, if the Company leases the land, then at the end of the solar facilities’ useful life,
6 and the corresponding end of the land lease, the Company has the legal obligation to
7 remove the solar generating equipment from the lessors’ land. As such, the Company
8 will recognize ARO depreciation expense in an amount equal to the estimated
9 demolition cost 35 years after the solar facilities begin commercial operation and an
10 estimate of the salvage value associated with the racking equipment and other
11 salvageable items.

12 **Q. DOES THE FEDERAL PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT APPLY TO THE**
13 **PROPOSED SOLAR GARDENS?**

14 A. Yes, it is expected that the solar gardens will qualify and generate the Production Tax
15 Credit (“PTC”), at 100%. The Inflation Reduction Act (“IRA”) was signed into law by
16 President Biden on August 16, 2022, which created a new technology-neutral Clean
17 Electricity PTC. The realized value of PTCs generated will be passed back to customers
18 as a reduction to the cost of service of the facilities. Depending on where the facilities
19 are ultimately sited, there is a possibility that they could qualify for a 110% PTC based
20 on the “Energy Communities” portion of the IRA.

21 Prior to the passage of the IRA, the facilities would have only qualified for the
22 Solar Investment Tax Credit (“ITC”). Every solar facility within this program, will be
23 individually evaluated to ensure max benefits are being recognized for customers.

ii. Customer Benefit Analysis

1 **Q. WHAT FINANCIAL BENEFITS WILL ALL OF THE COMPANY'S**
2 **CUSTOMERS RECEIVE FROM THE SOLAR GARDEN PROGRAM?**

3 A. As mentioned earlier, the solar facilities will reduce the Company's wholesale load that
4 it purchases from PJM each hour that the solar facilities are producing solar power and
5 injecting it into the Company's distribution system. Because of this, the Company will
6 realize energy, ancillary service, and capacity benefits related to both its generation and
7 transmission obligations in PJM.

8 **Energy Benefits**

9 The energy benefits will manifest by the Company purchasing approximately 33,500
10 fewer MWh of on-peak energy (49,008 MWh of energy in total) from the PJM RTO
11 annually. This is because the Company purchases all of its load requirements from the
12 hourly energy markets of PJM and sells its generation resources into those same
13 markets. The monthly cost reconstruction/economic dispatch and deferred fuel
14 accounting process ensures that customers receive the lowest cost resources and the
15 resulting monthly average costs through a combination of the Company's base fuel
16 rates and the fuel adjustment clause. The proposed solar facilities will reduce the
17 Company's on-peak load¹⁶ that it purchases from PJM, thus avoiding on-peak
18 purchases and the higher hourly pricing associated with them.

¹⁶ While solar produces energy during "on-peak" daytime hours, weekend days are considered off-peak for pricing purposes.

1 Ancillary Service Benefits

2 Also due to the reduction of the Company’s PJM load, customers will receive a benefit
3 by avoiding hourly PJM ancillary service load charges.

4 Capacity Benefits

5 To the extent that the solar facilities are producing energy during the Company’s
6 capacity cost-causing hours in PJM, Kentucky Power will have a lower generation
7 capacity obligation, which will result in lower generation capacity costs.

8 LSE OATT Charges

9 Similar to the generation capacity peak reduction, the facilities will also reduce the
10 Company’s 12CP used to allocate PJM load serving entity Open Access Transmission
11 Tariff charges to the Company.

12 The solar facilities also produce one renewable energy certificate (“REC”) per
13 MWh of energy generated. These RECs can then be sold bilaterally into the
14 marketplace to offset the cost of the solar facilities.

15 **Q. ARE THERE ADDITIONAL NON-COST OF SERVICE BENEFITS RELATED**
16 **TO THE COMPANY’S PROPOSED SOLAR FACILITIES?**

17 A. Yes. The solar facilities will pay property taxes to the Commonwealth and the localities
18 where they are built. There will also be local jobs created during the construction and
19 operation of the facilities, all within the Company’s service territory.

1 **Q. ARE YOU PROPOSING THAT ANY OF THE NON-COST OF SERVICE**
2 **BENEFITS BE PRICED INTO THE PROPOSED SOLAR GARDEN**
3 **PROGRAM?**

4 A. No. The Company's rates are based on cost of service ratemaking. They do not
5 consider non-cost of service economic factors or other externalities. Although these
6 things may exist and may provide positive economic and societal benefits, they do not
7 belong in the Company's rates.

iii. Low-Income Benefit Option

8 **Q. PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE COMPANY'S PROPOSED LOW-**
9 **INCOME BENEFIT OPTION IN RELATION TO THE SOLAR GARDEN**
10 **PROGRAM.**

11 A. The Company has approximately 11,500 customers that are participating in
12 government assistance programs, such as the Federal Low Income Home Energy
13 Assistance Program ("LIHEAP"). The Company is proposing to provide 50 percent of
14 the energy benefits from the Solar Gardens to these customers through a yearly bill
15 credit, to be credited in their January billing when customer bills are generally higher
16 due to heating usage. The customers will not have to sign up for the option, they will
17 be automatically enrolled.

18 **Q. HOW WILL THE ENERGY CREDIT BE CALCULATED?**

19 A. The Company is proposing to use the hourly MWh produced from the solar facilities
20 for the previous 12 months and multiply that by the Day Ahead Local Marginal Price
21 ("DA LMP") for the corresponding hour. The total will then be multiplied by 50 percent
22 and divided by the number of customers identified as low-income through their

1 participation in LIHEAP as of December 31. Based on high-level estimates, this credit
2 could amount to approximately \$66 per customer annually.

3 **Q. IS THE 50 PERCENT ENERGY BENEFIT THE ONLY BENEFIT THESE**
4 **CUSTOMERS WILL RECEIVE FROM THE SOLAR GARDEN PROGRAM?**

5 A. No. These customers will also still receive all of the other the benefits mentioned in the
6 customer benefit analysis portion of my testimony.

iii. Summary

7 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE ACCOUNTING FOR THE PROPOSED SOLAR**
8 **GARDEN FACILITIES AND THE LOW INCOME OPTION.**

9 A. The Company is proposing to flow all non-energy benefits and all costs through Tariff
10 PPA and will be subject to the normal true-up process for Tariff PPA. Energy benefits
11 will flow through the FAC in the form of reduced load requirements being purchased
12 from the PJM spot energy market. The Company is also proposing to provide 50
13 percent of the energy benefits from the Solar Gardens to low-income customers through
14 a yearly bill credit, as discussed above. The 50 percent of the energy benefit being
15 credited to low-income customers would also be recovered through Tariff PPA.

16 **Q. SHOULD THE PROPOSED SOLAR GARDEN PROGRAM BE APPROVED?**

17 A. Yes, because of the benefits to customers, the proposed built in customer protections,
18 and the need for solar identified in the Company's 2022 IRP, the proposed solar garden
19 program should be approved.

VII. CONCLUSION

1 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR PRE-FILED TESTIMONY?**

2 **A.** Yes, it does.

VERIFICATION

The undersigned, Alex E. Vaughan, being duly sworn, deposes and says he is Managing Director, Renewables Fuel Strategy that he has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing testimony and the information contained therein is true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge, and belief after reasonable inquiry.



Alex E. Vaughan

State of Ohio)
)
County of Franklin) Case No. 2023-00159

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said County and State, by Alex E. Vaughan, on 6/27/23.



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**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 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)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1 **Q1. Please state your name and business address.**

2 A1. Adrien M. McKenzie, 3907 Red River, Austin, Texas, 78751.

3 **Q2. In what capacity are you employed?**

4 A2. I am President of Financial Concepts and Applications, Inc. (“FINCAP”), a firm
5 providing financial, economic, and policy consulting services to business and
6 government.

7 **Q3. Please describe your educational background and qualifications.**

8 A3. A description of my background and qualifications, including a resume containing the
9 details of my experience, is attached as Exhibit AMM-1.

10

A. Overview

11 **Q4. What is the purpose of your testimony in this case?**

12 A4. As discussed in the testimony of Company Witness Wiseman, Kentucky Power
13 Company (“Kentucky Power” or the “Company”) is requesting that the Kentucky Public
14 Service Commission (“Commission”) authorize a return on equity (“ROE”) of 9.9% for
15 the Company. The purpose of my testimony is to evaluate the reasonableness of the
16 9.9% ROE requested by the Company, based on my independent assessment of the fair
17 ROE for the jurisdictional electric utility operations of Kentucky Power. In addition, I
18 also examine the reasonableness of Kentucky Power’s common equity ratio,
19 considering both the specific risks faced by the Company and other industry guidelines.

20 **Q5. Are you sponsoring any exhibits?**

21 A5. Yes. I am sponsoring the following exhibits:

- 1 • Exhibit AMM-1 Qualifications of Adrien M. McKenzie
- 2 • Exhibit AMM-2 ROE Analyses – Summary of Results
- 3 • Exhibit AMM-3 Regulatory Mechanisms
- 4 • Exhibit AMM-4 Capital Structure
- 5 • Exhibit AMM-5 DCF Model – Utility Group
- 6 • Exhibit AMM-6 br+sv Growth Rate
- 7 • Exhibit AMM-7 CAPM
- 8 • Exhibit AMM-8 Empirical CAPM
- 9 • Exhibit AMM-9 Electric Utility Risk Premium
- 10 • Exhibit AMM-10 Expected Earnings Approach
- 11 • Exhibit AMM-11 Flotation Cost Study
- 12 • Exhibit AMM-12 DCF Model – Non-Utility Group

13 **Q6. Please summarize the information and materials you rely on to support the**
14 **opinions and conclusions contained in your testimony.**

15 A6. To prepare my testimony, I use information from a variety of sources that would
16 normally be relied upon by a person in my capacity. I am familiar with the organization,
17 finances, and operations of Kentucky Power from my participation in prior proceedings
18 before the Commission. In connection with this filing, I consider and rely upon
19 corporate disclosures, publicly available financial reports and filings, and other
20 published information relating to Kentucky Power. I also review information relating
21 generally to capital market conditions and specifically to investor perceptions,
22 requirements and expectations for utilities. These sources, coupled with my experience
23 in the fields of finance and utility regulation, have given me a working knowledge of
24 the issues relevant to investors' required return for Kentucky Power, and they form the
25 basis of my analyses and conclusions.

1 **Q7. How is your testimony organized?**

2 A7. First, I summarize the results of my analyses and present my evaluation of the
3 reasonableness of the 9.9% ROE requested by Kentucky Power, giving special attention
4 to the importance of financial strength and the implications of regulatory mechanisms
5 and other risk factors. My ROE evaluation considers the implications of current capital
6 market conditions, the specific risks for the Company's jurisdictional utility operations
7 in Kentucky, and the Company's requirements for financial strength. My analysis also
8 accounts for flotation costs, which are properly considered in setting a fair and
9 reasonable ROE. In addition, I address the reasonableness of the Company's proposed
10 capital structure.

11 Next, I briefly review Kentucky Power's operations and finances. I discuss
12 current conditions in the capital markets and their implications in evaluating a just and
13 reasonable return for the Company. I then address the development of the proxy group
14 of electric utilities used to apply my quantitative analyses and compare the risks of this
15 proxy group to the Company. With this as a background, I discuss well-accepted
16 quantitative analyses to estimate the current cost of equity for the proxy group of electric
17 utilities. These include the discounted cash flow ("DCF") model, the Capital Asset
18 Pricing Model ("CAPM"), the empirical CAPM ("ECAPM"), an equity risk premium
19 approach based on allowed ROEs, and reference to expected earned rates of return for
20 electric utilities, which are all methods that are commonly relied on in regulatory
21 proceedings. In addition, I discuss the issue of stock flotation expenses and the
22 implications of these legitimate costs on the estimation of a reasonable ROE for the
23 Company.

24 Based on the results of my analyses, I evaluate the reasonableness of the 9.9%
25 ROE requested by Kentucky Power. My evaluation takes into account the specific risks
26 for the Company's electric operations in Kentucky and Kentucky Power's requirements
27 for financial strength. Further, consistent with the fact that utilities must compete for

1 capital with firms outside their own industry, I corroborate my utility quantitative
2 analyses by applying the DCF model to a group of low-risk, non-utility firms.

3 **B. Summary and Conclusions**

4 **Q8. What is your conclusion regarding the 9.9% ROE requested by Kentucky** 5 **Power?**

6 A8. Considering the results of my analyses, along with current capital market conditions,
7 Kentucky Power's specific risk exposures, and the imperative of bolstering the
8 Company's financial strength, my testimony demonstrates that an ROE of 10.6% is
9 warranted. Accordingly, I conclude that Kentucky Power's requested ROE of 9.9%
10 significantly understates investors' required return for the Company. Kentucky Power's
11 requested ROE represents a reasonable compromise between balancing the impact on
12 customers and the need to provide the Company with a return that is adequate to
13 compensate investors.

14 Also of note, because Kentucky Power's requested ROE of 9.9% already
15 understates investor's required return for the Company, it should not be further reduced
16 for purposes of single-issue cost recovery mechanisms, such as the Environmental
17 Surcharge or Decommissioning Rider, as the Commission did in its January 13, 2021
18 Order in Case No. 2020-00174. Such a reduction is not justified from a capital attraction
19 point of view because it does not reflect investors' required return for the Company; but
20 in any case, even if the Commission were inclined to make such a reduction, the
21 requested 9.9% ROE is already 70 basis points below the ROE of 10.6% that my
22 testimony supports.

I. RETURN ON EQUITY FOR KENTUCKY POWER

23 **Q9. What is the purpose of this section?**

24 A9. This section presents my conclusions regarding the fair ROE applicable to Kentucky
25 Power's jurisdictional electric utility operations. I also describe the relationship

1 between ROE and preservation of a utility’s financial integrity and the ability to attract
2 capital. Finally, I discuss the reasonableness of the Company’s capital structure request
3 in this case.

4 **A. Importance of Financial Strength**

5 **Q10. What is the role of the ROE in setting a utility’s rates?**

6 A10. The ROE is the cost of attracting and retaining common equity investment in the utility’s
7 physical plant and assets. This investment is necessary to finance the asset base needed
8 to provide utility service. Investors commit capital only if they expect to earn a return
9 on their investment commensurate with returns available from alternative investments
10 with comparable risks. Moreover, a just and reasonable ROE is integral in meeting
11 sound regulatory economics and the standards established by the U.S. Supreme Court.
12 The *Bluefield* case set the standard against which just and reasonable rates are measured:

13 A public utility is entitled to such rates as will permit it to earn a return
14 on the value of the property which it employs for the convenience of the
15 public equal to that generally being made at the same time and in the
16 same general part of the country on investments in other business
17 undertakings which are attended by corresponding risks and
18 uncertainties. . . . The return should be reasonable, sufficient to assure
19 confidence in the financial soundness of the utility, and should be
20 adequate, under efficient and economical management, to maintain and
21 support its credit and enable it to raise money necessary for the proper
22 discharge of its public duties.¹

23 The *Hope* case expanded on the guidelines for a reasonable ROE, reemphasizing
24 the Court’s findings in *Bluefield* and establishing that the rate-setting process must
25 produce an end-result that allows the utility a reasonable opportunity to cover its capital
26 costs. The Court stated:

¹ *Bluefield Water Works & Improvement Co. v. Pub. Serv. Comm'n*, 262 U.S. 679 (1923) (“*Bluefield*”).

1 From the investor or company point of view it is important that there be
2 enough revenue not only for operating expenses but also for the capital
3 costs of the business. These include service on the debt and dividends
4 on the stock. . . . By that standard, the return to the equity owner should
5 be commensurate with returns on investments in other enterprises having
6 corresponding risks. That return, moreover, should be sufficient to
7 assure confidence in the financial integrity of the enterprise, so as to
8 maintain credit and attract capital.²

9 In summary, the Supreme Court’s findings in *Hope* and *Bluefield* established
10 that a just and reasonable ROE must be sufficient to 1) fairly compensate the utility’s
11 investors, 2) enable the utility to offer a return adequate to attract new capital on
12 reasonable terms, and 3) maintain the utility’s financial integrity. These standards
13 should allow the utility to fulfill its obligation to provide reliable service while meeting
14 the needs of customers through necessary system replacement and expansion, but the
15 Supreme Court’s requirements can only be met if the utility has a reasonable opportunity
16 to actually earn its allowed ROE.

17 While the *Hope* and *Bluefield* decisions did not establish a particular method to
18 be followed in fixing rates (or in determining the allowed ROE),³ these and subsequent
19 cases enshrined the importance of an end result that meets the opportunity cost standard
20 of finance. Under this doctrine, the required return is established by investors in the
21 capital markets based on expected returns available from comparable risk investments.
22 Coupled with modern financial theory, which has led to the development of formal risk-
23 return models (*e.g.*, DCF and CAPM), practical application of the *Bluefield* and *Hope*
24 standards involves the independent, case-by-case consideration of capital market data
25 in order to evaluate an ROE that will produce a balanced and fair end result for investors
26 and customers.

² *Fed. Power Comm'n v. Hope Natural Gas Co.*, 320 U.S. 591 (1944) (“*Hope*”).

³ *Id.* at 602 (finding, “the Commission was not bound to the use of any single formula or combination of formulae in determining rates.” and, “[I]t is not theory but the impact of the rate order which counts.”)

1 **Q11. Throughout your testimony you refer repeatedly to the concepts of “financial**
2 **strength,” “financial integrity” and “financial flexibility.” Would you briefly**
3 **describe what you mean by these terms?**

4 A11. These terms are generally synonymous and refer to the utility’s ability to attract and
5 retain the capital that is necessary to provide service at reasonable cost, consistent with
6 the Supreme Court standards. Kentucky Power’s plans call for a continuation of capital
7 investments to preserve and enhance service reliability for its customers. The Company
8 must generate adequate cash flow from operations, together with access to capital from
9 external sources, to fund these requirements and for repayment of maturing debt.

10 Rating agencies and potential debt investors tend to place significant emphasis
11 on maintaining strong financial metrics and credit ratings that support access to debt
12 capital markets under reasonable terms. This emphasis on financial metrics and credit
13 ratings is shared by equity investors who also focus on cash flows, capital structure and
14 liquidity, much like debt investors. Investors understand the important role that a
15 supportive regulatory environment plays in establishing a sound financial profile that
16 will permit the utility access to debt and equity capital markets on reasonable terms in
17 both favorable financial markets and during times of potential disruption and crisis.

18 **Q12. What part does regulation play in ensuring that Kentucky Power has access to**
19 **capital under reasonable terms and on a sustainable basis?**

20 A12. Regulatory signals are a major driver of investors’ risk assessment for utilities. Investors
21 recognize that constructive regulation is a key ingredient in supporting utility credit
22 ratings and financial integrity. Security analysts study commission orders and
23 regulatory policy statements to advise investors about where to put their money. As
24 Moody’s Investors Service (“Moody’s”) noted, “the regulatory environment is the most
25 important driver of our outlook because it sets the pace for cost recovery.”⁴ Similarly,

⁴ Moody’s Investors Service, *Regulation Will Keep Cash Flow Stable As Major Tax Break Ends*, Industry Outlook (Feb. 19, 2014).

1 S&P Global Ratings (“S&P”) observed that, “Regulatory advantage is the most heavily
2 weighted factor when S&P Global Ratings analyzes a regulated utility’s business risk
3 profile.”⁵ The Value Line Investment Survey (“Value Line”) summarizes these
4 sentiments:

5 As we often point out, the most important factor in any utility’s success,
6 whether it provides electricity, gas, or water, is the regulatory climate in
7 which it operates. Harsh regulatory conditions can make it nearly
8 impossible for the best run utilities to earn a reasonable return on their
9 investment.⁶

10 In addition, the ROE set by regulators impacts investor confidence in not only
11 the jurisdictional utility, but also in the ultimate parent company that is the entity that
12 actually issues common stock.

13 **Q13. Do customers benefit by enhancing the utility’s financial flexibility?**

14 A13. Yes. Providing an ROE sufficient to maintain the Company’s ability to attract capital
15 under reasonable terms, even in times of financial and market stress, is not only
16 consistent with the economic requirements embodied in the U.S. Supreme Court’s *Hope*
17 and *Bluefield* decisions, it is also in customers’ best interests. Customers enjoy the
18 benefits that come from ensuring that the utility has the financial wherewithal to take
19 whatever actions are required to ensure safe and reliable service.

20 **B. Conclusions and Recommendations**

21 **Q14. What are your findings regarding the fair ROE for Kentucky Power?**

22 A14. Considering the economic requirements necessary to support continuous access to
23 capital under reasonable terms and the results of my analysis, I conclude that 10.6%
24 represents a fair ROE for Kentucky Power’s electric utility operations. The bases for
25 my conclusion are summarized below:

⁵ S&P Global Ratings, *Assessing U.S. Investors-Owned Utility Regulatory Environments*, RatingsExpress (Aug. 10, 2016).

⁶ Value Line Investment Survey, *Water Utility Industry* (Jan. 13, 2017) at p. 1780.

- 1 • In order to reflect the risks and prospects associated with Kentucky Power’s
2 electric utility operations, my analyses focus on a proxy group of eighteen
3 other electric utilities.
- 4 • Because investors’ required ROE is unobservable and no single method
5 should be viewed in isolation, I apply the DCF, CAPM, ECAPM, and risk
6 premium methods to estimate a just and reasonable ROE for Kentucky
7 Power, as well as referencing the expected earnings approach.
- 8 • As summarized on Exhibit AMM-2, considering the results of these
9 analyses, and giving less weight to extremes at the high and low ends of the
10 range, I conclude that the cost of equity for a regulated electric utility is in
11 the 10.0% to 11.0% range, or 10.1% to 11.1% after accounting for flotation
12 costs.
- 13 • My ROE recommendation for Kentucky Power’s electric operations is the
14 midpoint of this range, or 10.6%.

15 **Q15. What did the DCF results for your select group of non-utility firms indicate with**
16 **respect to your evaluation?**

17 A15. As shown on page 3 of Exhibit AMM-12, average DCF estimates for a low-risk group
18 of firms in the competitive sector of the economy ranged from 10.4% to 10.9%. While
19 I did not base my recommendations on these results, they confirm that an ROE of 10.6%
20 falls in a reasonable range.

21 **Q16. What is your conclusion regarding the reasonableness of the 9.9% ROE**
22 **requested by the Company?**

23 A16. The 9.9% ROE requested by Kentucky Power is significantly less than the 10.6%
24 midpoint of my recommended range. As a result, I believe it understates the current
25 cost of equity to the Company. The 9.9% request falls slightly below the bottom of my
26 cost of equity range, but it nevertheless represents a meaningful increase from the 9.3%
27 authorized in the Company’s last rate proceeding, which would improve Kentucky
28 Power’s cash flows and financial strength while moderating the impact on customers.
29 The reasonableness of the Company’s requested 9.9% ROE is also reinforced by:

- 30 • The need to consider ongoing challenges to the Company’s credit standing.
- 31 • Kentucky Power’s chronic inability to earn its authorized rate of return due
32 to ongoing exposure to attrition.

- 1 • The additional risks associated with the Company’s relatively high
2 concentration of industrial customers and financial leverage.
- 3 • The imperative of ensuring that Kentucky Power has the capability to
4 maintain and build its credit standing while confronting potential challenges
5 associated with funding infrastructure development necessary to meet the
6 needs of its customers.

7 These findings further indicate that a 9.9% ROE for Kentucky Power is
8 reasonable and should be approved.

9 **Q17. What is your conclusion as to the reasonableness of the company’s capital**
10 **structure?**

11 A17. Based on my evaluation, I conclude that the Company’s proposed common equity ratio
12 of 41.62% represents a reasonable basis from which to calculate Kentucky Power’s
13 overall rate of return. This conclusion was based on the following findings:

- 14 • Kentucky Power’s common equity ratio is well within the range of
15 capitalizations maintained by the firms in the proxy group of utilities and
16 by other electric utility operating companies based on data at year-end
17 2022 and near-term expectations.
- 18 • While the Company’s proposed equity ratio is within the range of
19 comparable company capitalizations, it is below the average equity ratios
20 maintained by these companies.
- 21 • Kentucky Power’s requested capitalization is consistent with the
22 Company’s need to maintain its credit standing and financial flexibility
23 as it seeks to raise additional capital to fund significant system
24 investments and meet the requirements of its of customers.

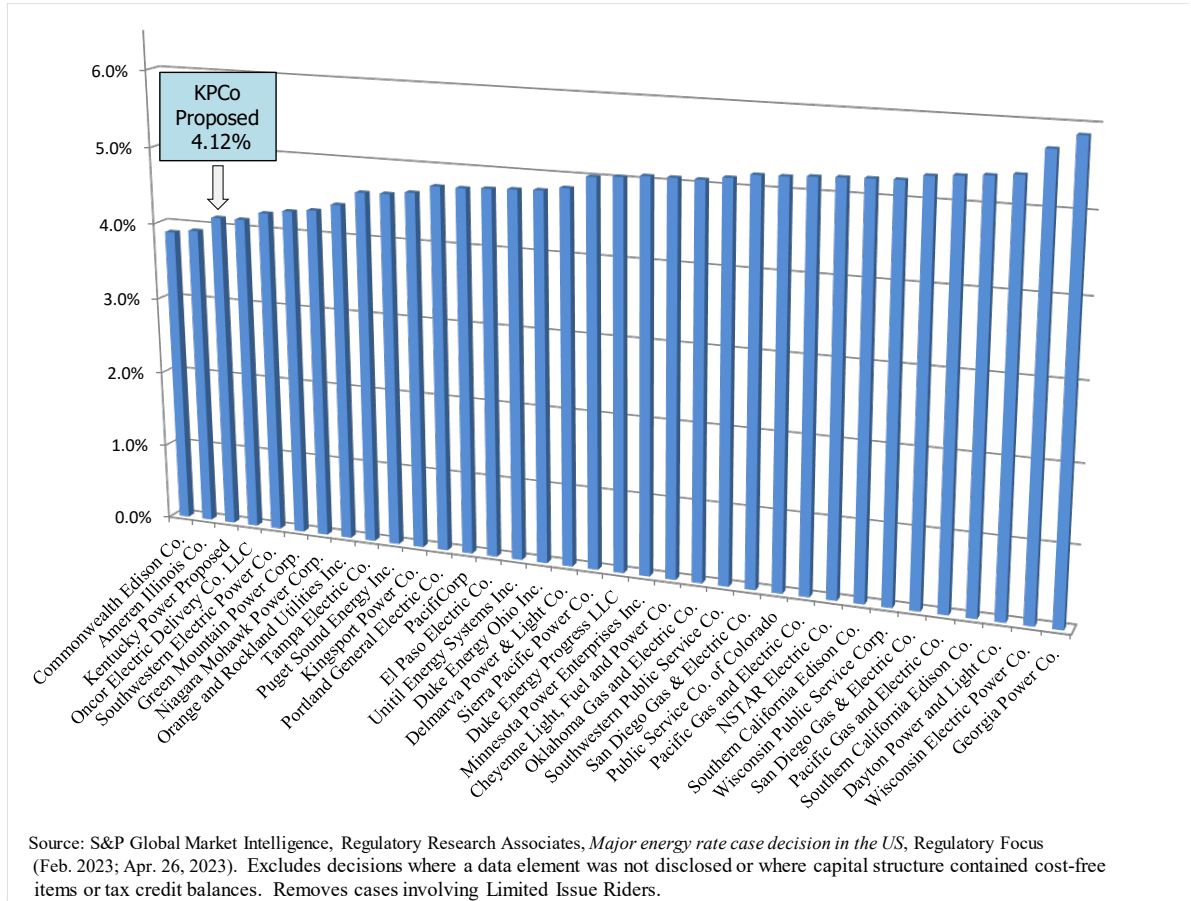
25 As noted above, Kentucky Power’s capital structure contains relatively less common
26 equity than the firms in my proxy group, which reduces the equity return component of
27 the revenue requirements, and in turn, the overall rate of return.

28 **Q18. How does Kentucky Power’s requested 4.12% weighted cost of equity compare**
29 **with those recently approved for electric utilities in other jurisdictions?**

30 A18. The bar chart below shows the weighted costs of equity approved by state regulators for
31 investor-owned electric utilities across the country during 2022 and for the first quarter
32 of 2023. These observations represent all decisions reported by S&P Global Market

1 Intelligence that specify an ROE and an equity ratio for electric utilities during this
 2 period:

FIGURE 1
WEIGHTED COST OF EQUITY – ELECTRIC UTILITIES



3 As shown above, when the Company’s capital structure is considered along with
 4 the requested ROE of 9.9%, the resulting weighted cost of equity of 4.12% for Kentucky
 5 Power falls at the lower end of the distribution of these weighted costs of equity allowed
 6 by state regulators for other electric utilities.⁷

⁷ Unlike Kentucky Power, which is an integrated electric utility, certain of the observations reflected in Figure 1 are for distribution-only utilities.

II. FUNDAMENTAL ANALYSES

1 **Q19. What is the purpose of this section?**

2 A19. This section briefly reviews the operations and finances of Kentucky Power. As a
3 predicate to my quantitative analyses, it examines conditions in the capital markets and
4 the general economy. An understanding of the fundamental factors driving the risks and
5 prospects of electric utilities is essential in developing an informed opinion of investors'
6 expectations and requirements that are the basis of a fair rate of return.

7 **A. Kentucky Power**

8 **Q20. Briefly describe Kentucky Power and its utility operations.**

9 A20. Organized in Kentucky in 1919 and headquartered in Ashland, Kentucky, Kentucky
10 Power is a wholly-owned operating subsidiary of American Electric Power Company,
11 Inc. ("AEP"), and is principally engaged in the generation, transmission, and
12 distribution of electric power. The Company provides electric service to approximately
13 163,000 retail customers in eastern Kentucky. In addition to providing retail electric
14 utility service, the Company also sells electric power at wholesale to municipalities. At
15 December 31, 2022, Kentucky Power's total assets amounted to \$3.0 billion, with
16 annual revenues amounting to approximately \$773 million.⁸

17 Kentucky Power owns 1,075 megawatts ("MW") of generating capacity,
18 consisting of its 50% interest in the two coal-fired Mitchell Plant units (780 MW) and
19 its natural gas-fired Big Sandy facility (295 MW). Kentucky Power's transmission and
20 distribution facilities consist of approximately 11,200 miles of transmission and
21 distribution lines. The Company is a member of the PJM Interconnection, LLC
22 ("PJM"), a regional transmission organization approved by the Federal Energy
23 Regulatory Commission ("FERC"), and provides transmission service pursuant to the
24 PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff. Kentucky Power's retail utility operations are

⁸ The information in this section is sourced from *Kentucky Power Co.*, 2022 Annual Report, and AEP Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022.

1 subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, with wholesale transmission operations
2 being regulated by FERC.

3 **Q21. What credit ratings have been assigned to Kentucky Power?**

4 A21. Moody's has assigned the Company an issuer rating of Baa3, which is the lowest
5 investment grade rating.⁹ Meanwhile, S&P recently downgraded Kentucky Power's
6 corporate credit rating from BBB+ to BBB.¹⁰ Fitch Ratings, Inc. ("Fitch") has assigned
7 an issuer default rating of BBB to the Company.

8 **Q22. Does Kentucky Power anticipate the need for capital going forward?**

9 A22. Yes. The Company must undertake investments for necessary maintenance and
10 expansion of its electric utility system as it continues to provide safe and reliable service
11 to its customers. For 2023 to 2025, Kentucky Power is estimating total capital
12 expenditures of approximately \$488 million.¹¹ In addition, the Company remains
13 obligated to repay maturing long-term debt. Continued support for Kentucky Power's
14 financial integrity and flexibility will be instrumental in attracting the capital necessary
15 to fund these projects in an effective manner.

16 **B. Outlook for Capital Costs**

17 **Q23. Please summarize current economic conditions.**

18 A23. U.S. real GDP contracted 3.4% during 2020, but with the easing of COVID-19
19 lockdowns, the economic outlook improved significantly in 2021, with GDP growing
20 at a pace of 5.7%. Regional increases in COVID-19 cases, expiration of government
21 assistance payments, and declines in wholesale trade led GDP to contract in the first two
22 quarters of 2022, while expanding exports and higher consumer spending during the last

⁹ Credit rating firms, such as Moody's, use designations consisting of upper- and lower-case letters 'A' and 'B' to identify a bond's credit quality rating. 'Aaa', 'Aa', 'A', and 'Baa' ratings are considered investment grade. Credit ratings for bonds below these designations ('Ba', 'B', 'Caa', etc.) are considered speculative grade, and are commonly referred to as "junk bonds." The term "investment grade" refers to bonds with ratings in the 'Baa' category and above.

¹⁰ S&P Global Ratings, *American Electric Power Ratings Affirmed; Kentucky Power Downgraded To 'BBB' On Weaker Financials; Outlook Stable* (Apr. 20, 2023).

¹¹ Exhibit W to Section II of the Company's Application.

1 two quarters of 2022 resulted in GDP growth rates of 3.2% and 2.6%, respectively.¹²
2 On a combined basis, these various influences produced a 2.1% increase in real GDP
3 for 2022.¹³ Meanwhile, indicators of employment remained stable, with the national
4 unemployment rate falling slightly to 3.5% in March 2023.¹⁴

5 The underlying risk and price pressures associated with the COVID-19
6 pandemic were overshadowed by a dramatic increase in geopolitical risks following
7 Russia’s invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. These events have also been
8 accompanied by heightened economic uncertainties as inflationary pressures due to
9 COVID-19 supply chain disruptions were further stoked by sharp increases in global
10 commodity prices. The substantial disruption in the energy economy and dramatic rise
11 in inflation led to sharp declines in global equity markets as investors reacted to the
12 related exposures. S&P concluded that:

13 The balance of risks is firmly on the downside—with rapid monetary
14 tightening potentially pushing major economies into recession; growing
15 geopolitical tensions exacerbating Europe’s energy crisis; lingering high
16 prices pressuring costs and eroding households’ purchasing power; and
17 China grappling with structural factors that are undermining its
18 economic growth.¹⁵

19 Stimulative monetary and fiscal policies, coupled with supply-chain disruptions
20 and rapid price rises in the energy and commodities markets, led to increasing concern
21 that inflation may remain significantly above the Federal Reserve’s longer-run
22 benchmark of 2%. In June 2022, Consumer Price Index (“CPI”) inflation peaked at its
23 highest level since November 1981. Since then, CPI inflation has gradually moderated
24 to 5.0% in March 2023.¹⁶ The so-called “core” price index, which excludes more

¹² <https://www.bea.gov/news/2023/gross-domestic-product-fourth-quarter-and-year-2022-third-estimate-gdp-industry-and> (last visited Apr. 25, 2023).

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empisit.pdf> (last visited Apr. 25, 2023).

¹⁵ S&P Global Ratings, *Global Credit Conditions Q4 2022: Darkening Horizons*, Comments (Sept. 29, 2022).

¹⁶ <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/cpi.nr0.htm> (last visited Apr. 14, 2023).

1 volatile energy and food costs, rose at an annual rate of 5.6% in March 2023. Similarly,
2 Personal Consumption Expenditure Price Index (“PCE”) inflation rose 5.0% in
3 February 2023, or 4.6% after excluding more volatile food and energy costs.¹⁷ As
4 Federal Reserve Chair Jerome H. Powell has noted:

5 Although inflation has moderated recently, it remains too high. The
6 longer the current bout of high inflation continues, the greater the chance
7 that expectations of higher inflation will become entrenched.¹⁸

8 More recently, turmoil in the banking sector has shaken investor confidence and
9 increased volatility in bond and equity markets. The Federal Reserve and U.S. Treasury
10 took quick and dramatic action to shore up banks’ liquidity needs and strengthen public
11 confidence in the banking system, but as Moody’s noted, “bank stress has added
12 uncertainty to the outlook.”¹⁹

13 **Q24. How have these developments impacted the Federal Reserve’s monetary policies?**

14 A24. As of its policy meeting in May 2023, the Federal Open Market Committee (“FOMC”)
15 has responded to concerns over accelerating inflation by raising the benchmark range
16 for the federal funds rate by a total of 5.00% since March 2022.²⁰ In addition to these
17 increases, Chair Powell has surmised that the significant draw-down of its balance sheet
18 holdings that began in June 2022 could be the equivalent of another one quarter percent
19 rate hike over the course of a year.²¹ Chair Powell noted that, “The process of getting
20 inflation back down to 2 percent has a long way to go and is likely to be bumpy,”²² with
21 the recent banking crisis amply demonstrating these latent risks.

¹⁷ <https://www.bea.gov/news/2023/personal-income-and-outlays-february-2023> (last visited Apr. 25, 2023).

¹⁸ Federal Reserve, *Transcript of Chair Powell’s Press Conference* (Feb. 1, 2023), <https://www.federalreserve.gov/mediacenter/files/FOMCpresconf20230201.pdf> (last visited Feb. 21, 2023).

¹⁹ Moody’s Investors Service, *Baseline US macro forecasts unchanged but outlook more uncertain*, Sector Comment (Apr. 12, 2023).

²⁰ The FOMC is a committee composed of twelve members that serves as the monetary policymaking body of the Federal Reserve System.

²¹ Federal Reserve, *Transcript of Chair Powell’s Press Conference* (May 4, 2022), <https://www.federalreserve.gov/mediacenter/files/FOMCpresconf20220504.pdf>.

²² <https://www.federalreserve.gov/mediacenter/files/FOMCpresconf20230322.pdf>.

1 **Q25. What impact do higher inflation expectations have on the return that equity**
2 **investors require from Kentucky Power?**

3 A25. Implicit in the required rate of return for long-term capital—whether debt or common
4 equity—is compensation for expected inflation. This is highlighted in the textbook,
5 *Financial Management, Theory and Practice*:

6 The four most fundamental factors affecting the cost of money are (1)
7 production opportunities, (2) time preferences for consumption, (3) risk,
8 and (4) inflation.²³

9 In other words, a part of investors’ required return is intended to compensate for
10 the erosion of purchasing power due to rising price levels. This inflation premium is
11 added to the real rate of return (pure risk-free rate plus risk premium) to determine the
12 nominal required return. As a result, higher inflation expectations lead to an increase in
13 the cost of equity capital.

14 **Q26. Have these developments impacted the risks faced by utilities and their investors?**

15 A26. Yes. Concerns over weakening credit quality prompted S&P to revise its outlook for
16 the regulated utility industry from “stable” to “negative.”²⁴ As S&P explained:

17 Even before the current downturn and COVID-19, a confluence of
18 factors, including the adverse impacts of tax reform, historically high
19 capital spending, and associated increased debt, resulted in little cushion
20 in ratings for unexpected operating challenges.²⁵

21 Meanwhile, higher inflation expectations also pose a challenge for utilities, with
22 S&P recently noting that “the threat of inflation comes at a time when credit metrics are
23 already under pressure relative to downside ratings thresholds.”²⁶ S&P noted that “risk

²³ Eugene F. Brigham, Louis C. Gapenski, and Michael C. Ehrhardt, *Financial Management, Theory and Practice*, Ninth Edition (1999) at 126.

²⁴ S&P Global Ratings, *COVID-19: The Outlook For North American Regulated Utilities Turns Negative*, RatingsDirect (Apr. 2, 2020).

²⁵ S&P Global Ratings, *North American Regulated Utilities Face Tough Financial Policy Tradeoffs To Avoid Ratings Pressure Amid The COVID-19 Pandemic*, RatingsDirect (May 11, 2020).

²⁶ S&P Global Ratings, *Will Rising Inflation Threaten North American Investor-Owned Regulated Utilities’ Credit Quality?* (Jul. 20, 2021).

1 will continue to pressure the credit quality of the industry in 2022.”²⁷ As S&P
2 elaborated:

3 Recently, several new credit risks have emerged, including inflation,
4 higher interest rates, and rising commodity prices. Persistent pressure
5 from any of these risks would likely lead to a further weakening of the
6 industry’s credit quality in 2022.²⁸

7 Similarly, on November 10, 2022, Moody’s revised its outlook for the regulated
8 utilities sector to “negative” from “stable,” citing “increasingly challenging business
9 and financial conditions stemming from higher natural gas prices, inflation and rising
10 interest rates.”²⁹ In affirming its negative outlook on the industry, S&P recently cited
11 weak financial measures, rising energy prices and capital spending, and increased
12 environmental risks as key challenges, noting that, “The industry outlook remains
13 negative and has been negative since early 2020.”³⁰

14 **Q27. Do changes in utility company beta values corroborate an increase in industry**
15 **risk?**

16 A27. Yes. Beta measures a stock’s price volatility relative to the market as a whole, and
17 reflects the tendency of a stock’s price to follow changes in the market. A stock that
18 tends to respond less to market movements has a beta less than 1.00, while stocks that
19 tend to move more than the market have betas greater than 1.00. Beta is the only
20 relevant measure of investment risk under modern capital market theory, and is widely
21 cited in academics and in the investment industry as a guide to investors’ risk
22 perceptions.

²⁷ S&P Global Ratings, *For The First Time Ever, The Median Investor-Owned Utility Ratings Falls To The ‘BBB’ Category*, RatingsDirect (Jan. 20, 2022).

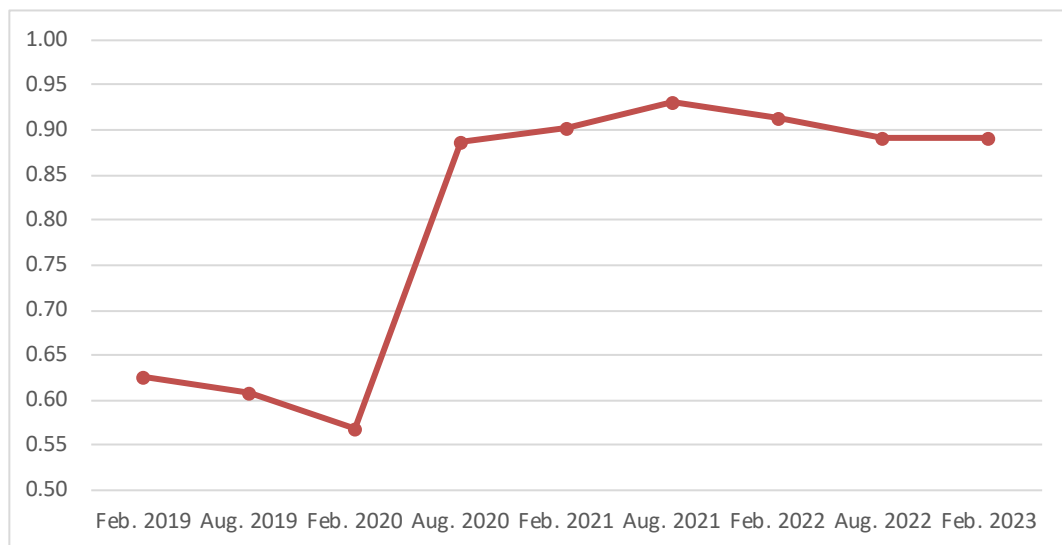
²⁸ *Id.*

²⁹ Moody’s Investors Service, *Regulated Gas Utilities--US, 2023 outlook negative due to higher natural gas prices, inflation and rising interest rates*, Outlook (Nov. 10, 2022).

³⁰ S&P Global Ratings, *North American Regulated Utilities, The industry’s outlook remains negative*, Industry Top Trends (Jan. 23, 2023).

1 As shown later in my testimony in Table 2, the average beta for the Utility Group
2 is 0.89.³¹ During February 2020, the average beta for this same group of electric utilities
3 was 0.57.³² The significant shift in beta values for the Utility Group is further
4 exemplified in Figure 2 below. As illustrated there, the average beta value for the Utility
5 Group increased significantly during the second quarter of 2020, continued to increase
6 during 2021, and has remained elevated. This dramatic increase in a primary gauge of
7 investors' risk perceptions is further proof that the risk of utility common stocks has
8 increased.

9 **FIGURE 2**
10 **UTILITY GROUP BETA VALUES**



11 **Q28. Have increased risks and higher inflation resulted in higher capital costs?**

12 A28. Yes. While the cost of equity is not directly observable, yields on long-term bonds
13 provide a widely referenced benchmark for the direction of capital costs, including
14 required returns on common stocks. Table 1 below compares the average yields on
15 Treasury securities and Baa-rated public utility bonds during April 2023 with those

³¹ As indicated on Exhibit AMM-7, this is based on data as of March 31, 2023.

³² The Value Line Investment Survey, *Summary & Index* (Feb. 14, 2020).

1 prevailing in January 2021, when the Commission issued its final order in Case No.
2 2020-00174.³³

3 **TABLE 1**
4 **BOND YIELD TRENDS**

Series	April 2023	January 2021	Change (bps)
10-Year Treasury Bonds	3.46%	1.08%	238
30-Year Treasury Bonds	3.69%	1.82%	187
Baa Utility Bonds	5.47%	3.18%	229

Source: <https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/GS30>; Moody's Credit Trends.

5 As shown above, trends in bond yields document a substantial increase in the
6 returns on long-term capital demanded by investors. With respect to utility bond
7 yields—which are the most relevant indicator to gauge the impact on the cost of
8 equity—average yields are now 229 basis points above the level prevailing at the time
9 the Commission issued its final order in Kentucky Power’s last rate proceeding.

10 **Q29. What are the implications of these trends in evaluating a fair ROE for Kentucky**
11 **Power?**

12 A29. The upward move in interest rates suggests that long-term capital costs—including the
13 cost of equity—have increased significantly since Kentucky Power’s last rate
14 proceeding. Exposure to rising interest rates, inflation, and capital expenditure
15 requirements also reinforce the importance of buttressing Kentucky Power’s credit
16 standing, which is under pressure. Moody’s and S&P have both noted that key measures
17 of cash flow sufficiency for the Company have fallen below downgrade thresholds,³⁴
18 with S&P concluding that its recent decision to downgrade Kentucky Power “reflects

³³ Case No. 2020-00174, Order (Jan. 13, 2021).

³⁴ Moody’s Investors Service, *American Electric Power Company, Inc., Termination of Kentucky operations sale has no immediate credit impact*, Issuer Comment (Apr. 18, 2023); S&P Global Ratings, *American Electric Power Ratings Affirmed; Kentucky Power Downgraded to ‘BBB’ On Weaker Financials; Outlook Stable*, RatingsDirect (Apr. 20, 2023).

1 the company's stand-alone weakening financial measures.”³⁵ Considering the potential
2 for financial market instability, competition with other investment alternatives, and
3 investors' sensitivity to risk exposures in the utility industry, credit strength is a key
4 ingredient in maintaining access to capital at reasonable cost. Strengthening Kentucky
5 Power's financial integrity is also imperative to ensure the ongoing capability to
6 maintain investment grade ratings.

7 **Q30. Would it be reasonable to disregard the changes in capital market conditions that**
8 **have occurred since the Commission last established an ROE for Kentucky**
9 **Power?**

10 A30. No. They reflect the reality in which Kentucky Power must attract and retain capital.
11 The standards underlying a fair rate of return require an authorized ROE for the
12 Company that is competitive with other investments of comparable risk and sufficient
13 to preserve its ability to maintain access to capital on reasonable terms. These standards
14 can only be met by considering the requirements of investors over the time period when
15 the rates established in this proceeding will be in effect. If the upward shift in investors'
16 risk perceptions and required rates of return for long-term capital is not incorporated in
17 the allowed ROE, the results will fail to meet the comparable earnings standard that is
18 fundamental in determining the cost of capital. From a more practical perspective,
19 failing to provide investors with the opportunity to earn a rate of return commensurate
20 with Kentucky Power's risks will weaken its financial integrity, while hampering the
21 Company's ability to attract the capital necessary to provide safe and reliable service.

III. COMPARABLE RISK PROXY GROUP

22 **Q31. What is the purpose of this section of your testimony?**

23 A31. This section explains the basis of the proxy group of publicly traded companies I use to
24 estimate the cost of equity, examines alternative objective indicators of investment risk

³⁵ S&P Global Ratings, *American Electric Power Ratings Affirmed; Kentucky Power Downgraded to 'BBB' On Weaker Financials; Outlook Stable*, RatingsDirect (Apr. 20, 2023).

1 for these firms, and compares the investment risks applicable to Kentucky Power with
2 my reference group.

3 **Q32. What key principles underpin the evaluation of a proxy group?**

4 A32. The United States Supreme Court's *Hope* and *Bluefield* decisions establish a standard
5 of comparison between a subject utility and other companies based on comparable risk.
6 The generally accepted approach is to select a group of companies that are of similar
7 risk to the subject utility, and then to perform various quantitative analyses based on this
8 proxy group to estimate investors' required returns. The results of these analyses are
9 then used to evaluate a range of reasonableness and a final ROE recommendation for
10 the subject utility.

11 **Q33. As an initial matter, does the fact that Kentucky Power is a wholly owned
12 subsidiary alter these fundamental standards?**

13 A33. No. While the Company has no publicly traded common stock and AEP is Kentucky
14 Power's only shareholder, this does not change the standards governing the
15 determination of a just and reasonable ROE for the Company. Ultimately, the common
16 equity required to support Kentucky Power's utility operations must be raised in the
17 capital markets, where investors consider the Company's ability to offer a rate of return
18 that is competitive with other risk-comparable alternatives. Kentucky Power competes
19 with other investment opportunities and unless there is a reasonable expectation that
20 investors will have the opportunity to earn returns that compensate for the underlying
21 risks, capital will be allocated elsewhere, the Company's financial integrity will weaken,
22 and investors will demand an even higher rate of return. Kentucky Power's ability to
23 offer a reasonable return on investment is a necessary ingredient to ensure that
24 customers continue to enjoy economical rates and reliable service and, by extension, the
25 preservation of AEP's ability to attract equity capital.

1 **A. Determination of the Proxy Group**

2 **Q34. How do you implement quantitative methods to estimate the cost of common**
3 **equity for Kentucky Power?**

4 A34. Applying quantitative methods to estimate the cost of common equity requires
5 observable capital market data, such as stock prices and beta values. Moreover, even
6 for a firm with publicly traded stock, the cost of common equity can only be estimated.
7 As a result, applying quantitative models using observable market data only produces
8 an estimate that inherently includes some degree of observation error. The accepted
9 approach to increase confidence in the results is to apply quantitative methods to a proxy
10 group of publicly traded companies that investors regard as risk-comparable. The
11 results of the analysis for the proxy of companies are used to establish a range of
12 reasonableness for the cost of equity for the specific company at issue.

13 **Q35. How do you identify the proxy group of electric utilities relied on for your**
14 **analyses?**

15 A35. To reflect the risks and prospects associated with Kentucky Power's jurisdictional
16 electric operations, I begin with those companies included in the Electric Utility industry
17 groups compiled by Value Line.³⁶ Value Line is one of the most widely available
18 sources of investment advisory information, and its industry groups provide an objective
19 source to identify publicly traded firms that investors would regard to be similar in
20 operations. I then apply the following criteria:

- 21 1. Investment grade corporate credit ratings from Moody's and S&P within
22 one notch of the Company's current ratings, and within the investment
23 grade scale. For Moody's, this results in a ratings range of Baa3 and Baa2;
24 for S&P the range is BBB-, BBB, and BBB+.
- 25 2. No cuts in common dividend payments during the past six months and no
26 announcement of a dividend cut since that time.

²In addition to the companies included in Value Line's electric utility industry groups, I also considered Algonquin Power & Utilities Company and Emera, Inc, which would both be regarded as comparable utility investment opportunities by investors. Neither of these companies met my required screening criteria.

- 1 3. No ongoing involvement in a major merger or acquisition that would
2 distort quantitative results.

3 These criteria result in a proxy group composed of eighteen companies, which I refer to
4 as the “Utility Group.”

5 **B. Relative Risks of the Utility Group and Kentucky Power**

6 **Q36. How do you evaluate investors’ risk perceptions for the Utility Group?**

7 A36. My evaluation of relative risk considers five published benchmarks that are widely
8 relied on by investors—credit ratings from Moody’s and S&P, along with Value Line’s
9 Safety Rank, Financial Strength Rating, and beta values. Credit ratings are assigned by
10 independent rating agencies for the purpose of providing investors with a broad
11 assessment of the creditworthiness of a firm. Ratings generally extend from triple-A
12 (the highest) to D (in default). Other symbols (*e.g.*, "+" or "-") are used to show relative
13 standing within a category. Because the rating agencies’ evaluation includes virtually
14 all of the factors normally considered important in assessing a firm’s relative credit
15 standing, corporate credit ratings provide broad, objective measures of overall
16 investment risk that are readily available to investors. Widely cited in the investment
17 community and referenced by investors, credit ratings are also frequently used as a
18 primary risk indicator in establishing proxy groups to estimate the cost of common
19 equity.

20 While credit ratings provide a widely referenced benchmark for investment
21 risks, they are focused on default risk specific to debtholders. Other quality rankings
22 published by investment advisory services provide relative assessments of risks that are
23 considered by investors in forming their expectations for common stocks. Value Line’s
24 primary risk indicator is its Safety Rank, which ranges from “1” (Safest) to “5”
25 (Riskiest). This overall equity risk measure is intended to capture the total risk of a
26 stock and incorporates elements of stock price stability and financial strength. The
27 Financial Strength Rating is designed as a guide to overall financial strength and

1 creditworthiness, with the key inputs including financial leverage, business volatility
 2 measures, and company size. Value Line’s Financial Strength Ratings range from
 3 “A++” (strongest) down to “C” (weakest) in nine steps. Value Line is one of the most
 4 widely available source of investment advisory information and these objective,
 5 published indicators provide guidance regarding the risk perceptions of investors.

6 As previously mentioned, beta measures a stock’s price volatility relative to the
 7 market, with higher betas indicating greater risk.

8 **Q37. How does the overall risk of your proxy group compare to Kentucky Power?**

9 A37. Table 2 compares the Utility Group with the Company across the five key risk indicators
 10 discussed above. Because Kentucky Power has no publicly traded common stock, the
 11 Value Line risk measures shown reflect those published for its parent, AEP.

12 **TABLE 2**
 13 **COMPARISON OF RISK INDICATORS**

	S&P	Moody's	Value Line		
			Rank	Strength	Beta
Utility Group	BBB+	Baa2	2	A	0.89
Kentucky Power	BBB	Baa3	1	A+	0.75

Note: Kentucky Power's Value Line ratings are for its parent company, AEP.

14 **Q38. What does this comparison indicate regarding investors’ assessment of the**
 15 **relative risks associated with your utility Group?**

16 A38. The average S&P and Moody’s credit ratings corresponding to the Utility Group are
 17 higher than those of Kentucky Power, indicating somewhat less risk. While AEP’s
 18 Value Line Ratings and beta indicate somewhat less risk than the Utility Group, these
 19 values are not specific to the Company.³⁷ Considered together, a comparison of these
 20 objective measures indicates that investors would likely conclude that the overall

³⁷ AEP is rated A- and Baa2 by S&P and Moody’s, respectively. Given that Kentucky Power’s credit ratings fall below the ratings assigned to AEP, Value Line’s risk indicators for AEP are likely to understate the risk exposures associated with the Company.

1 investment risks for the firms in the Utility Group are generally comparable to those of
2 Kentucky Power.

3 **Q39. How does Kentucky Power’s rating profile compare with the electric utility**
4 **industry more generally?**

5 A39. The BBB rating assigned by S&P ranks Kentucky Power below ratings for other
6 utilities, which are predominantly rated A- or BBB+. S&P reported that of the 250
7 regulated utilities covered in its survey, only 56 had credit ratings falling in the BBB
8 category or below.³⁸ Kentucky Power’s BBB rating from Fitch also indicates greater
9 risk than the median issuer default rating of A- for utility operating companies reported
10 by Fitch.³⁹ Meanwhile, the Company’s Baa3 rating from Moody’s represents the lowest
11 investment grade rating. In its most recent annual outlook for regulated electric utilities,
12 Moody’s ranks Kentucky Power’s credit standing at the bottom of the range for other
13 vertically integrated operating companies, with only one of the sixty-eight rated
14 companies having higher risk than the Company.⁴⁰

15 **Q40. What is the significance of “investment grade” versus “below investment grade?”**

16 A40. The term “investment grade” refers to a security having sufficient quality, or relatively
17 low risk, to be suitable for certain investment purposes, and many investors are
18 restricted by federal regulations or investment guidelines from purchasing debt
19 securities that do not have an investment grade rating. There is a precipitous increase
20 in risk associated with moving from investment grade to below investment grade. Credit
21 rating differences within the investment grade range tend to reflect relatively modest
22 differentials among fairly secure investments. Meanwhile, moving to below investment

³⁸ S&P Global Ratings, *Issuer Ranking: North American Electric, Gas, And Water Regulated Utilities, Strongest To Weakest*, RatingsDirect (Jan. 10, 2023).

³⁹ Fitch Ratings, Inc., *North American Utilities, Power & Gas Outlook 2023* (Dec. 7, 2022).

⁴⁰ Moody’s Investors Service, *Regulated Electric and Gas Utilities – US, 2023 outlook negative due to higher natural gas prices, inflation and rising interest rates*, Outlook (Nov. 10, 2022). Moody’s ranks Kentucky Power as riskier than every other vertically-integrated utility with investment grade ratings. The only utility falling below Kentucky Power is Entergy New Orleans, which is rated Ba1.

1 grade implies an altogether different risk plateau—one where the firm is regarded as a
2 speculative investment. Fitch observed that when credit market conditions are
3 unsettled, “‘flight to quality’ is selective within the [utility] sector, favoring companies
4 at higher rating levels.”⁴¹ The negative impact of declining credit quality on a utility's
5 capital costs and financial flexibility becomes more pronounced as debt ratings move
6 down the scale from investment to non-investment grade. As the former Chairman of
7 the New York State Public Service Commission noted in his role as spokesman for
8 NARUC:

9 While there is a large difference between A and BBB, there is an even
10 brighter line between Investment Grade (BBB-/Baa3 bond ratings by
11 S&P/Moody's, and higher) and non-Investment Grade (Junk) (BB+/Ba1
12 and lower). The cost of issuing non-investment grade debt, assuming the
13 market is receptive to it, has in some cases been hundreds of basis points
14 over the yield on investment grade securities.⁴²

15 **Q41. Are there other pressures that have particular significance for Kentucky Power?**

16 A41. Yes. Even before the downturn attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Company's
17 service territory faced weak economic conditions and higher unemployment than
18 national and statewide averages. Moody's observed that, “Utilities that operate in
19 service territories with poor demographics or weak local economies are at higher risk
20 because high inflation could limit the willingness of regulators to allow utilities to pass
21 through their costs to customers all at once.”⁴³ With respect to Kentucky Power
22 specifically, Moody's noted that “the KPSC's recent decisions have been impacted by
23 the weak economic conditions in KPCo's service territory and have been less supportive
24 of utility credit quality.”⁴⁴

⁴¹ Fitch Ratings Ltd., *U.S. Utilities, Power, and Gas 2010 Outlook*, Global Power North America Special Report (Dec. 4, 2009).

⁴² George Brown, *Credit and Capital Issues Affecting the Electric Power Industry*, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Technical Conference (Jan. 13, 2009).

⁴³ Moody's Investors Service, *2023 outlook negative due to higher natural gas prices, inflation and rising interest rates*, Outlook (Nov. 10, 2022).

⁴⁴ Moody's Investors Service, *American Electric Power Company, Inc.*, Credit Opinion (Sep. 21, 2022).

1 Investors also recognize that Kentucky Power’s service area is characterized by
2 a high concentration of sales to industrial customers relative to other electric utilities.
3 During 2022, approximately 24% of the Company’s total revenues were to industrial
4 customers,⁴⁵ versus an average of 15% for the firms in the Utility Group. Further
5 aggravating the risks of this exposure, during 2022, 14% of Kentucky Power’s revenues
6 were attributable to a single customer, Marathon Petroleum Company.⁴⁶ Because these
7 sales are more sensitive to business cycle changes, the price of alternative energy
8 sources, and pressure from competitors, they are generally considered to be more risky
9 than sales to residential or commercial customers.⁴⁷ As S&P recognized, “the company
10 derives about half of its energy sales from industrial customers, which also leads to less
11 stability in its operating cash flow than if its customer base was entirely residential.”⁴⁸
12 This exposure to a relatively high concentration of industrial sales implies a significant
13 degree of risk to Kentucky Power’s operations that must be offset by sufficient financial
14 fitness.

15 **Q42. Please describe the concept of attrition as it relates to ratemaking.**

16 A42. Attrition refers to a shortfall between a utility’s actual return and the allowed return
17 approved by regulators. It occurs when the assumptions regarding sales, costs, and rate
18 base used to establish rates do not produce revenues that reflect the actual costs incurred
19 to serve customers during the period that rates are in effect. For example, if external
20 factors are driving costs to increase more than revenues, then the rate of return will fall
21 short of the allowed return even if the utility is operating efficiently. Similarly, when
22 the utility’s investment in utility plant exceeds the rate base used for ratemaking, the
23 earned rate of return will fall below the allowed return through no fault of the utility’s

⁴⁵ Kentucky Power Company, 2022 Annual Report at 65.

⁴⁶ *Id.* at 14.

⁴⁷ For example, Seeking Alpha reported that production at Marathon’s Catlettsburg refinery was cut by as much as one-third due to lower gasoline demand stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic. Carl Surran, *Marathon raises rates at Catlettsburg as demand claws back*, Seeking Alpha (May 11, 2020).

⁴⁸ S&P Global Ratings, *Kentucky Power Co*, RatingsDirect (Oct. 28, 2021).

1 management. These imbalances are exacerbated as the regulatory lag increases between
2 the period during which the data used to establish rates is measured and the date when
3 the rates go into effect.

4 **Q43. Would investors view attrition as an ongoing risk for Kentucky Power?**

5 A43. Yes. Investors are concerned with what they can expect in the future, not what they
6 might expect in theory if a historical test year were to repeat. However, as discussed in
7 the testimony of Company Witness West, regulatory lag and attrition have been ongoing
8 issues for Kentucky Power and the Company's earned return has fallen below its
9 authorized return in every quarter since 2018—many times by a wide margin.⁴⁹

10 Investors clearly recognize that Kentucky Power is exposed to significant risks
11 associated with the ability to recover rising costs and investment on a timely basis.
12 Value Line highlighted to investors that Kentucky Power “has not been earning an
13 adequate return.”⁵⁰ Moody's recently affirmed this view, noting that, “Kentucky Power
14 is AEP's weakest utility subsidiary from a credit perspective, with cash flow that has
15 historically been constrained by persistent underearning in an economically challenged
16 service territory.”⁵¹

17 **C. Regulatory Mechanisms**

18 **Q44. Would investors consider the implications of regulatory mechanisms in**
19 **evaluating a utility's relative risks?**

20 A44. Yes. Decoupling mechanisms, cost trackers, and future test years have been
21 increasingly prevalent in the utility industry, along with alternatives to traditional
22 ratemaking such as formula rates and multi-year rate plans. As shown on Exhibit AMM-
23 3, the companies in my Utility Group operate under a wide variety of cost adjustment

⁴⁹ For example, in the first quarter of 2023, Kentucky Power's earned ROE was an anemic 2.88%, which falls below prevailing yields on 30-day Treasury bills.

⁵⁰ The Value Line Investment Survey, *American Elec. Pwr.* (Jun. 10, 2022).

⁵¹ Moody's Investors Service, *American Electric Power Company, Inc., Termination of Kentucky operations sale has no immediate credit impact*, Issuer Comment (Apr. 18, 2023).

1 mechanisms, which encompass revenue decoupling and adjustment clauses designed to
2 address rising capital investment outside of a traditional rate case, increasing costs of
3 environmental compliance measures, as well as riders to address the costs of energy
4 conservation programs, bad debt expenses, certain taxes and fees, post-retirement
5 employee benefit costs and transmission-related charges. S&P Global Market
6 Intelligence, *RRA Regulatory Focus* (“RRA”) concluded in its most recent review of
7 adjustment clauses that:

8 More recently and with greater frequency, commissions have approved
9 mechanisms that permit the costs associated with the construction of new
10 generation or delivery infrastructure to be used, effectively including
11 these items in rate base without the need for a full rate case. In some
12 instances, these mechanisms may even provide the utilities a cash return
13 on construction work in progress.

14 . . . [C]ertain types of adjustment clauses are more prevalent than others.
15 For example, those that address electric fuel and gas commodity charges
16 are in place in all jurisdictions. Also, about two-thirds of all utilities have
17 riders in place to recover costs related to energy efficiency programs, and
18 roughly half of the utilities have some type of decoupling mechanism in
19 place.⁵²

20 **Q45. What regulatory mechanisms have been approved for Kentucky Power?**

21 A45. In addition to a fuel adjustment clause, the Commission has approved a surcharge for
22 the Company that allows for recovery of environmental compliance costs applicable to
23 coal-fired generating facilities (the “Environmental Surcharge”). Kentucky Power also
24 operates under a Demand Side Management (“DSM”) rate mechanism that provides for
25 recovery of the full costs associated with DSM programs—including any new revenues
26 lost due to reduced sales—as well as riders to address certain retirement costs associated
27 with Big Sandy Units 1 and 2 (the “Decommissioning Rider”) and an offset related to
28 the now terminated Rockport Plant Unit Power Agreement. However, in Case No.
29 2020-00174, the Commission prescribed a lower 9.1% ROE to be applicable to the

⁵² S&P Global Market Intelligence, *Adjustment Clause: A state-by-state overview*, RRA Regulatory Focus (Jul. 18, 2022).

1 Environmental Surcharge and the Decommissioning Rider, eroding the benefit of these
2 mechanisms.

3 **Q46. Do the regulatory mechanisms approved for Kentucky Power set it apart from**
4 **other firms operating in the utility industry?**

5 A46. Yes. The mechanisms currently in place for the Company are more limited than those
6 approved for other firms in the industry. In contrast to many of the specific operating
7 companies associated with the firms in the Utility Group, the Commission has not
8 approved cost tracking mechanisms to address ongoing investment in electric utility
9 infrastructure. Nor does Kentucky Power benefit from a normalization adjustment or
10 decoupling mechanism to insulate utility margins from weather fluctuations or declining
11 usage.

12 **Q47. What other considerations are relevant to investors' assessment of Kentucky**
13 **Power?**

14 A47. While recognizing that the regulatory framework is generally credit supportive for
15 Kentucky Power, investors are also exposed to considerable uncertainty due to ongoing
16 environmental considerations. Notwithstanding the environmental recovery riders
17 approved for the Company, Moody's concluded that Kentucky Power remains exposed
18 to elevated carbon transition risks due to its significant coal-fired generation.⁵³
19 Similarly, S&P has noted that the Company "continues to be exposed to coal-fired
20 generation,"⁵⁴ and that this implies "heightened risks."⁵⁵

⁵³ Moody's Investors Service, *Kentucky Power Company*, Credit Opinion (Jun. 29, 2022).

⁵⁴ S&P Global Ratings, *Kentucky Power Co. Downgraded to 'BBB+', On CreditWatch Developing On Announced Sale By Parent American Electric Power*, RatingsDirect (Apr. 28, 2021).

⁵⁵ S&P Global Ratings, *Kentucky Power Co.*, RatingsDirect (Apr. 8, 2020).

1 **D. Capital Structure**

2 **Q48. Is an evaluation of a utility's capital structure relevant in assessing its return on**
3 **equity?**

4 A48. Yes. Other things equal, a higher debt ratio and lower common equity ratio, translates
5 into increased financial risk for all investors. A greater amount of debt means more
6 investors have a senior claim on available cash flow, thereby reducing the certainty that
7 each will receive their contractual payments. This increases the risks to which lenders
8 are exposed, and they require correspondingly higher rates of interest. From common
9 shareholders' standpoint, a higher debt ratio means that there are proportionately more
10 investors ahead of them, thereby increasing the uncertainty as to the amount of cash
11 flow that will remain.

12 **Q49. What common equity ratio is implicit in Kentucky Power's capital structure?**

13 A49. As discussed in the testimony of Company Witness Messner, the capital structure used
14 to compute the overall rate of return for Kentucky Power includes 41.62% common
15 equity.

16 **Q50. How does this compare to the average equity ratios maintained by the Utility**
17 **Group?**

18 A50. As shown on page 1 of Exhibit AMM-4, common equity ratios for the individual firms
19 in the Utility Group ranged between 33.0% and 59.6% and averaged 42.4%.
20 Meanwhile, the three-to-five year forecasts published by Value Line result in common
21 equity ratios ranging from 32.0% to 57.5% for the Utility Group, with an average of
22 43.6%.

23 **Q51. Are there other industry benchmarks that are more relevant in evaluating**
24 **Kentucky Power's capital structure?**

25 A51. Yes. Because this proceeding focuses on the ROE for the regulated electric utility
26 operations of Kentucky Power, the capital structures maintained by other operating
27 electric utilities provide a consistent basis of comparison.

1 **Q52. What capitalization ratios are maintained by comparable utility operating**
2 **companies?**

3 A52. Pages 2 and 3 of Exhibit AMM-4 display capital structure data for the group of electric
4 utility operating companies owned by the firms in the Utility Group. As shown there,
5 common equity ratios for these utilities range from 40.1% to 59.5% and average 51.3%.
6 This benchmark provides a direct guide to financing policies that are consistent with
7 industry-specific risks and the need to maintain adequate borrowing capacity and
8 financial flexibility.

9 **Q53. Do ongoing economic and capital market uncertainties also influence the**
10 **appropriate capital structure for Kentucky Power?**

11 A53. Yes. Financial flexibility plays a crucial role in ensuring the wherewithal of a utility to
12 meet funding needs. Utilities with higher financial leverage may be foreclosed from or
13 have limited access to additional borrowing, especially during times of financial market
14 stress. As Moody's observed:

15 Utilities are among the largest debt issuers in the corporate universe and
16 typically require consistent access to capital markets to assure adequate
17 sources of funding and to maintain financial flexibility. During times of
18 distress and when capital markets are exceedingly volatile and tight,
19 liquidity becomes critically important because access to capital markets
20 may be difficult.⁵⁶

21 S&P recently reiterated these concerns, noting that:

22 Because of the industry's high capital spending and consistent dividends,
23 negative discretionary cashflow is regularly more than \$100 billion
24 annually. To fund this large deficit, the industry requires consistent
25 access to the capital markets. Rising interest rates, decreasing equity
26 prices, and inflation could hamper consistent access to the capital
27 markets, potentially pressuring credit quality.⁵⁷

⁵⁶ Moody's Investors Service, *FAQ on credit implications of the coronavirus outbreak*, Sector Comment (Mar. 26, 2020).

⁵⁷ S&P Global Ratings. *North American Regulated Utilities, The industry's outlook remains negative*, Industry Top Trends (Jan. 23, 2023).

1 As a result, the Company's capital structure must maintain adequate equity to
2 preserve the flexibility necessary to maintain continuous access to capital even during
3 times of unfavorable energy or financial market conditions.

4 **Q54. What other factors do investors consider in their assessment of a company's**
5 **capital structure?**

6 A54. Utilities, including Kentucky Power, are facing significant capital investment plans.
7 Coupled with the potential for turmoil in capital markets, this warrants a stronger
8 balance sheet to deal with an uncertain environment. As S&P recently noted:

9 Under our base case, we expect that by 2024 the industry's capital
10 spending will exceed \$180 billion. Because of the industry's continued
11 robust capital spending, we expect that industry will continue to generate
12 negative discretionary cash flow. This requires that the industry has
13 consistent access to the capital markets to finance capital spending and
14 dividends requirements.⁵⁸

15 In addition, the investment community also considers the impact of other
16 considerations, such as operating leases and asset retirement obligations, in its
17 evaluation of a utility's financial standing.

18 A conservative financial profile, in the form of a reasonable common equity
19 ratio, is consistent with the need to accommodate these uncertainties and maintain
20 continuous access to capital under reasonable terms that is required to fund operations
21 and necessary system investment, even during times of adverse capital market
22 conditions.

23 **Q55. What does this evidence suggest with respect to Kentucky Power's proposed**
24 **capital structure?**

25 A55. Although Kentucky Power's ratemaking capital structure falls within the range of
26 capital structure ratios indicated by industry benchmarks, the Company's common
27 equity ratio falls significantly below the 51.3% average maintained by other electric

⁵⁸ S&P Global Ratings, *For The First Time Ever, The Median Investor-Owned Utility Ratings Falls To The 'BBB' Category*, RatingsDirect (Jan. 20, 2022).

operating companies. While I conclude that the Company’s capital structure represents a reasonable mix of capital sources from which to calculate Kentucky Power’s overall rate of return, Kentucky Power’s relatively low common equity ratio implied greater than average financial risk.

Q56. Is this conclusion confirmed by reference to recent findings for electric utilities in other regulatory proceedings?

A56. Yes. The table below presents the common equity ratios approved for electric utilities over the eight quarters ending March 31, 2023, as reported by RRA:

**TABLE 3
ELECTRIC UTILITY ALLOWED COMMON EQUITY RATIOS**

	Low	High	Average
Q2-21	49.21%	-- 52.07%	51.08%
Q3-21	40.00%	-- 52.50%	50.15%
Q4-21	48.51%	-- 55.00%	51.52%
Q1-22	48.00%	-- 55.69%	51.80%
Q2-22	44.54%	-- 52.00%	50.04%
Q3-22	48.29%	-- 53.37%	51.19%
Q4-22	45.07%	-- 58.22%	51.45%
Q1-23	42.50%	-- 52.50%	50.90%
Average	45.77%	-- 53.92%	51.02%

Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence, *Major Rate Case Decision*, RRA Regulatory Focus (Apr. 26, 2023, Feb. 10, 2022, & Feb., 2023). Excludes capital structures that include cost-free items.

As demonstrated in the table above, the Company’s requested 41.62% common equity ratio falls well below the average based on capital structures recently approved for other electric utilities.

IV. CAPITAL MARKET ESTIMATES AND ANALYSES

Q57. What is the purpose of this section of your testimony?

A57. This section presents capital market estimates of the cost of equity. First, I address the concept of the cost of common equity, along with the risk-return tradeoff principle

1 fundamental to capital markets. Next, I describe the quantitative analyses I conducted
2 to estimate the cost of common equity for the Utility Group.

3 **A. Economic Standards**

4 **Q58. What fundamental economic principle underlies the cost of equity concept?**

5 A58. The concept of the cost of equity is based on the tenet that investors are risk averse. In
6 capital markets where relatively risk-free assets are available (e.g., U.S. Treasury
7 securities), investors will hold riskier assets only if they are offered an additional return,
8 or risk premium, above the rate of return on a risk-free asset. Because all assets compete
9 for investor funds, riskier assets must yield a higher expected rate of return than safer
10 assets to induce investors to invest and hold them.

11 Given this risk-return tradeoff, the required rate of return (k) from an asset (i)
12 can generally be expressed as:

$$13 \quad k_i = R_f + RP_i$$

14 where: R_f = Risk-free rate of return, and
15 RP_i = Risk premium required to hold riskier asset i .

16 Thus, the required rate of return for a particular asset at any time is a function
17 of: (1) the yield on risk-free assets, and (2) the asset's relative risk, with investors
18 demanding correspondingly larger risk premiums for bearing greater risk.

19 **Q59. Is there evidence that the risk-return tradeoff principle actually operates in the** 20 **capital markets?**

21 A59. Yes. The risk-return tradeoff can be documented in segments of the capital markets
22 where required rates of return can be directly inferred from market data and where
23 generally accepted measures of risk exist. Bond yields, for example, reflect investors'
24 expected rates of return, and bond ratings measure the risk of individual bond issues.
25 Comparing the observed yields on government securities, which are considered free of
26 default risk, to the yields on bonds of various rating categories demonstrates that the
27 risk-return tradeoff does, in fact, exist.

1 **Q60. Does the risk-return tradeoff observed with fixed income securities extend to**
2 **common stocks and other assets?**

3 A60. It is widely accepted that the risk-return tradeoff evidenced with long-term debt extends
4 to all assets. Documenting the risk-return tradeoff for assets other than fixed income
5 securities, however, is complicated by two factors. First, there is no standard measure
6 of risk applicable to all assets. Second, for most assets—including common stock—
7 required rates of return cannot be observed. Yet there is every reason to believe that
8 investors demonstrate risk aversion in deciding whether or not to hold common stocks
9 and other assets, just as when choosing among fixed-income securities.

10 **Q61. Is this risk-return tradeoff limited to differences between firms?**

11 A61. No. The risk-return tradeoff principle applies not only to investments in different firms,
12 but also to different securities issued by the same firm. The securities issued by a utility
13 vary considerably in risk because they have different characteristics and priorities. As
14 noted earlier, the last investors in line are common shareholders. They share in the net
15 earnings, if any, that remain after all other claimants have been paid. As a result, the
16 rate of return that investors require from a utility's common stock, the most junior and
17 riskiest of its securities, must be considerably higher than the yield offered by the
18 utility's senior, long-term debt.

19 **Q62. What are the challenges in determining a just and reasonable ROE for a utility?**

20 A62. The actual return investors require is not directly observable. Different methodologies
21 have been developed to estimate investors' expected return on capital, but these
22 theoretical tools produce a range of estimates based on different assumptions and inputs.
23 The DCF method, which is frequently referenced and relied on by regulators, is only
24 one theoretical approach to evaluate the return investors require. There are a number of
25 other accepted methodologies for estimating the cost of capital and the ranges produced
26 by these approaches can vary widely.

1 **Q63. Is it customary to consider the results of multiple methods when evaluating a just**
2 **and reasonable ROE?**

3 A63. Yes. In my experience, financial analysts and regulators routinely consider the results
4 of alternative approaches in evaluating a fair ROE. No single method can be regarded
5 as failsafe, with all approaches having advantages and shortcomings. As FERC has
6 noted, “[t]he determination of rate of return on equity starts from the premise that there
7 is no single approach or methodology for determining the correct rate of return.”⁵⁹
8 Similarly, a publication of the Society of Utility and Regulatory Financial Analysts
9 concluded that:

10 Each model requires the exercise of judgment as to the reasonableness
11 of the underlying assumptions of the methodology and on the
12 reasonableness of the proxies used to validate the theory. Each model
13 has its own way of examining investor behavior, its own premises, and
14 its own set of simplifications of reality. Each method proceeds from
15 different fundamental premises, most of which cannot be validated
16 empirically. Investors clearly do not subscribe to any singular method,
17 nor does the stock price reflect the application of any one single method
18 by investors.⁶⁰

19 As this treatise observed, “no single model is so inherently precise that it can be
20 relied on solely to the exclusion of other theoretically sound models.”⁶¹ Similarly, *New*
21 *Regulatory Finance* concluded that:

⁵⁹ *Northwest Pipeline Co.*, Opinion No. 396-C, 81 FERC ¶ 61,036 at 4 (1997).

⁶⁰ David C. Parcell, *The Cost of Capital – A Practitioner’s Guide*, Society of Utility and Regulatory Financial Analysts (2010) at 84.

⁶¹ *Id.*

1 There is no single model that conclusively determines or estimates the
2 expected return for an individual firm. Each methodology possesses its
3 own way of examining investor behavior, its own premises, and its own
4 set of simplifications of reality. Each method proceeds from different
5 fundamental premises that cannot be validated empirically. Investors do
6 not necessarily subscribe to any one method, nor does the stock price
7 reflect the application of any one single method by the price-setting
8 investor. There is no monopoly as to which method is used by investors.
9 In the absence of any hard evidence as to which method outdoes the
10 other, all relevant evidence should be used and weighted equally, in order
11 to minimize judgmental error, measurement error, and conceptual
12 infirmities.⁶²

13 Thus, while the DCF model is a recognized approach, it is not without
14 shortcomings and does not otherwise eliminate the need to ensure that the “end result”
15 is fair. The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission has recognized this principle:

16 There are three principal reasons for our unwillingness to place a great
17 deal of weight on the results of any DCF analysis. One is . . . the failure
18 of the DCF model to conform to reality. The second is the undeniable
19 fact that rarely if ever do two expert witnesses agree on the terms of a
20 DCF equation for the same utility – for example, as we shall see in more
21 detail below, projections of future dividend cash flow and anticipated
22 price appreciation of the stock can vary widely. And, the third reason is
23 that the unadjusted DCF result is almost always well below what any
24 informed financial analysis would regard as defensible, and therefore
25 require an upward adjustment based largely on the expert witness’s
26 judgment. In these circumstances, we find it difficult to regard the results
27 of a DCF computation as any more than suggestive.⁶³

28 More recently, FERC recognized the potential for any application of the DCF model to
29 produce unreliable results.⁶⁴

30 As this discussion indicates, considering the results of alternative approaches
31 reduces the exposure to error associated with any single method. Just as investors
32 inform their decisions through the use of alternative approaches, my evaluation of a fair
33 ROE for the Company considered the results of multiple financial models.

⁶² Roger A. Morin, *New Regulatory Finance*, Pub. Utils. Reports (2006) at 429.

⁶³ *Ind. Michigan Power Co.*, Cause No. 38728, 116 PUR4th, 1, 17-18 (KPSC 8/24/1990).

⁶⁴ *Coakley v. Bangor Hydro-Elec. Co.*, Opinion No. 531, 147 FERC ¶ 61,234 at P 41 (2014).

1 **Q64. What does this discussion imply with respect to estimating the ROE for a utility?**

2 A64. Although the ROE cannot be observed directly, it is a function of the returns available
3 from other alternatives and the risks of the investment. Because it is not readily
4 observable, the ROE for a particular utility must be estimated by analyzing information
5 about capital market conditions generally, assessing the relative risks of the company
6 specifically, and employing alternative quantitative methods that focus on investors'
7 required rates of return. These methods typically attempt to infer investors' required
8 rates of return from stock prices, interest rates, or other capital market data.

9 **B. Discounted Cash Flow Analysis**

10 **Q65. How is the DCF model used to estimate the cost of common equity?**

11 A65. DCF models are based on the assumption that the price of a share of common stock is
12 equal to the present value of the expected cash flows (i.e., future dividends and stock
13 price) that will be received while holding the stock, discounted at investors' required
14 rate of return. Rather than developing annual estimates of cash flows into perpetuity,
15 the DCF model can be simplified to a "constant growth" form:⁶⁵

16
$$P_0 = \frac{D_1}{k_e - g}$$

17 where: P_0 = Current price per share;
18 D_1 = Expected dividend per share in the coming year;
19 k_e = Cost of equity; and,
20 g = Investors' long-term growth expectations.

21 The cost of common equity (k_e) can be isolated by rearranging terms within the
22 equation:

⁶⁵ The constant growth DCF model is dependent on a number of strict assumptions, which in practice are never met. These include a constant growth rate for both dividends and earnings; a stable dividend payout ratio; the discount rate exceeds the growth rate; a constant growth rate for book value and price; a constant earned rate of return on book value; no sales of stock at a price above or below book value; a constant price-earnings ratio; a constant discount rate (i.e., no changes in risk or interest rate levels and a flat yield curve); and all of the above extend to infinity. Nevertheless, the DCF method provides a workable and practical approach to estimate investors' required return that is widely referenced in utility ratemaking.

$$k_e = \frac{D_1}{P_0} + g$$

This constant growth form of the DCF model recognizes that the rate of return to stockholders consists of two parts: 1) dividend yield (D_1/P_0); and 2) growth (g). In other words, investors expect to receive a portion of their total return in the form of current dividends and the remainder through price appreciation.

Q66. What steps are required to apply the constant growth DCF model?

A66. The first step in implementing the constant growth DCF model is to determine the expected dividend yield (D_1/P_0) for the firm in question. This is usually calculated based on an estimate of dividends to be paid in the coming year divided by the current price of the stock. The second, and more controversial, step is to estimate investors' long-term growth expectations (g) for the firm. The final step is to add the firm's dividend yield and estimated growth rate to arrive at an estimate of its cost of common equity.

Q67. How do you determine the dividend yields for the utilities in the Utility Group?

A67. I rely on Value Line's estimates of dividends to be paid by each of these utilities over the next twelve months as D_1 . This annual dividend is then divided by a 30-day average stock price for each utility to arrive at the expected dividend yield. The expected dividends, stock prices, and resulting dividend yields for the firms in the Utility Group are presented on page 1 of Exhibit AMM-5. As shown there, dividend yields for the firms in the Utility Group range from 2.5% to 5.1% and averaged 3.8%.

Q68. What is the next step in applying the constant growth DCF model?

A68. The next step is to evaluate long-term growth expectations, or " g ", for the firm in question. In constant growth DCF theory, earnings, dividends, book value, and market price are all assumed to grow in lockstep, and the growth horizon of the DCF model is infinite. But implementation of the DCF model is more than just a theoretical exercise; it is an attempt to replicate the mechanism investors used to arrive at observable stock

1 prices. A variety of techniques can be used to derive growth rates, but the only “g” that
2 matters in applying the DCF model is the value that investors expect.

3 **Q69. What are investors most likely to consider in developing their long-term growth**
4 **expectations?**

5 A69. Implementation of the DCF model is solely concerned with replicating the forward-
6 looking evaluation of real-world investors. In the case of utilities, dividend growth rates
7 are not likely to provide a meaningful guide to investors’ growth expectations. Utility
8 dividend policies reflect the need to accommodate business risks and investment
9 requirements in the industry, as well as potential uncertainties in the capital markets. As
10 a result, dividend growth in the utility industry generally lags growth in earnings as
11 utilities conserve financial resources.

12 A measure that plays a pivotal role in determining investors’ long-term growth
13 expectations is future trends in earnings per share (“EPS”), which provide the source
14 for future dividends and ultimately support share prices. The importance of earnings in
15 evaluating investors’ expectations and requirements is well accepted in the investment
16 community, and surveys of analytical techniques relied on by professional analysts
17 indicate that growth in earnings is far more influential than trends in dividends per share
18 (“DPS”).

19 The availability of projected EPS growth rates also is key to investors relying
20 on this measure as compared to future trends in DPS. Apart from Value Line, investment
21 advisory services do not generally publish comprehensive DPS growth projections, and
22 this scarcity of dividend growth rates relative to the abundance of earnings forecasts
23 attests to their relative influence. The fact that securities analysts focus on EPS growth,
24 and that DPS growth rates are not routinely published, indicates that projected EPS
25 growth rates are likely to provide a superior indicator of the future long-term growth
26 expected by investors.

1 **Q70. Do the growth rate projections of security analysts also consider historical**
2 **trends?**

3 A70. Yes. Professional security analysts study historical trends extensively in developing
4 their projections of future earnings. To the extent there is any useful information in
5 historical patterns, that information is incorporated into analysts' growth forecasts.

6 **Q71. What growth rates are security analysts currently projecting for the firms in the**
7 **proxy group?**

8 A71. The earnings growth projections for each of the firms in the Utility Group reported by
9 Value Line, IBES,⁶⁶ and Zacks Investment Research ("Zacks") are displayed on page 2
10 of Exhibit AMM-5.

11 **Q72. How else are investors' expectations of future long-term growth prospects**
12 **sometimes estimated when applying the constant growth DCF model?**

13 A72. In constant growth theory, growth in book equity will be equal to the product of the
14 earnings retention ratio (one minus the dividend payout ratio) and the earned rate of
15 return on book equity. Furthermore, if the earned rate of return and the payout ratio are
16 constant over time, growth in earnings and dividends will be equal to growth in book
17 value. Despite the fact that these conditions are never met in practice, this "sustainable
18 growth" approach may provide a rough guide for evaluating a firm's growth prospects
19 and is frequently proposed in regulatory proceedings.

20 The sustainable growth rate is calculated by the formula, $g = br + sv$, where "b"
21 is the expected retention ratio, "r" is the expected earned return on equity, "s" is the
22 percent of common equity expected to be issued annually as new common stock, and
23 "v" is the equity accretion rate. Under DCF theory, the "sv" factor is a component of
24 the growth rate designed to capture the impact of issuing new common stock at a price
25 above, or below, book value. The sustainable, "br+sv" growth rates for each firm in the

⁶⁶ Formerly Institutional Brokers Estimate System, IBES growth rates are now compiled and published by Refinitiv.

1 proxy group are summarized on page 2 of Exhibit AMM-5, with the underlying details
2 being presented on Exhibit AMM-6.

3 The sustainable growth rate analysis shown on Exhibit AMM-6 incorporates an
4 “adjustment factor” because Value Line’s reported returns are based on year-end book
5 values. Since earnings is a flow over the year while book value is determined at a given
6 point in time, the measurement of earnings and book value are distinct concepts. It is
7 this fundamental difference between a flow (earnings) and point estimate (book value)
8 that makes it necessary to adjust to mid-year in calculating the ROE. Given that book
9 value will increase or decrease over the year, using year-end book value (as Value Line
10 does) understates or overstates the average investment that corresponds to the flow of
11 earnings. To address this concern, earnings must be matched with a corresponding
12 representative measure of book value, or the resulting ROE will be distorted. The
13 adjustment factor determined in Exhibit AMM-6 is solely a means of converting Value
14 Line’s end-of-period values to an average return over the year, and the formula for this
15 adjustment is supported in recognized textbooks and has been adopted by other
16 regulators.⁶⁷

17 **Q73. Are there significant shortcomings associated with the “br+sv” growth rate?**

18 A73. Yes. First, in order to calculate the sustainable growth rate, it is necessary to develop
19 estimates of investors’ expectations for four separate variables; namely, “b”, “r”, “s”,
20 and “v.” Given the inherent difficulty in forecasting each parameter and the difficulty
21 of estimating the expectations of investors, the potential for measurement error is
22 significantly increased when using four variables, as opposed to referencing a direct
23 projection for EPS growth. Second, empirical research in the finance literature indicates
24 that sustainable growth rates are not as significantly correlated to measures of value,

⁶⁷ See, Roger A. Morin, *New Regulatory Finance*, Pub. Utils. Reports, Inc. (2006) at 305-306; *Bangor Hydro-Electric Co. et al.*, 122 FERC ¶ 61,265 at n.12 (2008).

1 such as share prices, as are analysts' EPS growth forecasts.⁶⁸ The "sustainable growth"
2 approach is included for completeness, but evidence indicates that analysts' forecasts
3 provide a superior and more direct guide to investors' growth expectations.
4 Accordingly, I give less weight to cost of equity estimates based on br+sv growth rates
5 in evaluating the results of the DCF model.

6 **Q74. What cost of common equity estimates are implied for the Utility Group using the**
7 **DCF model?**

8 A74. After combining the dividend yields and respective growth projections for each utility,
9 the resulting cost of common equity estimates are shown on page 3 of Exhibit AMM-5.

10 **Q75. In evaluating the results of the constant growth DCF model, is it appropriate to**
11 **eliminate illogical estimates at the extreme low or high end of the range?**

12 A75. Yes. It is essential that the cost of equity estimates produced by quantitative methods
13 pass fundamental tests of reasonableness and economic logic. Accordingly, DCF
14 estimates that are implausibly low or high should be eliminated.

15 **Q76. Have other regulators employed such tests?**

16 A76. Yes. FERC has noted that adjustments are justified where applications of the DCF
17 approach and other methods produce illogical results. FERC evaluates low-end DCF
18 results against observable yields on long-term public utility debt and has recognized that
19 it is appropriate to eliminate estimates that do not sufficiently exceed this threshold.⁶⁹
20 FERC's current practice is to exclude low-end cost of estimates that fall below the six-
21 month average yield on Baa-rated utility bonds, plus 20% of the CAPM market risk
22 premium.⁷⁰ In addition, FERC also excludes estimates that are "irrationally or
23 anomalously high."⁷¹ Similarly, the Staff of the Maryland Public Service Commission

⁶⁸ Roger A. Morin, *New Regulatory Finance*, Pub. Utils. Reports (2006) at 307.

⁶⁹ See, e.g., *Southern California Edison Co.*, 131 FERC ¶ 61,020 at P 55 (2010).

⁷⁰ Based on the six-month average yield at April 2023 of 5.63% and the 7.8% market risk premium shown on Exhibit AMM-7, this implies a current low-end threshold of approximately 7.2%.

⁷¹ *Ass'n of Bus. Advocating Tariff Equity v. Midcontinent Indep. Sys. Operator, Inc.*, 171 FERC ¶ 61,154 at P 152 (2020).

1 (“MDPSC”) has also eliminated DCF values where they do not offer a sufficient
2 premium above the cost of debt to be attractive to an equity investor.⁷²

3 **Q77. Do you exclude any estimates at the low or high end of the range of DCF results?**

4 A77. Yes. As highlighted on page 3 of Exhibit AMM-5, after considering these benchmarks
5 and the distribution of individual estimates, I eliminate low-end DCF estimates ranging
6 from 1.6% to 7.3%, as well as high-end DCF results of 19.8% and 20.4%. After
7 removing these illogical values, the lower end of the DCF results is set by a cost of
8 equity estimate of 7.4%, while the upper end is established by a cost of equity estimate
9 of 12.6%. While a 12.6% cost of equity estimate may exceed the other values, low-end
10 DCF estimates in the 7.4% to 8.1% range are assuredly far below investors’ required
11 rate of return. Taken together and considered along with the balance of the results, the
12 remaining values provide a reasonable basis on which to frame the range of plausible
13 DCF estimates and evaluate investors’ required rate of return.

14 **Q78. What cost of equity estimates are implied by your DCF results for the Utility
15 Group?**

16 A78. As shown on page 3 of Exhibit AMM-5 and summarized in Table 4, below, after
17 eliminating illogical values, application of the constant growth DCF model resulted in
18 the following ROE estimates:

19 **TABLE 4**
20 **DCF RESULTS – UTILITY GROUP**

<u>Growth Rate</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Midpoint</u>
Value Line	9.2%	10.1%
IBES	10.2%	9.4%
Zacks	9.5%	9.7%
br + sv	9.2%	9.3%

⁷² See, e.g., Maryland Public Service Commission, Case No. 9670, *Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Drew M. McAuliffe* (Dec. 2, 2021) at 15-16.

1 **C. Capital Asset Pricing Model**

2 **Q79. Please describe the CAPM.**

3 A79. The CAPM is a theory of market equilibrium that measures risk using the beta
4 coefficient. Assuming investors are fully diversified, the relevant risk of an individual
5 asset (e.g., common stock) is its volatility relative to the market as a whole, with beta
6 reflecting the tendency of a firm’s stock price to follow changes in the market. A stock
7 that tends to respond less to market movements has a beta of less than 1.0, while stocks
8 that tend to move more than the market have betas greater than 1.0. The CAPM is
9 mathematically expressed as:

10
$$R_j = R_f + \beta_j(R_m - R_f)$$

11 where: R_j = required rate of return for stock j;
12 R_f = risk-free rate;
13 R_m = expected return on the market portfolio; and,
14 β_j = beta, or systematic risk, for stock j.

15 Under the CAPM formula above, a stock’s required return is a function of the
16 risk-free rate (R_f), plus a risk premium that is scaled to reflect the relative volatility of a
17 firm’s stock price, as measured by beta (β). Like the DCF model, the CAPM is an *ex-*
18 *ante*, or forward-looking model based on expectations of the future. As a result, in order
19 to produce a meaningful estimate of investors’ required rate of return, the CAPM must
20 be applied using estimates that reflect the expectations of actual investors in the market,
21 not with backward-looking, historical data.

22 **Q80. Why is the CAPM approach relevant when evaluating the cost of equity for**
23 **Kentucky Power?**

24 A80. The CAPM approach (which also forms the foundation of the ECAPM) generally is
25 considered to be the most widely referenced method for estimating the cost of equity
26 among academicians and professional practitioners, with the pioneering researchers of
27 this method receiving the Nobel Prize in 1990. Because this is the dominant model for

1 estimating the cost of equity outside the regulatory sphere, the CAPM (and ECAPM)
2 provides important insight into investors' required rate of return for utility stocks.

3 **Q81. How do you apply the CAPM to estimate the ROE?**

4 A81. Application of the CAPM to the Utility Group based on a forward-looking estimate for
5 investors' required rate of return from common stocks is presented in Exhibit AMM-7.
6 In order to capture the expectations of today's investors in current capital markets, the
7 expected market rate of return is estimated by conducting a DCF analysis on the
8 dividend paying firms in the S&P 500.

9 The dividend yield for each firm is obtained from Value Line, and the growth
10 rate is equal to the average of the earnings growth projections for each firm published
11 by IBES, Value Line, and Zacks, with each firm's dividend yield and growth rate being
12 weighted by its proportionate share of total market value. After removing companies
13 with growth rates that were negative or greater than 20%, the weighted average of the
14 projections for the individual firms implies an average growth rate over the next five
15 years of 9.5%. Combining this average growth rate with a year-ahead dividend yield of
16 2.1% results in a current cost of common equity estimate for the market as a whole (R_m)
17 of 11.6%. Subtracting a 3.8% risk-free rate based on the average yield on 30-year
18 Treasury bonds for the six-months ending April 2023 produces a market equity risk
19 premium of 7.8%.

20 **Q82. What is the source of the beta values you use to apply the CAPM?**

21 A82. I rely on the beta values reported by Value Line, which in my experience is the most
22 widely referenced source for beta in regulatory proceedings. As noted in *New*
23 *Regulatory Finance*:

1 Value Line is the largest and most widely circulated independent
2 investment advisory service, and influences the expectations of a large
3 number of institutional and individual investors. . . . Value Line betas are
4 computed on a theoretically sound basis using a broadly based market
5 index, and they are adjusted for the regression tendency of betas to
6 converge to 1.00.⁷³

7 **Q83. What else should be considered in applying the CAPM?**

8 A83. Financial research indicates that the CAPM does not fully account for observed
9 differences in rates of return attributable to firm size. Accordingly, a modification is
10 required to account for this size effect. As explained by Morningstar:

11 One of the most remarkable discoveries of modern finance is the finding
12 of a relationship between firm size and return. On average, small
13 companies have higher returns than large ones. . . . The relationship
14 between firm size and return cuts across the entire size spectrum; it is not
15 restricted to the smallest stocks.⁷⁴

16 According to the CAPM, the expected return on a security should consist of the
17 riskless rate, plus a premium to compensate for the systematic risk of the particular
18 security. The degree of systematic risk is represented by the beta coefficient. The need
19 for the size adjustment arises because differences in investors' required rates of return
20 that are related to firm size are not fully captured by beta. To account for this,
21 researchers have developed size premiums that need to be added to account for the level
22 of a firm's market capitalization in determining the CAPM cost of equity.⁷⁵
23 Accordingly, my CAPM analysis also incorporates an adjustment to recognize the
24 impact of size distinctions, as measured by the market capitalization for the firms in the
25 Utility Group.

⁷³ Roger A. Morin, *New Regulatory Finance*, Pub. Utils. Reports (2006) at 71.

⁷⁴ Morningstar, *2015 Ibbotson SBBI Classic Yearbook*, at 99.

⁷⁵ Originally compiled by Ibbotson Associates and published in their annual yearbook entitled, *Stocks, Bonds, Bills and Inflation*, these size premia are now developed by Kroll and presented in its *Cost of Capital Navigator*.

1 **Q84. What is the basis for the size adjustment?**

2 A84. The size adjustment required in applying the CAPM is based on the finding that *after*
3 *controlling for risk differences reflected in beta*, the CAPM overstates returns to
4 companies with larger market capitalizations and understates returns for relatively
5 smaller firms. The size adjustments utilized in my analysis are sourced from Kroll, who
6 now publish the well-known compilation of capital market series originally developed
7 by Professor Roger G. Ibbotson of the Yale School of Management, and most recently
8 published by Kroll. Calculation of the size adjustments involve the following steps:

- 9 1. Divide all stocks traded on the NYSE, NYSE MKT, and NASDAQ
10 indices into deciles based on their market capitalization.
11 2. Using the average beta value for each decile, calculate the implied
12 excess return over the risk-free rate using the CAPM.
13 3. Compare the calculated excess returns based on the CAPM to the
14 actual excess returns for each decile, with the difference being the
15 increment of return that is related to firm size, or “size adjustment.”

16 *New Regulatory Finance* observed that “small market-cap stocks experience
17 higher returns than large market-cap stocks with equivalent betas,” and concluded that
18 “the CAPM understates the risk of smaller utilities, and a cost of equity based purely on
19 a CAPM beta will therefore produce too low an estimate.”⁷⁶

20 **Q85. What is the implied ROE for the Utility Group using the CAPM approach?**

21 A85. As shown on Exhibit AMM-7, after adjusting for the impact of firm size, the CAPM
22 approach implies an average ROE for the Utility Group of 11.1%.

23 **D. Empirical Capital Asset Pricing Model**

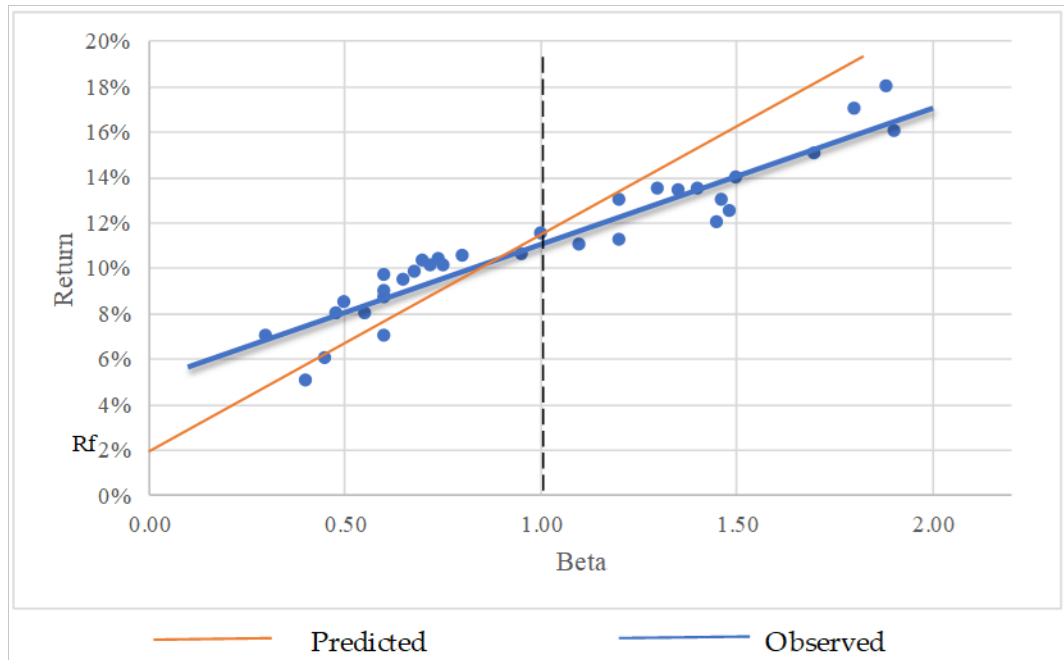
24 **Q86. How does the ECAPM approach differ from traditional applications of the**
25 **CAPM?**

26 A86. Empirical tests of the CAPM have shown that low-beta securities earn returns somewhat
27 higher than the CAPM would predict, and high-beta securities earn less than predicted.

⁷⁶ Roger A. Morin, *New Regulatory Finance*, Pub. Utils. Reports (2006) at 187.

1 In other words, the CAPM tends to overstate the actual sensitivity of the cost of capital
2 to beta, with low-beta stocks tending to have higher returns and high-beta stocks tending
3 to have lower risk returns than predicted by the CAPM. This is illustrated graphically
4 in the figure below:

5 **FIGURE 3**
6 **CAPM – PREDICTED VS. OBSERVED RETURNS**



7
8 Because the betas of utility stocks, including those in the Utility Group, are
9 generally less than 1.0, this implies that cost of equity estimates based on the traditional
10 CAPM would understate the cost of equity. This empirical finding is widely reported
11 in the finance literature, as summarized in *New Regulatory Finance*:

12 As discussed in the previous section, several finance scholars have
13 developed refined and expanded versions of the standard CAPM by
14 relaxing the constraints imposed on the CAPM, such as dividend yield,
15 size, and skewness effects. These enhanced CAPMs typically produce a
16 risk-return relationship that is flatter than the CAPM prediction in
17 keeping with the actual observed risk-return relationship. The ECAPM
18 makes use of these empirical relationships.⁷⁷

⁷⁷ *Id.* at 189.

1 Based on a review of the empirical evidence, *New Regulatory Finance*
2 concluded the expected return on a security is represented by the following formula:

$$3 \quad R_j = R_f + 0.25(R_m - R_f) + 0.75[\beta_j(R_m - R_f)]$$

4 Like the CAPM formula presented earlier, the ECAPM represents a stock's required
5 return as a function of the risk-free rate (R_f), plus a risk premium. In the formula above,
6 this risk premium is composed of two parts: (1) the market risk premium ($R_m - R_f$)
7 weighted by a factor of 25%, and (2) a company-specific risk premium based on the
8 stock's relative volatility [$\beta_j(R_m - R_f)$] weighted by 75%. This ECAPM equation, and
9 its associated weighting factors, recognizes the observed relationship between standard
10 CAPM estimates and the cost of capital documented in the financial research, and
11 corrects for the understated returns that would otherwise be produced for low beta
12 stocks.

13 **Q87. Have other regulators relied on the ECAPM?**

14 A87. Yes. Staff witnesses for the MDPSC have relied on this approach in prior testimony,
15 noting that “the ECAPM model adjusts for the tendency of the CAPM model to
16 underestimate returns for low Beta stocks,” and concluding that, “the ECAPM gives a
17 more realistic measure of the ROE than the CAPM model does.”⁷⁸ The Staff of the
18 Colorado Public Utilities Commission has recognized that, “The ECAPM is an
19 empirical method that attempts to enhance the CAPM analysis by flattening the risk-
20 return relationship,”⁷⁹ and relied on the same ECAPM equation presented above.⁸⁰

⁷⁸ Maryland Public Service Commission, Case No. 9299, *Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Julie McKenna* (Oct. 12, 2012) at 9.

⁷⁹ Colorado Public Utilities Commission, Proceeding No. 13AL-0067G, *Answer Testimony and Schedules of Scott England* (July 31, 2013) at 47.

⁸⁰ *Id.* at 48.

1 The New York Department of Public Service also routinely incorporates the
2 results of the ECAPM approach, which it refers to as the “zero-beta CAPM.”⁸¹ The
3 Regulatory Commission of Alaska has also relied on the ECAPM approach, noting that:

4 Tesoro averaged the results it obtained from CAPM and ECAPM while
5 at the same time providing empirical testimony that the ECAPM results
6 are more accurate than [sic] traditional CAPM results. The reasonable
7 investor would be aware of these empirical results. Therefore, we adjust
8 Tesoro’s recommendation to reflect only the ECAPM result.⁸²

9 The Wyoming Office of Consumer Advocate, an independent division of the
10 Wyoming Public Service Commission, has also relied on this ECAPM formula,⁸³ as has
11 a witness for the Office of Arkansas Attorney General.⁸⁴ In a 2018 decision, the
12 Montana Public Service Commission determined that “[t]he evidence in this proceeding
13 has convinced the Commission that the [ECAPM] should be the primary method for
14 estimating . . . the cost of equity.”⁸⁵

15 **Q88. What cost of equity estimate is indicated by the ECAPM?**

16 A88. My application of the ECAPM were based on the same forward-looking market rate of
17 return, risk-free rates, and beta values discussed earlier in connections with the CAPM.
18 As shown on Exhibit AMM-8, applying the forward-looking ECAPM approach to the
19 firms in the Utility Group results in an average cost of equity estimate of 11.4%, after
20 incorporating the size adjustment corresponding to the market capitalization of the
21 individual utilities.

⁸¹ See, e.g., New York Department of Public Service, Cases 19-E-0065 19-G-0066, *Prepared Fully Redacted Testimony of Staff Finance Panel* (May 2019) at 94-95.

⁸² Regulatory Commission of Alaska, Order No. P-97-004(151) (Nov. 27, 2002) at 145.

⁸³ Wyoming Public Service Commission, Docket No. 30011-97-GR-17, *Pre-Filed Direct Testimony of Anthony J. Ornelas* (May 1, 2018) at 52-53.

⁸⁴ Arkansas Public Service Commission, Docket No. 17-071-U, *Direct Testimony of Marlon F. Griffing, PH.D.* (May 29, 2018) at 33-35.

⁸⁵ Montana Public Service Commission, Docket No. D2017.9.80, Order No. 7575c (Sep. 26, 2018) at P 114.

1 **E. Utility Risk Premium**

2 **Q89. Briefly describe the risk premium method.**

3 A89. The risk premium method extends the risk-return tradeoff observed with bonds to
4 estimate investors' required rate of return on common stocks. The cost of equity is
5 estimated by first determining the additional return investors require to forgo the relative
6 safety of bonds and to bear the greater risks associated with common stock, and then
7 adding this equity risk premium to the current yield on bonds. Like the DCF model, the
8 risk premium method is capital market oriented. However, unlike DCF models, which
9 indirectly impute the cost of equity, risk premium methods directly estimate investors'
10 required rate of return by adding an equity risk premium to observable bond yields.

11 **Q90. Is the risk premium approach a widely accepted method for estimating the cost of
12 equity?**

13 A90. Yes. The risk premium approach is based on the fundamental risk-return principle that
14 is central to finance, which holds that investors will require a premium in the form of a
15 higher return in order to assume additional risk. This method is routinely referenced by
16 the investment community and in academia and regulatory proceedings, and provides
17 an important tool in estimating a fair ROE for Kentucky Power.

18 **Q91. How do you implement the risk premium method?**

19 A91. Estimates of equity risk premiums for utilities are based on surveys of previously
20 authorized ROEs. Authorized ROEs presumably reflect regulatory commissions' best
21 estimates of the cost of equity, however determined, at the time they issued their final
22 order. Such ROEs should represent a balanced and impartial outcome that considers the
23 need to maintain a utility's financial integrity and ability to attract capital. Moreover,
24 allowed returns are an important consideration for investors and have the potential to
25 influence other observable investment parameters, including credit ratings and
26 borrowing costs. Thus, when considered in the context of a complete and rigorous

1 analysis, this data provides a logical and frequently referenced basis for estimating
2 equity risk premiums for regulated utilities.

3 **Q92. How do you calculate the equity risk premiums based on allowed returns?**

4 A92. The ROEs authorized for electric utilities by regulatory commissions across the U.S.
5 are compiled by RRA. On page 2 of Exhibit AMM-9, the average yield on public utility
6 bonds is subtracted from the average allowed ROE for electric utilities to calculate
7 equity risk premiums for each year between 1974 and 2022.⁸⁶ As shown there, over this
8 period these equity risk premiums for electric utilities average 3.89%, and the yields on
9 public utility bonds average 7.83%.

10 **Q93. Is there any capital market relationship that must be considered when
11 implementing the risk premium method?**

12 A93. Yes. The magnitude of equity risk premiums is not constant and equity risk premiums
13 tend to move inversely with interest rates. In other words, when interest rate levels are
14 relatively high, equity risk premiums narrow, and when interest rates are relatively low,
15 equity risk premiums widen. The implication of this inverse relationship is that the cost
16 of equity does not move as much as, or in lockstep with, interest rates. Accordingly, for
17 a 1% increase or decrease in interest rates, the cost of equity may only rise or fall some
18 fraction of 1%. When implementing the risk premium method, adjustments are required
19 to incorporate this inverse relationship if the current interest rates is different from the
20 average interest rate over the study period.

21 Current bond yields are lower than those prevailing over the risk premium study
22 period. Given that equity risk premiums move inversely with interest rates, these lower
23 bond yields also imply an increase in the equity risk premium. In other words, higher
24 required equity risk premiums offset the impact of declining interest rates on the ROE.

⁸⁶ My analysis encompasses the entire period for which published data is available.

1 **Q94. Is this inverse relationship confirmed by published financial research?**

2 A94. Yes. There is considerable empirical evidence that when interest rates are relatively
3 high, equity risk premiums narrow, and when interest rates are relatively low, equity
4 risk premiums are greater. This inverse relationship between equity risk premiums and
5 interest rates has been widely reported in the financial literature. As summarized by
6 *New Regulatory Finance*:

7 Published studies by Brigham, Shome, and Vinson (1985), Harris
8 (1986), Harris and Marston (1992, 1993), Carleton, Chambers, and
9 Lakonishok (1983), Morin (2005), and McShane (2005), and others
10 demonstrate that, beginning in 1980, risk premiums varied inversely with
11 the level of interest rates – rising when rates fell and declining when rates
12 rose.⁸⁷

13 Other regulators have also recognized that, while the cost of equity trends in the
14 same direction as interest rates, these variables do not move in lock-step.⁸⁸ This
15 relationship is illustrated in the figure on page 3 of Exhibit AMM-9.

16 **Q95. What ROE is implied by the risk premium method using surveys of allowed**
17 **returns?**

18 A95. Based on the regression output between the interest rates and equity risk premiums
19 displayed on page 3 of Exhibit AMM-9, the equity risk premium for electric utilities
20 increases by approximately 43 basis points for each percentage point drop in the yield
21 on average public utility bonds. As illustrated on page 1 of Exhibit AMM-9 with an
22 average yield on public utility bonds for the six-months ending April 2023 of 5.37%,
23 this implies a current equity risk premium of 4.94% for electric utilities. Adding this
24 equity risk premium to the average yield on Baa-rated utility bonds implies a current
25 ROE of 10.57%.

⁸⁷ Roger A. Morin, *New Regulatory Finance*, Pub. Utils. Reports (2006) at 128.

⁸⁸ See, e.g., California Public Utilities Commission, Decision 08-05-035 (May 29, 2008); Entergy Mississippi Formula Rate Plan FRP-7, https://www.entergy-mississippi.com/userfiles/content/price/tariffs/eml_frp.pdf (last visited Apr. 15, 2023); *Martha Coakley et al. v. Bangor Hydro-Elec. Co. et al.*, 147 FERC ¶ 61,234 at P 147 (2014).

1 **F. Expected Earnings Approach**

2 **Q96. What other analysis do you conduct to estimate the ROE?**

3 A96. I also evaluate the ROE using the expected earnings method. Reference to rates of
4 return available from alternative investments of comparable risk can provide an
5 important benchmark in assessing the return necessary to assure confidence in the
6 financial integrity of a firm and its ability to attract capital. This expected earnings
7 approach is consistent with the economic underpinnings for a just and reasonable rate
8 of return established by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Bluefield* and *Hope*. Moreover, it
9 avoids the complexities and limitations of capital market methods and instead focuses
10 on the returns earned on book equity, which are readily available to investors.

11 **Q97. What economic premise underlies the expected earnings approach?**

12 A97. The simple, but powerful concept underlying the expected earnings approach is that
13 investors compare each investment alternative with the next best opportunity. If the
14 utility is unable to offer a return similar to that available from other opportunities of
15 comparable risk, investors will become unwilling to supply the capital on reasonable
16 terms. For existing investors, denying the utility an opportunity to earn what is available
17 from other similar risk alternatives prevents them from earning their opportunity cost of
18 capital. This outcome would violate the *Hope* and *Bluefield* standards and undermine
19 the utility's access to capital on reasonable terms.

20 **Q98. How is the expected earnings approach typically implemented?**

21 A98. The traditional comparable earnings test identifies a group of companies that are
22 believed to be comparable in risk to the utility. The actual earnings of those companies
23 on the book value of their investment are then compared to the allowed return of the
24 utility. While the traditional comparable earnings test is implemented using historical
25 data taken from the accounting records, it is also common to use projections of returns
26 on book investment, such as those published by recognized investment advisory
27 publications (*e.g.*, Value Line). Because these projected returns on book value equity

1 are analogous to the forward-looking allowed ROE on a utility’s rate base, this measure
2 of opportunity costs results in a direct, “apples to apples” comparison.

3 Moreover, regulators do not set the returns that investors earn in the capital
4 markets, which are a function of dividend payments and fluctuations in common stock
5 prices—both of which are outside their control. Regulators can only establish the
6 allowed ROE, which is applied to the book value of a utility’s investment in rate base,
7 as determined from its accounting records. This is analogous to the expected earnings
8 approach, which measures the return that investors expect the utility to earn on book
9 value. As a result, the expected earnings approach provides a meaningful guide to
10 ensure that the allowed ROE is similar to what other utilities of comparable risk will
11 earn on invested capital. This expected earnings test does not require theoretical models
12 to indirectly infer investors’ perceptions from stock prices or other market data. As long
13 as the proxy companies are similar in risk, their expected earned returns on invested
14 capital provide a direct benchmark for investors’ opportunity costs that is independent
15 of fluctuating stock prices, market-to-book ratios, debates over DCF growth rates, or
16 the limitations inherent in any theoretical model of investor behavior.

17 **Q99. What ROE is indicated for Kentucky Power based on the expected earnings**
18 **approach?**

19 A99. For the firms in the Utility Group, the year-end returns on common equity projected by
20 Value Line over its forecast horizon are shown on Exhibit AMM-10. As I explained
21 earlier in my discussion of the $br+sv$ growth rates used in applying the DCF model,
22 Value Line’s returns on common equity are calculated using year-end equity balances,
23 which understates the average return earned over the year.⁸⁹ Accordingly, these
24 year-end values were converted to average returns using the same adjustment factor

⁸⁹ For example, to compute the annual return on a passbook savings account with a beginning balance of \$1,000 and an ending balance of \$5,000, the interest income would be divided by the average balance of \$3,000. Using the \$5,000 balance at the end of the year would understate the actual return.

1 discussed earlier and developed on Exhibit AMM-6. As shown on Exhibit AMM-10,
2 Value Line's projections for the Utility Group suggest an average ROE of 11.2%.

3 **G. Flotation Costs**

4 **Q100. What other considerations are relevant in setting the return on equity for a**
5 **utility?**

6 A100. The common equity used to finance the investment in utility assets is provided from
7 either the sale of stock in the capital markets or from retained earnings not paid out as
8 dividends. When equity is raised through the sale of common stock, there are costs
9 associated with "floating" the new equity securities. These flotation costs include
10 services such as legal, accounting, and printing, as well as the fees and discounts paid
11 to compensate brokers for selling the stock to the public. Also, some argue that the
12 "market pressure" from the additional supply of common stock and other market factors
13 may further reduce the amount of funds a utility nets when it issues common equity.

14 **Q101. Is there an established mechanism for a utility to recognize equity issuance costs?**

15 A101. No. While debt flotation costs are recorded on the books of the utility, amortized over
16 the life of the issue, and thus increase the effective cost of debt capital, there is no similar
17 accounting treatment to ensure that equity flotation costs are recorded and ultimately
18 recognized. No rate of return is authorized on flotation costs necessarily incurred to
19 obtain a portion of the equity capital used to finance plant. In other words, equity
20 flotation costs are not included in a utility's rate base because neither that portion of the
21 gross proceeds from the sale of common stock used to pay flotation costs is available to
22 invest in plant and equipment, nor are flotation costs capitalized as an intangible asset.
23 Unless some provision is made to recognize these issuance costs, a utility's revenue
24 requirements will not fully reflect all of the costs incurred for the use of investors' funds.
25 Because there is no accounting convention to accumulate the flotation costs associated

1 with equity issues, they must be accounted for indirectly, with an upward adjustment to
2 the cost of equity being the most appropriate mechanism.

3 **Q102. Is there academic evidence that supports a flotation cost adjustment?**

4 A102. The financial literature and evidence in this case provides a sound theoretical and
5 practical basis to include consideration of flotation costs for Kentucky Power. An
6 adjustment for flotation costs associated with past sales of common stock is appropriate,
7 even when the utility is not contemplating any new sales of common stock. The need
8 for a flotation cost adjustment to compensate for past common stock offerings has been
9 recognized in the financial literature. In a *Public Utilities Fortnightly* article, for
10 example, Brigham, Aberwald, and Gapenski demonstrated that even if no further stock
11 issues are contemplated, a flotation cost adjustment in all future years is required to keep
12 shareholders whole, and that the flotation cost adjustment must consider total equity,
13 including retained earnings.⁹⁰ Similarly, *New Regulatory Finance* contains the
14 following discussion:

15 Another controversy is whether the flotation cost allowance should still
16 be applied when the utility is not contemplating an imminent common
17 stock issue. Some argue that flotation costs are real and should be
18 recognized in calculating the fair rate of return on equity, but only at the
19 time when the expenses are incurred. In other words, the flotation cost
20 allowance should not continue indefinitely, but should be made in the
21 year in which the sale of securities occurs, with no need for continuing
22 compensation in future years. This argument implies that the company
23 has already been compensated for these costs and/or the initial
24 contributed capital was obtained freely, devoid of any flotation costs,
25 which is an unlikely assumption, and certainly not applicable to most
26 utilities. ... The flotation cost adjustment cannot be strictly forward-
27 looking unless all past flotation costs associated with past issues have
28 been recovered.⁹¹

⁹⁰ E. F. Brigham, D. A. Aberwald, and L. C. Gapenski, *Common Equity Flotation Costs and Rate Making*, Pub. Util. Fortnightly (May 2, 1985).

⁹¹ Roger A. Morin, *New Regulatory Finance*, Pub. Utils. Reports (2006) at 335.

1 **Q103. Can you illustrate why investors will not have the opportunity to earn their**
 2 **required ROE unless a flotation cost adjustment is included?**

3 A103. Yes. Assume a utility sells \$10 worth of common stock at the beginning of year 1. If
 4 the utility incurs flotation costs of \$0.48 (5% of the net proceeds), then only \$9.52 is
 5 available to invest in rate base. Assume that common shareholders' required rate of
 6 return is 10.5%, the expected dividend in year 1 is \$0.50 (*i.e.*, a dividend yield of 5%),
 7 and that growth is expected to be 5.5% annually. As developed in Table 5 below, if the
 8 allowed rate of return on common equity is only equal to the utility's 10.5% "bare
 9 bones" cost of equity, common stockholders will not earn their required rate of return
 10 on their \$10 investment, since growth will only be 5.25%, instead of 5.5%:

11 **TABLE 5**
 12 **NO FLOTATION COST ADJUSTMENT**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>Retained Earnings</u>	<u>Total Equity</u>	<u>Market Price</u>	<u>M/B Ratio</u>	<u>Allowed ROE</u>	<u>EPS</u>	<u>DPS</u>	<u>Payout Ratio</u>
1	\$ 9.52	\$ -	\$ 9.52	\$10.00	1.050	10.50%	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.50	50.0%
2	\$ 9.52	\$ 0.50	\$ 10.02	\$10.52	1.050	10.50%	\$ 1.05	\$ 0.53	50.0%
3	\$ 9.52	\$ 0.53	\$ 10.55	\$11.08	1.050	10.50%	\$ 1.11	\$ 0.55	50.0%
Growth			5.25%	5.25%			5.25%	5.25%	

13 The reason that investors never really earn 10.5% on their investment in the above
 14 example is that the \$0.48 in flotation costs initially incurred to raise the common stock
 15 is not treated like debt issuance costs (*i.e.*, amortized into interest expense and therefore
 16 increasing the embedded cost of debt), nor is it included as an asset in rate base.

17 Including a flotation cost adjustment allows investors to be fully compensated
 18 for the impact of these costs. One commonly referenced method for calculating the
 19 flotation cost adjustment is to multiply the dividend yield by a flotation cost percentage.
 20 Thus, with a 5% dividend yield and a 5% flotation cost percentage, the flotation cost
 21 adjustment in the above example would be approximately 25 basis points. As shown in
 22 Table 6 below, by allowing a rate of return on common equity of 10.75% (a 10.5% cost

of equity plus a 25 basis point flotation cost adjustment), investors earn their 10.5% required rate of return, since actual growth is now equal to 5.5%:

**TABLE 6
INCLUDING FLOTATION COST ADJUSTMENT**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>Retained Earnings</u>	<u>Total Equity</u>	<u>Market Price</u>	<u>M/B Ratio</u>	<u>Allowed ROE</u>	<u>EPS</u>	<u>DPS</u>	<u>Payout Ratio</u>
1	\$ 9.52	\$ -	\$ 9.52	\$10.00	1.050	10.75%	\$ 1.02	\$ 0.50	48.9%
2	\$ 9.52	\$ 0.52	\$ 10.04	\$10.55	1.050	10.75%	\$ 1.08	\$ 0.53	48.9%
3	\$ 9.52	\$ 0.55	\$ 10.60	\$11.13	1.050	10.75%	\$ 1.14	\$ 0.56	48.9%
Growth			5.50%	5.50%			5.50%	5.50%	

The only way for investors to be fully compensated for issuance costs is to include an ongoing adjustment to account for past flotation costs when setting the return on common equity. This is the case regardless of whether the utility is expected to issue additional shares of common stock in the future.

Q104. Are equity flotation costs particularly relevant in this proceeding?

A104. Yes. In order to finance a substantial capital expenditures program and maintain the finances of its electric utility operating company subsidiaries, including Kentucky Power, AEP will continue to rely on additional sales of common stock to raise new capital. As Moody’s reported, “AEP plans to maintain the equity issuances of approximately \$600 million - \$700 million annually currently in its financing plan.”⁹² Meanwhile, Value Line projects that AEP will issue over 40 million new shares of common stock over its forecast horizon.⁹³

Q105. What is the magnitude of the adjustment to the “bare bones” cost of equity to account for issuance costs?

A105. The most common method used to account for flotation costs in regulatory proceedings is to apply an average flotation-cost percentage to a utility’s dividend yield. In Exhibit AMM-11, I present a survey of recent open-market common stock issues for each

⁹² Moody’s Investors Service, *American Electric Power Company, Inc., Termination of Kentucky operations sale has no immediate credit impact*, Issuer Comment (Apr. 18, 2023).

⁹³ The Value Line Investment Survey, *American Elec. Pwr.* (Mar. 10, 2023).

1 company in Value Line’s electric and gas utility industries. For all companies in the
2 electric and gas industries, flotation costs averaged 2.7%. This data includes AEP’s
3 2009 public offering where it incurred issuance costs equal to approximately 3.0% of
4 the gross proceeds. Applying the average 2.56% expense percentage for electric utilities
5 to the Utility Group dividend yield of 3.8% produces a flotation cost adjustment on the
6 order of 10 basis points.

7 **Q106. Have other regulators recognized flotation costs in evaluating a fair and**
8 **reasonable ROE?**

9 A106. Yes. For example, in Docket No. UE-991606 the Washington Utilities and
10 Transportation Commission concluded that a flotation cost adjustment of 25 basis points
11 should be included in the allowed return on equity.⁹⁴ In Case No. INT-G-16-02 the staff
12 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission noted that applying a flotation cost percentage
13 to the dividend yield “is referred to as the ‘conventional’ approach. Its use in regulatory
14 proceedings is widespread, and the formula is outlined in several corporate finance
15 textbooks.”⁹⁵

16 More recently, the Wyoming Office of Consumer Advocate, an independent
17 division of the Wyoming Public Service Commission, recommended a 10 basis point
18 flotation cost adjustment.⁹⁶ Similarly, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
19 has recognized the impact of issuance costs, concluding that, “recovery of reasonable
20 flotation costs is appropriate.”⁹⁷ Another example of a regulator that approves common
21 stock issuance costs is the Mississippi Public Service Commission, which routinely
22 includes a flotation cost adjustment in its Rate Stabilization Adjustment Rider

⁹⁴ Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Docket No. UE-991606, *et al. Third Supplemental Order* (September 2000) at 95.

⁹⁵ Idaho Public Utilities Commission, Case No. INT-G-16-02, *Direct Testimony of Mark Rogers* (Dec. 16, 2016) at 18.

⁹⁶ Wyoming Public Service Commission, Docket No. 30011-97-GR-17, *Pre-Filed Direct Testimony of Anthony J. Ornelas* (May 1, 2018) at 52-53.

⁹⁷ South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, *Northern States Power Co*, EL11-019, Final Decision and Order at P 22 (2012).

1 formula.⁹⁸ The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority of Connecticut⁹⁹ the Minnesota
2 Public Utilities Commission,¹⁰⁰ and the Virginia State Corporation Commission¹⁰¹ have
3 also recognized that flotation costs are a legitimate expense worthy of consideration in
4 setting a fair and reasonable ROE.

IV. NON-UTILITY BENCHMARK

5 **Q107. What is the purpose of this section of your testimony?**

6 A107. This section presents the results of my DCF analysis for a group of low-risk firms in the
7 competitive sector, which I refer to as the “Non-Utility Group.” This analysis is not
8 directly considered to arrive at my recommended ROE range of reasonableness;
9 however, it is my opinion that this is a relevant consideration in evaluating a fair ROE
10 for the Company.

11 **Q108. Do utilities have to compete with non-regulated firms for capital?**

12 A108. Yes. The cost of capital is an opportunity cost based on the returns that investors could
13 realize by putting their money in other alternatives. Clearly, the total capital invested in
14 utility stocks is only a small fraction of total common stock investment, and there is a
15 plethora of other alternatives available to investors. Utilities must compete for capital,
16 not just against firms in their own industry, but with other investment opportunities of
17 comparable risk. This understanding is consistent with modern portfolio theory, which
18 is built on the assumption that rational investors will hold a diverse portfolio of stocks
19 and not just companies in a single industry.

⁹⁸ See, e.g., Entergy Mississippi Formula Rate Plan FRP-7, https://www.entergy-mississippi.com/userfiles/content/price/tariffs/eml_frp.pdf (last visited Apr. 25, 2023).

⁹⁹ See, e.g., Public Utilities Regulatory Authority of Connecticut, Docket No. 14-05-06, Decision (Dec. 17, 2014) at 133-134.

¹⁰⁰ See, e.g., Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, Docket No. E001/GR-10-276, Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order at 9.

¹⁰¹ Virginia State Corporation Commission, Roanoke Gas Company, Case No. PUR-2018-00013, *Final Order*, (Jan. 24, 2020) at 6.

1 **Q109. Is it consistent with the *Bluefield* and *Hope* cases to consider investors' required**
2 **ROE for non-utility companies?**

3 A109. Yes. The cost of equity capital in the competitive sector of the economy forms the very
4 underpinning for utility ROEs because regulation purports to serve as a substitute for
5 the actions of competitive markets. The Supreme Court has recognized that it is the
6 degree of risk, not the nature of the business, which is relevant in evaluating an allowed
7 ROE for a utility. The *Bluefield* case refers to “business undertakings attended with
8 comparable risks and uncertainties.” It does not restrict consideration to other utilities.
9 Similarly, the *Hope* case states:

10 By that standard the return to the equity owner should be commensurate
11 with returns on investments in other enterprises having corresponding
12 risks.¹⁰²

13 As in the *Bluefield* decision, there is nothing to restrict “other enterprises” solely
14 to the utility industry.

15 **Q110. Does consideration of the results for the Non-Utility Group improve the**
16 **reliability of DCF results?**

17 A110. Yes. Growth estimates used in the DCF model depend on analysts' forecasts. It is
18 possible for utility growth rates to be distorted by short-term trends in the industry, or
19 by the industry falling into favor or disfavor by analysts. Such distortions could result
20 in biased DCF estimates for utilities. Because the Non-Utility Group includes low risk
21 companies from more than one industry, it helps to insulate against any possible
22 distortion that may be present in results for a particular sector.

23 **Q111. What criteria do you apply to develop the Non-Utility Group?**

24 A111. My comparable risk proxy group was composed of those United States companies
25 followed by Value Line that:

¹⁰² *Federal Power Comm'n v. Hope Natural Gas Co.*, 320 U.S. 391 (1944).

- 1) pay common dividends;
- 2) have a Safety Rank of “1”;
- 3) have a Financial Strength Rating of “A” or greater;
- 4) have a beta of 0.95 or less; and
- 5) have investment grade credit ratings from S&P and Moody’s.

Q112. How do you evaluate the risks of the Non-Utility Group relative to your proxy group of electric utilities?

A112. My evaluation of relative risk considers four published benchmarks that are widely relied on by investors—Value Line’s Safety Rank, Financial Strength Rating, and beta values, along with credit ratings from S&P and Moody’s. Value Line’s primary risk indicator is its Safety Rank, which ranges from “1” (Safest) to “5” (Riskiest). This overall risk measure is intended to capture the total risk of a stock, and incorporates elements of stock price stability and financial strength. The Financial Strength Rating is designed as a guide to overall financial strength and creditworthiness, with the key inputs including financial leverage, business volatility measures, and company size. Value Line’s Financial Strength Ratings range from “A++” (strongest) down to “C” (weakest) in nine steps. Value Line is one of the most widely available sources of investment advisory information and these objective, published indicators provide useful guidance regarding the risk perceptions of investors. As noted earlier, beta measures a utility’s stock price volatility relative to the market as a whole, and reflects the tendency of a stock’s price to follow changes in the market. A stock that tends to respond less to market movements has a beta less than 1.00, while stocks that tend to move more than the market have betas greater than 1.00. Beta is the only relevant measure of investment risk under modern capital market theory, and is widely cited in academics and in the investment industry as a guide to investors’ risk perceptions.

1 **Q113. How do the overall risks of your Non-Utility Group compare the proxy group of**
 2 **electric utilities?**

3 A113. Table 7 compares the Non-Utility Group to the Utility Group and Kentucky Power
 4 across the four key indices of investment risk discussed above.

5 **TABLE 7**
 6 **COMPARISON OF RISK INDICATORS**

	S&P	Moody's	Value Line		
			Rank	Safety Strength	Financial Beta
Non-Utility Group	A-	A2	1	A+	0.80
Utility Group	BBB+	Baa2	2	A	0.89
Kentucky Power	BBB	Baa3	1	A+	0.75

Note: Kentucky Power's Value Line ratings are for its parent company, AEP.

7 As shown above, the risk indicators for the Non-Utility Group suggest less risk than for
 8 the Utility Group and Kentucky Power.¹⁰³

9 The companies that make up the Non-Utility Group are representative of the
 10 pinnacle of corporate America. These firms, which include household names such as
 11 Coca-Cola, Johnson & Johnson, Procter & Gamble, and Walmart, have long corporate
 12 histories, well-established track records, and conservative risk profiles. Many of these
 13 companies pay dividends on a par with utilities, with the average dividend yield for the
 14 group at 2.3%.¹⁰⁴ Moreover, because of their significance and name recognition, these
 15 companies receive intense scrutiny by the investment community, which increases
 16 confidence that published growth estimates are representative of the consensus
 17 expectations reflected in common stock prices.

¹⁰³ As I discussed previously, AEP's Value Line Ratings are not specific to the Company. The S&P and Moody's ratings confirm that the Non-Utility Group is less risky than Kentucky Power.

¹⁰⁴ Exhibit AMM-12 at page 1.

1 **Q114. What are the results of your DCF analysis for the Non-Utility Group?**

2 A114. I apply the DCF model to the Non-Utility Group using the same analysts' EPS growth
3 projections described earlier for the Utility Group, with the results being presented on
4 page 3 of Exhibit AMM-12. As summarized in Table 8, below, after eliminating
5 illogical values, application of the constant growth DCF model results in the following
6 cost of equity estimates:

7 **TABLE 8**
8 **DCF RESULTS – NON-UTILITY GROUP**

<u>Growth Rate</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Midpoint</u>
Value Line	10.9%	11.9%
IBES	10.4%	10.7%
Zacks	10.9%	12.1%

9 As discussed earlier, reference to the Non-Utility Group is consistent with
10 established regulatory principles. Required returns for utilities should be in line with
11 those of non-utility firms of comparable risk operating under the constraints of free
12 competition. Because the actual cost of equity is unobservable, and DCF results
13 inherently incorporate a degree of error, cost of equity estimates for the Non-Utility
14 Group provide an important benchmark in evaluating a fair ROE for Kentucky Power.

15 **Q115. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

16 A115. Yes, it does.

VERIFICATION

The undersigned, Adrien M. McKenzie, being duly sworn, deposes and says he is the President of FINCAP, Incorporated, that he has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing testimony and the information contained therein is true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge, and belief after reasonable inquiry.



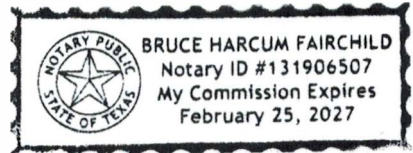
Adrien M. McKenzie

State of Texas)
)
County of Travis) Case No. 2023-00159

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said County and State, by Adrien M. McKenzie, on JUNE 25 2023.



Notary Public



My Commission Expires 2/25/2027

Notary ID Number 131906507

EXHIBIT AMM-1

QUALIFICATIONS OF ADRIEN M. MCKENZIE

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

A. My name is Adrien M. McKenzie. My business address is 3907 Red River Street, Austin, Texas 78751.

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR OCCUPATION.

A. I am a principal in FINCAP, Inc., a firm engaged primarily in financial, economic, and policy consulting in the field of public utility regulation.

Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE.

A. I received B.A. and M.B.A. degrees with a major in finance from The University of Texas at Austin and hold the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA[®]) designation. Since joining FINCAP in 1984, I have participated in consulting assignments involving a broad range of economic and financial issues, including cost of capital, cost of service, rate design, economic damages, and business valuation. I have extensive experience in economic and financial analysis for regulated industries, and in preparing and supporting expert witness testimony before courts, regulatory agencies, and legislative committees throughout the U.S. and Canada. I have personally sponsored direct and rebuttal testimony in over 180 proceedings filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") and regulatory agencies in Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wyoming. My testimony addressed the establishment of risk-comparable proxy groups, the application of alternative quantitative methods, and the consideration

of regulatory standards and policy objectives in establishing a fair rate of return on equity for regulated electric, gas, and water utility operations. In connection with these assignments, my responsibilities have included critically evaluating the positions of other parties and preparation of rebuttal testimony, representing clients in settlement negotiations and hearings, and assisting in the preparation of legal briefs.

FINCAP was formed in 1979 as an economic and financial consulting firm serving clients in both the regulated and competitive sectors. FINCAP conducts assignments ranging from broad qualitative analyses and policy consulting to technical analyses and research. The firm's experience is in the areas of public utilities, valuation of closely-held businesses, and economic evaluations (e.g., damage and cost/benefit analyses). Prior to joining FINCAP, I was employed by an oil and gas firm and was responsible for operations and accounting. I am a member of the CFA Institute. A resume containing the details of my qualifications and experience is attached below.

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Summary of Qualifications

Adrien McKenzie has an MBA in finance from the University of Texas at Austin and holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA®) designation. He has over 30 years of experience in economic and financial analysis for regulated industries, and in preparing and supporting expert witness testimony before courts, regulatory agencies, and legislative committees throughout the U.S. and Canada. Assignments have included a broad range of economic and financial issues, including cost of capital, cost of service, rate design, economic damages, and business valuation.

Employment

President
FINCAP, Inc.
(June 1984 to June 1987)
(April 1988 to present)

Economic consulting firm specializing in regulated industries and valuation of closely-held businesses. Assignments have involved electric, gas, telecommunication, and water/sewer utilities, with clients including utilities, consumer groups, municipalities, regulatory agencies, and cogenerators. Areas of participation have included rate of return, revenue requirements, rate design, tariff analysis, avoided cost, forecasting, and negotiations. Develop cost of capital analyses using alternative market models for electric, gas, and telephone utilities. Prepare pre-filed direct and rebuttal testimony, participate in settlement negotiations, respond to interrogatories, evaluate opposition testimony, and assist in the areas of cross-examination and the preparations of legal briefs. Other assignments have involved preparation of technical reports, valuations, estimation of damages, industry studies, and various economic analyses in support of litigation.

Manager,
McKenzie Energy Company
(Jan. 1981 to May. 1984)

Responsible for operations and accounting for firm engaged in the management of working interests in oil and gas properties.

Education

M.B.A., Finance,
University of Texas at Austin
(Sep. 1982 to May. 1984)

Program included coursework in corporate finance, accounting, financial modeling, and statistics. Received Dean's Award for Academic Excellence and Good Neighbor Scholarship.

Professional Report: *The Impact of Construction Expenditures on Investor-Owned Electric Utilities*

B.B.A., Finance,
University of Texas at Austin
(Jan. 1981 to May 1982)

Electives included capital market theory, portfolio management, and international economics and finance. Elected to Beta Gamma Sigma business honor society. Dean's List 1981-1982.

Simon Fraser University,
Vancouver, Canada and University
of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu,
Hawaii
(Jan. 1979 to Dec 1980)

Coursework in accounting, finance, economics, and liberal arts.

Professional Associations

Received Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA[®]) designation in 1990.

Member – CFA Institute.

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Presentations

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Cost of Capital Working Group eforum, Edison Electric Institute (April 24, 2012).

“Cost-of-Service Studies and Rate Design,” General Management of Electric Utilities (A Training Program for Electric Utility Managers from Developing Countries), Austin, Texas (October 1989 and November 1990 and 1991).

Representative Assignments

Mr. McKenzie has prepared and sponsored prefiled testimony submitted in over 150 regulatory proceedings. In addition to filings before regulatory agencies in Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wyoming, Mr. McKenzie has considerable expertise in preparing expert analyses and testimony before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) on the issue of rate of return on equity (“ROE”), and has broad experience in applying and evaluating the results of quantitative methods to estimate a fair ROE. Other representative assignments have included developing cost of service and cost allocation studies, the application of econometric models to analyze the impact of anti-competitive behavior and estimate lost profits; development of explanatory models for nuclear plant capital costs in connection with prudency reviews; and the analysis of avoided cost pricing for cogenerated power.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Method	Average		
DCF			
Value Line			9.2%
IBES			10.2%
Zacks			9.5%
Internal br + sv			9.2%
CAPM			11.1%
ECAPM			11.4%
Utility Risk Premium			10.6%
Expected Earnings			11.2%
ROE Recommendation			
<u>Cost of Equity</u>	10.0%	--	11.0%
<u>Flotation Cost Adjustment</u>			
Electric Group Dividend Yield			3.84%
Flotation Cost Expense Factor			<u>2.56%</u>
Flotation Cost Adjustment			0.10%
<u>Recommended ROE Range</u>			
Range	10.1%	--	11.1%
Midpoint			10.6%

REGULATORY MECHANISMS

UTILITY GROUP

Company	Type of Adjustment Clause (a)									(b) Future Test Year	(c) Formula Rates / MRP
	Fuel/PPA	Conserv. Program Expense	Decoupling		Trad. Generation	New Capital		Environ. Compliance	Trans. Costs		
			Full	Partial		Renewables/ Non-Trad.	Delivery Infra.				
1 Avista Corp.	✓	✓	✓	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	✓
2 Black Hills Corp.	✓	✓	--	✓	✓	✓	--	✓	✓	O	✓
3 CenterPoint Energy	✓	✓	--	✓	--	--	✓	✓	✓	--	✓
4 CMS Energy Corp.	✓	✓	--	--	--	✓	--	--	✓	C	--
5 Dominion Energy	✓	✓	--	--	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	--	✓
6 DTE Energy Co.	✓	✓	--	--	--	✓	--	--	✓	C	--
7 Duke Energy Corp.	✓	✓	--	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	C,O,P	✓
8 Edison International	✓	--	✓	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	✓
9 Emera Inc.	✓	✓	--	--	✓	✓	--	✓	--	C	✓
10 Entergy Corp.	✓	✓	--	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	O,P	✓
11 Exelon Corp.	D	✓	✓	✓	--	✓	✓	✓	✓	O,P	✓
12 Hawaiian Elec.	✓	✓	--	--	--	✓	--	--	--	C	✓
13 IDACORP, Inc.	✓	✓	✓	--	--	--	--	--	--	C,P	--
14 NorthWestern Corp.	✓	✓	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
15 Otter Tail Corp.	✓	✓	--	--	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	C,O	✓
16 Pub Sv Enterprise Grp.	D	✓	--	✓	--	--	✓	✓	--	P	--
17 Sempra Energy	✓	✓	✓	--	--	--	✓	--	✓	C	✓
18 Southern Company	✓	--	--	✓	✓	✓	--	✓	--	C,O	✓

Notes

D - Delivery-only utility.

C - Fully-forecasted test years commonly used in the state listed for this operating company.

O - Fully-forecasted test years occasionally used in the state listed for this operating company.

P - Partially-forecasted test years commonly or occasionally used in the state listed for this operating company.

Source: Exhibit AMM-3, pages 2-4, contain operating company data that are aggregated into the parent company data on this page.

ELECTRIC GROUP OPERATING COS.

Company	State	Type of Adjustment Clause (a)										(b)	(c)	
		Fuel/PPA	Conserv. Program Expense	Decoupling		New Capital			Trans. Costs	Future Test Year	Formula Rates / MRP			
				Full	Partial	Trad. Generation	Renewables/ Non-Trad.	Delivery Infra.				Environ. Compliance		
1 AVISTA CORP.														
Alaska Electric Light & Power Co.	AK	✓	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Avista Corp.	ID	✓	*	✓	✓	*	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	--
Avista Corp.	WA	✓	*	✓	✓	--	*	--	--	--	--	--	--	✓
2 BLACK HILLS CORP.														
Black Hills Colorado Electric Inc.	CO	✓		✓	--	--	✓	*	✓	--	--	✓	--	✓
Black Hills Power Inc.	SD	✓		--	--	--	--	--	--	✓	*	✓	*	--
Cheyenne Light Fuel & Power Co.	WY	✓		✓	--	✓	*	--	--	--	--	--	O	--
3 CENTERPOINT ENERGY														
Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Co.	IN	✓		✓	--	✓	*	--	--	✓	*	✓	*	✓
CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric LLC	TX	--	*	✓	--	--	--	--	--	✓	--	✓	--	✓
4 CMS ENERGY														
Consumers Energy Co.	MI	✓		✓	--	*	--	--	✓	--	--	✓	*	C
5 DOMINION ENERGY														
Virginia Electric & Power Co.	NC	✓		✓	*	--	--	*	✓	*	--	✓	--	--
Dominion Energy South Carolina	SC	✓		✓	--	--	✓	*	--	✓	--	✓	--	✓
Virginia Electric & Power Co.	VA	✓		✓	--	--	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	--	✓
6 DTE ENERGY CO.														
DTE Electric Co.	MI	✓		✓	--	*	--	--	✓	--	--	✓	*	C
7 DUKE ENERGY														
Duke Energy Florida LLC	FL	✓		✓	--	--	✓	*	✓	*	--	✓	--	C
Duke Energy Indiana LLC	IN	✓		✓	--	✓	*	--	✓	✓	*	✓	*	✓
Duke Energy Kentucky Inc.	KY	✓		✓	--	✓	*	--	--	✓	--	✓	--	O
Duke Energy Carolinas LLC	NC	✓		✓	*	--	--	*	✓	*	--	✓	--	--
Duke Energy Progress LLC	NC	✓		✓	*	--	--	*	✓	*	--	✓	--	--
Duke Energy Ohio Inc.	OH	D	*	✓	*	--	✓	*	--	✓	*	✓	--	P
Duke Energy Progress LLC	SC	✓		✓	--	--	--	*	--	✓	--	✓	--	✓
Duke Energy Carolinas LLC	SC	✓		✓	--	--	--	*	--	✓	--	✓	--	✓
8 EDISON INTERNATIONAL														
Southern California Edison Co.	CA	✓		--	✓	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C
9 EMERA INC.														
Tampa Electric Co.	FL	✓		✓	--	--	✓	*	✓	*	--	✓	--	C

ELECTRIC GROUP OPERATING COS.

Company	Type of Adjustment Clause (a)												(b)	(c)		
	State	Fuel/PPA	Conserv. Program Expense	Decoupling		Trad. Generation	New Capital		Environ. Compliance	Trans. Costs	Future Test Year	Formula Rates / MRP				
				Full	Partial		Renewables/ Non-Trad.	Delivery Infra.								
10 ENTERGY CORP.																
Entergy Arkansas LLC	AR	✓	✓	--	✓	*	✓	*	✓	*	✓	*	--	✓	P	✓
Entergy New Orleans LLC	LA	✓	✓	--	--	--	✓	--	✓	*	✓	*	✓	*	O	✓
Entergy Louisiana LLC	LA	✓	✓	*	--	✓	*	--	--	--	✓	--	--	✓	O	✓
Entergy Mississippi LLC	MS	✓	--	--	✓	*	--	--	--	--	✓	--	✓	O	✓	
Entergy Texas Inc.	TX	✓	*	✓	--	--	✓	*	--	✓	--	--	✓	--	✓	
11 EXELON CORP.																
Delmarva Power & Light Co.	DE	D	*	✓	--	--	--	--	✓	*	--	--	✓	P	--	
Potomac Electric Power Co.	DC	D	*	--	--	✓	*	--	✓	*	✓	*	--	--	P	--
Commonwealth Edison Co.	IL	D	*	✓	--	--	--	✓	✓	*	✓	*	✓	O	✓	
Baltimore Gas & Electric Co.	MD	D	*	✓	✓	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	--	
Delmarva Power & Light Co.	MD	D	*	✓	✓	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	--	
Potomac Electric Power Co.	MD	D	*	✓	✓	--	--	--	✓	*	--	--	--	P	--	
Atlantic City Electric Co.	NJ	D	*	✓	*	✓	*	--	✓	*	✓	*	--	P	--	
PECO Energy Co.	PA	D	*	✓	--	--	--	--	✓	*	--	--	✓	O	--	
12 HAWAIIAN ELEC.																
Hawaiian Electric Co.	HI	✓	✓	--	--	--	✓	*	--	--	--	--	--	C	✓	
Hawaii Electric Light Co.	HI	✓	✓	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	✓	
Maui Electric Co.	HI	✓	✓	--	--	--	✓	*	--	--	--	--	--	C	✓	
13 IDACORP, INC.																
Idaho Power Co.	ID	✓	*	✓	✓	*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	--	
Idaho Power Co.	OR	✓	✓	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	--	
14 NORTHWESTERN CORP.																
NorthWestern Corp.	MT	✓	*	✓	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
NorthWestern Corp.	SD	✓	✓	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
15 OTTER TAIL CORP.																
Otter Tail Power Co.	MN	✓	✓	--	--	--	✓	--	--	✓	✓	✓	✓	C	--	
Otter Tail Power Co.	ND	✓	--	--	--	✓	*	✓	*	✓	*	✓	*	O	✓	
Otter Tail Power Corp.	SD	✓	✓	--	--	✓	*	--	✓	✓	✓	✓	--	--	--	
16 PUB SV ENTERPRISE GRP																
Public Service Electric & Gas Co.	NJ	D	*	✓	*	--	✓	*	--	✓	*	✓	*	--	P	--
17 SEMBRA ENERGY																
San Diego Gas & Electric Co.	CA	✓	--	✓	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	✓	
Oncor Electric Delivery Co.	TX	D	*	✓	--	--	--	--	✓	--	--	✓	✓	--	✓	

ELECTRIC GROUP OPERATING COS.

Company	Type of Adjustment Clause (a)											(b)	(c)		
	State	Fuel/PPA	Conserv. Program Expense	Decoupling		Trad. Generation	New Capital		Environ. Compliance	Trans. Costs	Future Test Year	Formula Rates / MRP			
				Full	Partial		Renewables/ Non-Trad.	Delivery Infra.							
18 SOUTHERN CO.															
Alabama Power Co.	AL	✓	*	--	--	--	✓	*	✓	--	✓	*	--	C	✓
Georgia Power Co.	GA	✓		--	--	--	✓	*	--	--	✓	*	--	C	✓
Mississippi Power Co.	MS	✓		--	--	✓	*	--	--	--	✓	*	--	O	✓

(a) S&P Global Market Intelligence, *Adjustment clauses: A state by state overview*, Regulatory Focus Topical Special Report (Jul. 18, 2022).

(b) Edison Electric Institute, *Alternative Regulation for Emerging Utility Challenges: 2015 Update* (Nov. 11, 2015).

(c) Formula rates and Multiyear Rate plans approved in the state listed for this operating company. See, U.S. Department of Energy, *State Performance-Based Regulation Using Multiyear Rate Plans for U.S. Electric Utilities*, GRID Modernization Laboratory Consortium (Jul. 2017); The Brattle Group, *Exploring the Use of Alternative Regulatory Mechanisms to Establish New Base Rates*, Joint Utilities of Maryland

Notes

D - Delivery-only utility.

C - Fully-forecasted test years commonly used in the state listed for this operating company.

O - Fully-forecasted test years occasionally used in the state listed for this operating company.

P - Partially-forecasted test years commonly or occasionally used in the state listed for this operating company.

* For additional context around the specific recovery mechanisms available to the particular operating companies in each state, see the source document.

UTILITY GROUP

Company	At Year-end 2022 (a)			Value Line Projected (b)		
	Debt	Preferred	Common Equity	Debt	Preferred	Common Equity
1 Avista Corp.	49.6%	0.0%	50.4%	48.5%	0.0%	51.5%
2 Black Hills Corp.	57.2%	0.0%	42.8%	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%
3 CenterPoint Energy	61.9%	3.0%	35.1%	55.0%	2.5%	42.5%
4 CMS Energy Corp.	65.2%	1.0%	33.8%	61.5%	1.0%	37.5%
5 Dominion Energy	60.2%	2.5%	37.2%	57.0%	2.0%	41.0%
6 DTE Energy Co.	63.4%	0.0%	36.6%	61.0%	0.0%	39.0%
7 Duke Energy Corp.	57.9%	1.6%	40.5%	61.0%	1.5%	37.5%
8 Edison International	62.8%	4.2%	33.0%	60.5%	7.5%	32.0%
9 Emera Inc.	58.8%	5.1%	36.1%	57.0%	0.0%	43.0%
10 Entergy Corp.	66.1%	0.6%	33.3%	67.0%	0.0%	33.0%
11 Exelon Corp.	60.0%	0.0%	40.0%	64.5%	0.0%	35.5%
12 Hawaiian Elec.	57.9%	0.6%	41.4%	50.0%	0.5%	49.5%
13 IDACORP, Inc.	43.8%	0.0%	56.2%	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%
14 NorthWestern Corp.	48.3%	0.0%	51.7%	49.0%	0.0%	51.0%
15 Otter Tail Corp.	40.4%	0.0%	59.6%	42.5%	0.0%	57.5%
16 Pub Sv Enterprise Grp.	56.8%	0.0%	43.2%	54.5%	0.0%	45.5%
17 Sempra Energy	44.9%	1.6%	53.5%	46.0%	1.5%	52.5%
18 Southern Company	61.4%	0.0%	38.6%	63.0%	0.0%	37.0%
Minimum	40.4%	0.0%	33.0%	42.5%	0.0%	32.0%
Maximum	66.1%	5.1%	59.6%	67.0%	7.5%	57.5%
Average	56.5%	1.1%	42.4%	55.4%	0.9%	43.6%

(a) 2022 SEC Form 10-K reports.

(b) The Value Line Investment Survey (Jan. 20, Feb. 10 and Mar. 10, 2023).

UTILITY GROUP OPERATING COS.

	Operating Company	At Year-End 2022 (a)		
		Debt	Preferred	Common Equity
1	BLACK HILLS CORP.			
	Black Hills Power	49.9%	0.0%	50.1%
	Cheyenne Light Fuel & Power	57.2%	0.0%	42.8%
	Black Hills/Colorado Electric Utility Co	52.1%	0.0%	47.9%
2	CENTERPOINT ENERGY			
	Centerpoint Energy Houston Electric	56.0%	0.0%	44.0%
3	CMS ENERGY			
	Consumers Energy Co.	50.2%	0.2%	49.6%
4	DOMINION ENERGY			
	Virginia Electric & Power	48.4%	0.0%	51.6%
	Dominion Energy South Carolina	45.2%	0.0%	54.8%
5	DTE ENERGY CO.			
	DTE Electric Co.	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%
6	DUKE ENERGY			
	Duke Energy Carolinas	48.0%	0.0%	52.0%
	Duke Energy Florida	51.8%	0.0%	48.2%
	Duke Energy Indiana	47.8%	0.0%	52.2%
	Duke Energy Ohio	40.5%	0.0%	59.5%
	Duke Energy Progress	51.8%	0.0%	48.2%
	Duke Energy Kentucky	47.0%	0.0%	53.0%
7	EDISON INTERNATIONAL			
	Southern California Edison Co.	55.8%	4.1%	40.1%
8	EMERA INC.			
	Tampa Electric Co.	41.9%	0.0%	58.1%
9	ENTERGY CORP.			
	Entergy Arkansas Inc.	52.4%	0.0%	47.6%
	Entergy Louisiana LLC	53.0%	0.0%	47.0%
	Entergy Mississippi Inc.	53.3%	0.0%	46.7%
	Entergy New Orleans Inc.	52.4%	0.0%	47.6%
	Entergy Texas Inc.	51.9%	0.7%	47.4%
10	EVERGY, INC.			
	Evergy Metro	47.9%	0.0%	52.1%
	Evergy Kansas Central	46.6%	0.0%	53.4%
11	EXELON CORP.			
	Delmarva Power and Light	49.8%	0.0%	50.2%
	Baltimore Gas & Electric Co.	46.0%	0.0%	54.0%
	Commonwealth Edison Co.	44.5%	0.0%	55.5%
	PECO Energy Co.	46.3%	0.0%	53.7%
	Potomac Electric Power Co.	49.8%	0.0%	50.2%
	Atlantic City Electric Co.	50.1%	0.0%	49.9%

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Operating Company	At Year-End 2022 (a)		
	Debt	Preferred	Common Equity
12 HAWAIIAN ELEC. Hawaiian Electric Co.	41.5%	0.8%	57.7%
13 IDACORP Idaho Power Co.	45.5%	0.0%	54.5%
14 NORTHWESTERN CORP. NorthWestern Corporation	49.7%	0.0%	50.3%
15 OTTER TAIL CORP. Otter Tail Power Co.	45.1%	0.0%	54.9%
16 PUB SV ENTERPRISE GRP Pub Service Electric & Gas Co.	44.7%	0.0%	55.3%
17 SEMPRA ENERGY San Diego Gas & Electric	49.8%	0.0%	50.2%
Oncor Electric Delivery	43.3%	0.0%	56.7%
18 SOUTHERN CO. Alabama Power Co.	47.6%	0.0%	52.4%
Georgia Power Co.	44.2%	0.0%	55.8%
Mississippi Power Co.	44.4%	0.0%	55.6%
Minimum	40.5%	0.0%	40.1%
Maximum	57.2%	4.1%	59.5%
Average	48.5%	0.2%	51.3%

(a) 2022 SEC Form 10-K and FERC Form 1 reports.

DIVIDEND YIELD

		(a)	(b)	
	Company	Price	Dividends	Yield
1	Avista Corp.	\$ 41.11	\$ 1.84	4.5%
2	Black Hills Corp.	\$ 61.80	\$ 2.50	4.0%
3	CenterPoint Energy	\$ 28.46	\$ 0.76	2.7%
4	CMS Energy Corp.	\$ 60.10	\$ 1.95	3.2%
5	Dominion Energy	\$ 55.51	\$ 2.75	5.0%
6	DTE Energy Co.	\$ 108.71	\$ 3.81	3.5%
7	Duke Energy Corp.	\$ 95.49	\$ 4.02	4.2%
8	Edison International	\$ 67.47	\$ 2.95	4.4%
9	Emera Inc.	\$ 54.30	\$ 2.76	5.1%
10	Entergy Corp.	\$ 104.69	\$ 4.28	4.1%
11	Exelon Corp.	\$ 41.21	\$ 1.44	3.5%
12	Hawaiian Elec.	\$ 39.02	\$ 1.44	3.7%
13	IDACORP, Inc.	\$ 104.16	\$ 3.16	3.0%
14	NorthWestern Corp.	\$ 56.81	\$ 2.56	4.5%
15	Otter Tail Corp.	\$ 69.99	\$ 1.76	2.5%
16	Pub Sv Enterprise Grp.	\$ 59.49	\$ 2.28	3.8%
17	Sempra Energy	\$ 149.16	\$ 4.80	3.2%
18	Southern Company	\$ 65.96	\$ 2.72	4.1%
	Average			3.8%

(a) Average of closing prices for 30 trading days ended Mar. 29, 2023.

(b) The Value Line Investment Survey, Summary & Index (Mar. 31, 2023).

GROWTH RATES

Company	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
	Earnings Growth			br+sv
	V Line	IBES	Zacks	Growth
1 Avista Corp.	3.5%	5.2%	5.2%	4.3%
2 Black Hills Corp.	6.0%	5.4%	2.2%	6.2%
3 CenterPoint Energy	6.5%	-1.1%	7.0%	4.9%
4 CMS Energy Corp.	6.5%	8.0%	8.0%	6.5%
5 Dominion Energy	4.0%	6.1%	14.9%	5.9%
6 DTE Energy Co.	4.5%	7.4%	6.0%	6.2%
7 Duke Energy Corp.	5.0%	5.3%	5.4%	3.6%
8 Edison International	16.0%	7.0%	3.0%	6.7%
9 Emera Inc.	7.5%	4.3%	n/a	4.5%
10 Entergy Corp.	0.5%	6.6%	6.0%	3.2%
11 Exelon Corp.	n/a	6.3%	6.6%	4.5%
12 Hawaiian Elec.	4.5%	1.3%	3.1%	4.6%
13 IDACORP, Inc.	4.5%	3.0%	3.0%	3.6%
14 NorthWestern Corp.	3.5%	4.5%	1.7%	3.5%
15 Otter Tail Corp.	4.5%	9.0%	n/a	4.7%
16 Pub Sv Enterprise Grp.	4.5%	2.4%	4.3%	4.9%
17 Sempra Energy	7.0%	4.1%	5.4%	4.7%
18 Southern Company	6.5%	7.3%	4.0%	6.8%

(a) The Value Line Investment Survey (Jan. 20, Feb. 10 and Mar. 10, 2023).

(b) www.finance.yahoo.com (retrieved Mar. 30, 2023).

(c) www.zacks.com (retrieved Mar. 30, 2023).

(d) See Exhibit AMM-6.

COST OF EQUITY ESTIMATES

	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Company	V Line	IBES	Zacks	br+sv Growth
1 Avista Corp.	8.0%	9.7%	9.7%	8.8%
2 Black Hills Corp.	10.0%	9.4%	6.2%	10.2%
3 CenterPoint Energy	9.2%	1.6%	9.7%	7.6%
4 CMS Energy Corp.	9.7%	11.2%	11.3%	9.8%
5 Dominion Energy	9.0%	11.0%	19.8%	10.9%
6 DTE Energy Co.	8.0%	10.9%	9.5%	9.7%
7 Duke Energy Corp.	9.2%	9.5%	9.6%	7.8%
8 Edison International	20.4%	11.4%	7.3%	11.0%
9 Emera Inc.	12.6%	9.4%	n/a	9.6%
10 Entergy Corp.	4.6%	10.7%	10.1%	7.3%
11 Exelon Corp.	n/a	9.8%	10.1%	7.9%
12 Hawaiian Elec.	8.2%	5.0%	6.8%	8.3%
13 IDACORP, Inc.	7.5%	6.0%	6.0%	6.7%
14 NorthWestern Corp.	8.0%	9.0%	6.2%	8.1%
15 Otter Tail Corp.	7.0%	11.5%	n/a	7.2%
16 Pub Sv Enterprise Grp.	8.3%	6.2%	8.2%	8.7%
17 Sempra Energy	10.2%	7.4%	8.6%	7.9%
18 Southern Company	10.6%	11.4%	8.1%	10.9%
Average (b)	9.2%	10.2%	9.5%	9.2%

(a) Sum of dividend yield (Exhibit AMM-5, p. 1) and respective growth rate (Exhibit AMM-5, p. 2).

(b) Excludes highlighted values.

BR+SV GROWTH RATE

Exhibit AMM-6

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	(a)	(a)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)		(f)	(g)		
	2027			Adjustment			"sv" Factor					
<u>Company</u>	<u>EPS</u>	<u>DPS</u>	<u>BVPS</u>	<u>b</u>	<u>r</u>	<u>Factor</u>	<u>Adjusted r</u>	<u>br</u>	<u>s</u>	<u>v</u>	<u>sv</u>	<u>br + sv</u>
1 Avista Corp.	\$2.85	\$2.05	\$34.95	28.1%	8.2%	1.0305	8.4%	2.4%	0.0498	0.3922	1.95%	4.3%
2 Black Hills Corp.	\$5.25	\$2.95	\$50.75	43.8%	10.3%	1.0297	10.7%	4.7%	0.0340	0.4514	1.53%	6.2%
3 CenterPoint Energy	\$1.85	\$0.95	\$19.00	48.6%	9.7%	1.0187	9.9%	4.8%	0.0025	0.3667	0.09%	4.9%
4 CMS Energy Corp.	\$3.75	\$2.30	\$26.00	38.7%	14.4%	1.0105	14.6%	5.6%	0.0148	0.6000	0.89%	6.5%
5 Dominion Energy	\$5.10	\$3.30	\$43.40	35.3%	11.8%	1.0392	12.2%	4.3%	0.0305	0.5308	1.62%	5.9%
6 DTE Energy Co.	\$8.30	\$4.65	\$60.75	44.0%	13.7%	1.0192	13.9%	6.1%	0.0007	0.5881	0.04%	6.2%
7 Duke Energy Corp.	\$6.80	\$4.30	\$70.00	36.8%	9.7%	1.0133	9.8%	3.6%	0.0004	0.4043	0.02%	3.6%
8 Edison International	\$6.30	\$3.50	\$47.45	44.4%	13.3%	1.0337	13.7%	6.1%	0.0106	0.5255	0.55%	6.7%
9 Emera Inc.	\$4.70	\$3.06	\$45.35	34.9%	10.4%	1.0105	10.5%	3.7%	0.0185	0.4503	0.83%	4.5%
10 Entergy Corp.	\$6.50	\$5.00	\$73.00	23.1%	8.9%	1.0289	9.2%	2.1%	0.0277	0.3787	1.05%	3.2%
11 Exelon Corp.	\$3.00	\$1.80	\$28.75	40.0%	10.4%	0.9820	10.2%	4.1%	0.0078	0.4524	0.35%	4.5%
12 Hawaiian Elec.	\$2.60	\$1.60	\$25.50	38.5%	10.2%	1.0209	10.4%	4.0%	0.0124	0.4632	0.57%	4.6%
13 IDACORP, Inc.	\$6.10	\$4.00	\$67.30	34.4%	9.1%	1.0238	9.3%	3.2%	0.0101	0.4272	0.43%	3.6%
14 NorthWestern Corp.	\$4.00	\$2.68	\$50.00	33.0%	8.0%	1.0277	8.2%	2.7%	0.0361	0.2308	0.83%	3.5%
15 Otter Tail Corp.	\$3.65	\$2.20	\$34.25	39.7%	10.7%	1.0195	10.9%	4.3%	0.0079	0.4731	0.37%	4.7%
16 Pub Sv Enterprise Grp.	\$4.50	\$2.80	\$33.75	37.8%	13.3%	1.0151	13.5%	5.1%	(0.0037)	0.5645	-0.21%	4.9%
17 Sempra Energy	\$11.25	\$5.82	\$102.65	48.3%	11.0%	1.0224	11.2%	5.4%	(0.0145)	0.4736	-0.69%	4.7%
18 Southern Company	\$5.15	\$3.10	\$32.25	39.8%	16.0%	1.0216	16.3%	6.5%	0.0050	0.6206	0.31%	6.8%

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	(a)	(a)	(h)	(a)	(a)	(h)	(i)	(a)	(a)		(j)	(a)	(a)	(i)
	2022			2027			Chg	2027				Common Shares		
<u>Company</u>	<u>Eq Ratio</u>	<u>Tot Cap</u>	<u>Com Eq</u>	<u>Eq Ratio</u>	<u>Tot Cap</u>	<u>Com Eq</u>	<u>Equity</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>M/B</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>Growth</u>
1 Avista Corp.	52.5%	\$4,105	\$2,155	51.5%	\$5,675	\$2,923	6.3%	\$65.0	\$50.0	\$57.5	1.645	71.50	83.00	3.03%
2 Black Hills Corp.	40.3%	\$6,914	\$2,786	50.0%	\$7,500	\$3,750	6.1%	\$105.0	\$80.0	\$92.5	1.823	64.74	71.00	1.86%
3 CenterPoint Energy	39.0%	\$25,675	\$10,013	42.5%	\$28,400	\$12,070	3.8%	\$35.0	\$25.0	\$30.0	1.579	628.92	634.00	0.16%
4 CMS Energy Corp.	34.5%	\$20,350	\$7,021	37.5%	\$20,800	\$7,800	2.1%	\$75.0	\$55.0	\$65.0	2.500	291.30	300.00	0.59%
5 Dominion Energy	38.5%	\$66,344	\$25,542	41.0%	\$92,200	\$37,802	8.2%	\$105.0	\$80.0	\$92.5	2.131	810.40	870.00	1.43%
6 DTE Energy Co.	37.0%	\$28,000	\$10,360	39.0%	\$32,200	\$12,558	3.9%	\$170.0	\$125.0	\$147.5	2.428	205.69	206.00	0.03%
7 Duke Energy Corp.	43.1%	\$109,744	\$47,300	37.5%	\$144,100	\$54,038	2.7%	\$135.0	\$100.0	\$117.5	1.679	769.00	770.00	0.03%
8 Edison International	33.2%	\$41,959	\$13,930	32.0%	\$61,000	\$19,520	7.0%	\$120.0	\$80.0	\$100.0	2.107	380.38	390.00	0.50%
9 Emera Inc.	42.1%	\$27,171	\$11,427	43.0%	\$29,490	\$12,690	2.1%	\$95.0	\$70.0	\$82.5	1.819	266.00	279.80	1.02%
10 Entergy Corp.	35.2%	\$36,810	\$12,957	33.0%	\$52,410	\$17,295	5.9%	\$135.0	\$100.0	\$117.5	1.610	211.18	230.00	1.72%
11 Exelon Corp.	49.1%	\$70,107	\$34,423	35.5%	\$81,000	\$28,755	-3.5%	\$60.0	\$45.0	\$52.5	1.826	979.00	1000.00	0.43%
12 Hawaiian Elec.	52.8%	\$4,524	\$2,389	49.5%	\$5,950	\$2,945	4.3%	\$55.0	\$40.0	\$47.5	1.863	109.31	113.00	0.67%
13 IDACORP, Inc.	57.2%	\$4,669	\$2,671	50.0%	\$6,775	\$3,388	4.9%	\$130.0	\$105.0	\$117.5	1.746	50.52	52.00	0.58%
14 NorthWestern Corp.	47.8%	\$4,893	\$2,339	51.0%	\$6,050	\$3,086	5.7%	\$75.0	\$55.0	\$65.0	1.300	54.06	62.00	2.78%
15 Otter Tail Corp.	58.5%	\$2,041	\$1,194	57.5%	\$2,525	\$1,452	4.0%	\$75.0	\$55.0	\$65.0	1.898	41.63	42.50	0.41%
16 Pub Sv Enterprise Grp.	48.7%	\$29,657	\$14,443	45.5%	\$36,900	\$16,790	3.1%	\$85.0	\$70.0	\$77.5	2.296	504.00	500.00	-0.16%
17 Sempra Energy	53.3%	\$47,069	\$25,088	52.5%	\$59,800	\$31,395	4.6%	\$225.0	\$165.0	\$195.0	1.900	316.92	305.00	-0.76%
18 Southern Company	35.6%	\$78,285	\$27,869	37.0%	\$93,500	\$34,595	4.4%	\$100.0	\$70.0	\$85.0	2.636	1060.00	1070.00	0.19%

(a) The Value Line Investment Survey (Jan. 20, Feb. 10 and Mar. 10, 2023).

(b) "b" is the retention ratio, computed as (EPS-DPS)/EPS.

(c) "r" is the rate of return on book equity, computed as EPS/BVPS.

(d) Computed using the formula $2*(1+5\text{-Yr. Change in Equity})/(2+5\text{ Yr. Change in Equity})$.

(e) Product of average year-end "r" for 2027 and Adjustment Factor.

(f) Product of change in common shares outstanding and M/B Ratio.

(g) Computed as $1 - B/M$ Ratio.

(h) Product of total capital and equity ratio.

(i) Five-year rate of change.

(j) Average of High and Low expected market prices divided by 2027 BVPS.

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	Company	Market Return (R_m)					Beta	Unadjusted K_e	Market Cap	Size Adjustment	CAPM Result
		(a) Div Yield	(b) Proj. Growth	(c) Cost of Equity	(c) Risk-Free Rate	(d) Risk Premium					
1	Avista Corp.	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	0.90	10.8%	\$3,200	0.93%	11.8%
2	Black Hills Corp.	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	0.95	11.2%	\$4,600	0.58%	11.8%
3	CenterPoint Energy	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	1.10	12.4%	\$17,900	0.45%	12.8%
4	CMS Energy Corp.	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	0.80	10.0%	\$17,400	0.45%	10.5%
5	Dominion Energy	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	0.80	10.0%	\$52,200	-0.26%	9.8%
6	DTE Energy Co.	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	0.95	11.2%	\$22,900	0.45%	11.7%
7	Duke Energy Corp.	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	0.85	10.4%	\$78,300	-0.26%	10.2%
8	Edison International	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	0.95	11.2%	\$25,900	0.45%	11.7%
9	Emera Inc.	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	0.70	9.3%	\$14,300	0.45%	9.7%
10	Entergy Corp.	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	0.95	11.2%	\$23,000	0.45%	11.7%
11	Exelon Corp.	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	n/a	n/a	\$41,500	-0.26%	n/a
12	Hawaiian Elec.	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	0.85	10.4%	\$4,600	0.58%	11.0%
13	IDACORP, Inc.	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	0.80	10.0%	\$5,500	0.58%	10.6%
14	NorthWestern Corp.	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	0.90	10.8%	\$3,400	0.93%	11.8%
15	Otter Tail Corp.	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	0.90	10.8%	\$3,000	0.93%	11.8%
16	Pub Sv Enterprise Grp.	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	0.90	10.8%	\$30,500	0.45%	11.3%
17	Sempra Energy	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	0.95	11.2%	\$49,400	-0.26%	11.0%
18	Southern Company	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	0.90	10.8%	\$71,300	-0.26%	10.6%
Average (g)								10.8%			11.1%

(a) Weighted average for dividend-paying stocks in the S&P 500 based on data from www.valueline.com (retrieved Mar. 16, 2023)..

(b) Average of weighted average earnings growth rates from IBES, Value Line, and Zacks for dividend-paying stocks in the S&P 500 based on data from Refinitiv, as provided by fidelity.com (retrieved Mar. 16, 2023), www.valueline.com (retrieved Mar. 16, 2023), and www.zacks.com (retrieved Mar. 16, 2023). Eliminated growth rates that were greater than 20%, as well as all negative values.

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(d) The Value Line Investment Survey, Summary & Index (Mar. 31, 2023).

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Company	Market Return (R _m)			Risk-Free Rate	Risk Premium	Unadjusted RP		Beta Adjusted RP		Total RP	Unadjusted K _e	Market Cap	Size Adjustment	ECAPM Result	
	Div Yield	Proj. Growth	Cost of Equity			Weight	RP ¹	Beta	Weight						RP ²
1 Avista Corp.	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	25%	2.0%	0.90	75%	5.3%	7.2%	11.0%	\$3,200	0.93%	11.9%
2 Black Hills Corp.	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	25%	2.0%	0.95	75%	5.6%	7.5%	11.3%	\$4,600	0.58%	11.9%
3 CenterPoint Energy	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	25%	2.0%	1.10	75%	6.4%	8.4%	12.2%	\$17,900	0.45%	12.6%
4 CMS Energy Corp.	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	25%	2.0%	0.80	75%	4.7%	6.6%	10.4%	\$17,400	0.45%	10.9%
5 Dominion Energy	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	25%	2.0%	0.80	75%	4.7%	6.6%	10.4%	\$52,200	-0.26%	10.2%
6 DTE Energy Co.	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	25%	2.0%	0.95	75%	5.6%	7.5%	11.3%	\$22,900	0.45%	11.8%
7 Duke Energy Corp.	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	25%	2.0%	0.85	75%	5.0%	6.9%	10.7%	\$78,300	-0.26%	10.5%
8 Edison International	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	25%	2.0%	0.95	75%	5.6%	7.5%	11.3%	\$25,900	0.45%	11.8%
9 Emera Inc.	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	25%	2.0%	0.70	75%	4.1%	6.0%	9.8%	\$14,300	0.45%	10.3%
10 Entergy Corp.	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	25%	2.0%	0.95	75%	5.6%	7.5%	11.3%	\$23,000	0.45%	11.8%
11 Exelon Corp.	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	25%	2.0%	n/a	75%	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$41,500	-0.26%	n/a
12 Hawaiian Elec.	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	25%	2.0%	0.85	75%	5.0%	6.9%	10.7%	\$4,600	0.58%	11.3%
13 IDACORP, Inc.	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	25%	2.0%	0.80	75%	4.7%	6.6%	10.4%	\$5,500	0.58%	11.0%
14 NorthWestern Corp.	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	25%	2.0%	0.90	75%	5.3%	7.2%	11.0%	\$3,400	0.93%	11.9%
15 Otter Tail Corp.	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	25%	2.0%	0.90	75%	5.3%	7.2%	11.0%	\$3,000	0.93%	11.9%
16 Pub Sv Enterprise Grp.	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	25%	2.0%	0.90	75%	5.3%	7.2%	11.0%	\$30,500	0.45%	11.5%
17 Sempra Energy	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	25%	2.0%	0.95	75%	5.6%	7.5%	11.3%	\$49,400	-0.26%	11.0%
18 Southern Company	2.1%	9.5%	11.6%	3.8%	7.8%	25%	2.0%	0.90	75%	5.3%	7.2%	11.0%	\$71,300	-0.26%	10.8%
Average (h)												11.0%			11.4%

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- (d) Roger A. Morin, *New Regulatory Finance*, Pub. Util. Reports, Inc. (2006) at 190.
- (e) The Value Line Investment Survey, Summary & Index (Mar. 31, 2023).
- (f) The Value Line Investment Survey (Jan. 20, Feb. 10 and Mar. 10, 2023).
- (g) Kroll, 2023 Supplementary CRSP Decile Size Study Data Exhibits.
- (h) Excludes highlighted values.

COST OF EQUITY ESTIMATE**Current Equity Risk Premium**

(a) Avg. Yield over Study Period	7.83%
(b) Average Utility Bond Yield	<u>5.37%</u>
Change in Bond Yield	-2.46%
(c) Risk Premium/Interest Rate Relationship	<u>-0.4273</u>
Adjustment to Average Risk Premium	1.05%
(a) Average Risk Premium over Study Period	<u>3.89%</u>
Adjusted Risk Premium	4.94%

Implied Cost of Equity

(b) Baa Utility Bond Yield	5.63%
Adjusted Equity Risk Premium	<u>4.94%</u>
Risk Premium Cost of Equity	10.57%

- (a) Exhibit AMM-9, page 2.
(b) Average bond yield on all utility bonds and 'Baa' subset for six-months ending Apr. 2023 based on data from Moody's Investors Service at www.credittrends.com.
(c) Exhibit AMM-9, page 3.

RISK PREMIUM METHOD

AUTHORIZED RETURNS

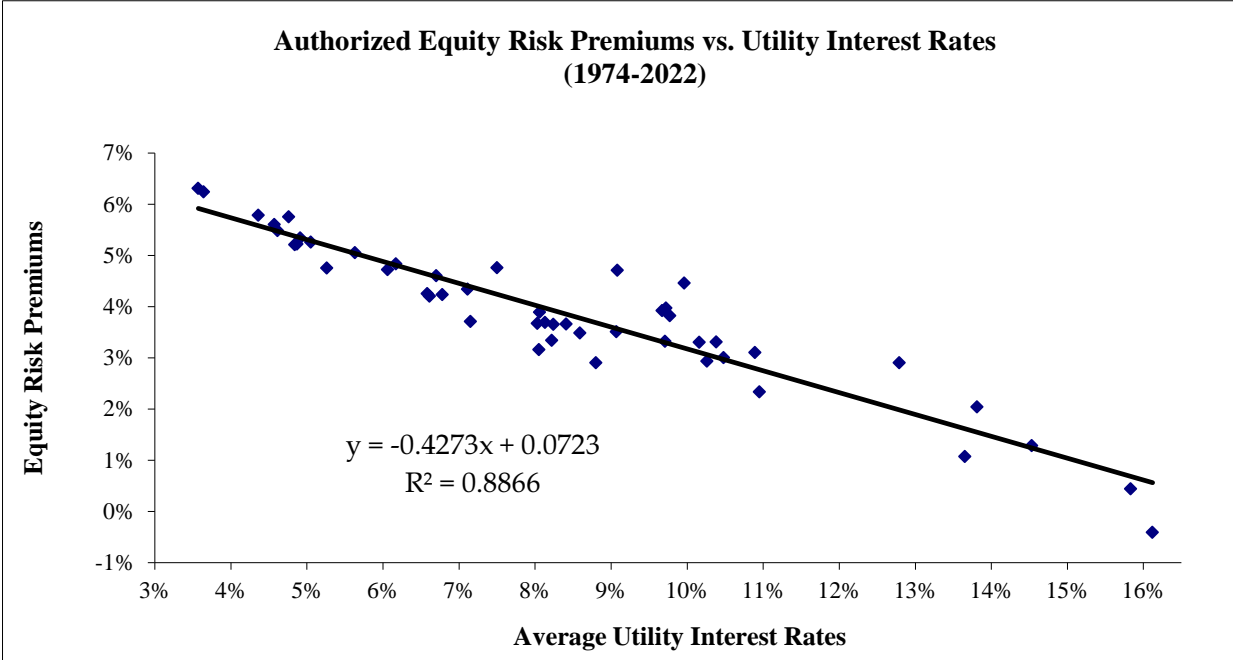
	(a)	(b)	
Year	Allowed ROE	Average Utility Bond Yield	Risk Premium
1974	13.10%	9.27%	3.83%
1975	13.20%	9.88%	3.32%
1976	13.10%	9.17%	3.93%
1977	13.30%	8.58%	4.72%
1978	13.20%	9.22%	3.98%
1979	13.50%	10.39%	3.11%
1980	14.23%	13.15%	1.08%
1981	15.22%	15.62%	-0.40%
1982	15.78%	15.33%	0.45%
1983	15.36%	13.31%	2.05%
1984	15.32%	14.03%	1.29%
1985	15.20%	12.29%	2.91%
1986	13.93%	9.46%	4.47%
1987	12.99%	9.98%	3.01%
1988	12.79%	10.45%	2.34%
1989	12.97%	9.66%	3.31%
1990	12.70%	9.76%	2.94%
1991	12.54%	9.21%	3.33%
1992	12.09%	8.57%	3.52%
1993	11.46%	7.56%	3.90%
1994	11.21%	8.30%	2.91%
1995	11.58%	7.91%	3.67%
1996	11.40%	7.74%	3.66%
1997	11.33%	7.63%	3.70%
1998	11.77%	7.00%	4.77%

	(a)	(b)	
Year	Allowed ROE	Average Utility Bond Yield	Risk Premium
1999	10.72%	7.55%	3.17%
2000	11.58%	8.09%	3.49%
2001	11.07%	7.72%	3.35%
2002	11.21%	7.53%	3.68%
2003	10.96%	6.61%	4.35%
2004	10.81%	6.20%	4.61%
2005	10.51%	5.67%	4.84%
2006	10.34%	6.08%	4.26%
2007	10.32%	6.11%	4.21%
2008	10.37%	6.65%	3.72%
2009	10.52%	6.28%	4.24%
2010	10.29%	5.56%	4.73%
2011	10.19%	5.13%	5.06%
2012	10.02%	4.26%	5.76%
2013	9.82%	4.55%	5.27%
2014	9.76%	4.41%	5.35%
2015	9.60%	4.37%	5.23%
2016	9.60%	4.11%	5.49%
2017	9.68%	4.07%	5.61%
2018	9.56%	4.34%	5.22%
2019	9.65%	3.86%	5.79%
2020	9.39%	3.07%	6.32%
2021	9.39%	3.14%	6.25%
2022	<u>9.52%</u>	<u>4.76%</u>	<u>4.76%</u>
Average	11.72%	7.83%	3.89%

(a) S&P Global Market Intelligence, *Major Rate Case Decisions*, RRA Regulatory Focus; *UtilityScope Regulatory Service*, Argus. Data for "general" rate cases (excluding limited-issue rider cases) beginning in 2006 (the first year such data presented by RRA).

(b) Moody's Investors Service.

REGRESSION RESULTS



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	(a)	(b)	(c)
Company	Expected Return on Common Equity	Adjustment Factor	Adjusted Return on Common Equity
1 Avista Corp.	8.0%	1.0305	8.2%
2 Black Hills Corp.	9.5%	1.0297	9.8%
3 CenterPoint Energy	10.0%	1.0187	10.2%
4 CMS Energy Corp.	14.0%	1.0105	14.1%
5 Dominion Energy	12.0%	1.0392	12.5%
6 DTE Energy Co.	12.5%	1.0192	12.7%
7 Duke Energy Corp.	9.0%	1.0133	9.1%
8 Edison International	13.0%	1.0337	13.4%
9 Emera Inc.	10.5%	1.0105	10.6%
10 Entergy Corp.	9.0%	1.0289	9.3%
11 Exelon Corp.	10.0%	0.9820	9.8%
12 Hawaiian Elec.	12.5%	1.0209	12.8%
13 IDACORP, Inc.	9.5%	1.0238	9.7%
14 NorthWestern Corp.	8.0%	1.0277	8.2%
15 Otter Tail Corp.	11.5%	1.0195	11.7%
16 Pub Sv Enterprise Grp.	13.5%	1.0151	13.7%
17 Sempra Energy	11.0%	1.0224	11.2%
18 Southern Company	14.5%	1.0216	14.8%
Average (d)	11.0%		11.2%

(a) The Value Line Investment Survey (Jan. 20, Feb. 10 and Mar. 10, 2023).

(b) Adjustment to convert year-end return to an average rate of return from Exhibit AMM-6.

(c) (a) x (b).

(d) Excludes highlighted values.

ELECTRIC & GAS UTILITIES

No.	Company	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
		Date	Shares Issued	Offering Price	Underwriting Discount (per share)	Underwriting Discount	Offering Expense	Total Flotation Costs	Gross Proceeds Before Flot. Costs	Flotation Cost (%)
1	ALLETE	4/1/2022	3,200,000	\$63.00	\$2.20500	\$7,056,000	\$700,000	\$7,756,000	\$201,600,000	3.847%
2	Alliant Energy	11/14/2019	3,717,502	\$52.63	\$0.39500	\$1,468,413	\$500,000	\$1,968,413	\$195,652,130	1.006%
3	Ameren Corp.	8/5/2019	7,549,205	\$74.30	\$0.12000	\$905,905	\$750,000	\$1,655,905	\$560,905,932	0.295%
4	American Elec Pwr	4/2/2009	69,000,000	\$24.50	\$0.73500	\$50,715,000	\$400,000	\$51,115,000	\$1,690,500,000	3.024%
5	Avangrid, Inc.					N/A				
6	Avista Corp.	12/13/2006	3,162,500	\$25.05	\$0.48000	\$1,518,000	\$300,000	\$1,818,000	\$79,220,625	2.295%
7	Black Hills Corp.	2/25/2020	1,222,942	\$81.77	\$0.73590	\$899,963	\$230,000	\$1,129,963	\$99,999,967	1.130%
8	CenterPoint Energy	9/27/2018	60,550,459	\$27.25	\$0.75000	\$45,412,844	\$1,000,000	\$46,412,844	\$1,650,000,008	2.813%
9	CMS Energy Corp.	3/31/2005	23,000,000	\$12.25	\$0.42880	\$9,862,400	\$325,000	\$10,187,400	\$281,750,000	3.616%
10	Consolidated Edison (a)	6/17/2021	10,100,000	\$76.92	\$0.83000	\$8,383,000	\$450,000	\$8,833,000	\$776,892,000	1.137%
11	Dominion Energy (a)	3/29/2018	20,000,000	\$67.33	\$1.89420	\$37,884,000	\$450,000	\$38,334,000	\$1,346,516,000	2.847%
12	DTE Energy Co.	10/29/2019	2,400,000	\$126.00	\$3.15000	\$7,560,000	\$300,000	\$7,860,000	\$302,400,000	2.599%
13	Duke Energy Corp. (a)	11/18/2019	25,000,000	\$85.99	\$2.66000	\$66,500,000	\$592,000	\$67,092,000	\$2,149,750,000	3.121%
14	Edison International	5/13/2020	14,181,882	\$56.41	\$0.98718	\$14,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$799,999,964	1.875%
15	Entergy Corp.	6/8/2018	13,289,037	\$75.25	\$0.80000	\$10,631,230	\$650,000	\$11,281,230	\$1,000,000,034	1.128%
16	Eergy Inc.					N/A				
17	Eversource Energy	6/12/2020	6,000,000	\$84.91	\$1.35000	\$8,100,000	\$600,000	\$8,700,000	\$509,460,000	1.708%
18	Exelon Corp. (a)	8/8/2022	11,300,000	\$43.32	\$0.99000	\$11,187,000	\$900,000	\$12,087,000	\$489,516,000	2.469%
19	FirstEnergy Corp.	9/15/2003	32,200,000	\$30.00	\$0.97500	\$31,395,000	\$423,000	\$31,818,000	\$966,000,000	3.294%
20	Hawaiian Elec.	3/20/2013	7,000,000	\$26.75	\$1.00312	\$7,021,840	\$450,000	\$7,471,840	\$187,250,000	3.990%
21	IDACORP, Inc.	12/10/2004	4,025,000	\$30.00	\$1.20000	\$4,830,000	\$300,000	\$5,130,000	\$120,750,000	4.248%
22	NextEra Energy, Inc. (a)	11/3/2016	13,800,000	\$124.00	\$1.89000	\$26,082,000	\$750,000	\$26,832,000	\$1,711,200,000	1.568%
23	NorthWestern Corp.	11/18/2021	6,074,767	\$53.50	\$1.60500	\$9,750,001	\$900,000	\$10,650,001	\$325,000,035	3.277%
24	OGE Energy Corp.	8/22/2003	5,324,074	\$21.60	\$0.79000	\$4,206,018	\$325,000	\$4,531,018	\$114,999,998	3.940%
25	Otter Tail Corp.					N/A				
26	Pinnacle West Capital	4/9/2010	6,900,000	\$38.00	\$1.33000	\$9,177,000	\$190,000	\$9,367,000	\$262,200,000	3.572%
27	PNM Resources	1/7/2020	5,375,000	\$47.21	\$1.99000	\$10,696,250	\$750,000	\$11,446,250	\$253,753,750	4.511%
28	Portland General Elec.	10/27/2022	10,100,000	\$43.00	\$1.23625	\$12,486,125	\$515,000	\$13,001,125	\$434,300,000	2.994%
29	PPL Corp.	5/10/2018	55,000,000	\$27.00	\$0.29430	\$16,186,500	\$1,000,000	\$17,186,500	\$1,485,000,000	1.157%
30	Pub Sv Enterprise Grp.	10/2/2003	9,487,500	\$41.75	\$1.25250	\$11,883,094	\$350,000	\$12,233,094	\$396,103,125	3.088%
31	Sempra Energy	1/5/2018	26,869,158	\$107.00	\$1.92600	\$51,749,998	\$1,500,000	\$53,249,998	\$2,874,999,906	1.852%
32	Southern Company (a)	8/18/2016	32,500,000	\$49.30	\$1.66000	\$53,950,000	\$557,000	\$54,507,000	\$1,602,250,000	3.402%
33	WEC Energy Group					N/A				
34	Xcel Energy Inc. (a)	10/30/2019	10,300,000	\$62.69	\$0.63000	\$6,489,000	\$650,000	\$7,139,000	\$645,707,000	1.106%
	Average									2.564%
1	Atmos Energy Corp.	11/30/2018	7,008,087	\$92.75	\$0.97690	\$6,846,200	\$1,000,000	\$7,846,200	\$650,000,069	1.207%
2	Chesapeake Utilities	9/23/2016	960,488	\$62.26	\$2.33000	\$2,237,937	\$162,046	\$2,399,983	\$59,799,983	4.013%
3	New Jersey Resources	12/4/2019	5,700,000	\$41.25	\$1.23750	\$7,053,750	\$500,000	\$7,553,750	\$235,125,000	3.213%
4	NiSource Inc.	5/3/2017	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$10,000,000	\$57,950	\$10,057,950	\$500,000,000	2.012%
5	Northwest Nat. Holding Co.	3/30/2022	2,500,000	\$50.00	\$1.62500	\$4,062,500	\$450,000	\$4,512,500	\$125,000,000	3.610%
6	ONE Gas, Inc.					N/A				
7	Southwest Gas	3/9/2023	3,576,180	\$60.12	\$2.02910	\$7,256,427	\$538,000	\$7,794,427	\$214,999,942	3.625%
8	Spire Inc.	5/9/2018	2,000,000	\$63.05	\$2.10938	\$4,218,760	\$325,000	\$4,543,760	\$126,100,000	3.603%
	Average									3.040%
	Average - Electric & Gas									2.654%

SEC Form 424B for each company (through April 10, 2023).

Column (2) * Column (4)

SEC Form 424B for each company (through April 10, 2023).

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Underwriting discount computed as the difference between the current market price and the price offered to the issuing company by the underwriters.

DIVIDEND YIELD

			(a)	(b)	
	Company	Industry Group	Price	Dividends	Yield
1	3M Company	Diversified Co.	\$106.36	\$ 6.00	5.6%
2	Abbott Labs.	Med Supp Non-Invasive	\$100.29	\$ 2.04	2.0%
3	Air Products & Chem.	Chemical (Diversified)	\$281.14	\$ 7.00	2.5%
4	Allstate Corp.	Insurance (Prop/Cas.)	\$120.44	\$ 3.56	3.0%
5	Amdocs Ltd.	IT Services	\$92.79	\$ 1.74	1.9%
6	Amgen	Biotechnology	\$234.21	\$ 8.52	3.6%
7	Archer Daniels Midl'd	Food Processing	\$79.03	\$ 1.80	2.3%
8	Becton, Dickinson	Med Supp Invasive	\$237.50	\$ 3.68	1.5%
9	Bristol-Myers Squibb	Drug	\$68.51	\$ 2.31	3.4%
10	Brown & Brown	Financial Svcs. (Div.)	\$55.82	\$ 0.46	0.8%
11	Brown-Forman 'B'	Beverage	\$63.90	\$ 0.82	1.3%
12	Church & Dwight	Household Products	\$84.48	\$ 1.09	1.3%
13	Cisco Systems	Telecom. Equipment	\$49.51	\$ 1.56	3.2%
14	Coca-Cola	Beverage	\$60.07	\$ 1.84	3.1%
15	Colgate-Palmolive	Household Products	\$72.99	\$ 1.92	2.6%
16	Comcast Corp.	Cable TV	\$36.81	\$ 1.16	3.2%
17	Costco Wholesale	Retail Store	\$488.50	\$ 3.75	0.8%
18	Danaher Corp.	Diversified Co.	\$247.94	\$ 1.08	0.4%
19	Gen'l Mills	Food Processing	\$80.16	\$ 2.17	2.7%
20	Gilead Sciences	Drug	\$80.65	\$ 3.00	3.7%
21	Hershey Co.	Food Processing	\$241.73	\$ 4.27	1.8%
22	Home Depot	Retail Building Supply	\$292.87	\$ 8.36	2.9%
23	Hormel Foods	Food Processing	\$41.24	\$ 1.10	2.7%
24	Intercontinental Exch.	Brokers & Exchanges	\$100.99	\$ 1.68	1.7%
25	Johnson & Johnson	Med Supp Non-Invasive	\$154.32	\$ 4.52	2.9%
26	Kimberly-Clark	Household Products	\$126.71	\$ 4.72	3.7%
27	Lilly (Eli)	Drug	\$325.23	\$ 4.52	1.4%
28	Lockheed Martin	Aerospace/Defense	\$475.63	\$ 12.20	2.6%
29	Marsh & McLennan	Financial Svcs. (Div.)	\$161.25	\$ 2.48	1.5%
30	McCormick & Co.	Food Processing	\$73.91	\$ 1.56	2.1%
31	McDonald's Corp.	Restaurant	\$267.83	\$ 6.20	2.3%
32	McKesson Corp.	Med Supp Non-Invasive	\$348.20	\$ 2.28	0.7%
33	Merck & Co.	Drug	\$107.28	\$ 2.92	2.7%
34	Microsoft Corp.	Computer Software	\$262.00	\$ 2.73	1.0%
35	Mondelez Int'l	Food Processing	\$66.46	\$ 1.54	2.3%
36	NewMarket Corp.	Chemical (Specialty)	\$347.55	\$ 8.40	2.4%
37	Northrop Grumman	Aerospace/Defense	\$461.03	\$ 6.92	1.5%
38	Oracle Corp.	Computer Software	\$87.33	\$ 1.60	1.8%
39	PepsiCo, Inc.	Beverage	\$175.49	\$ 4.60	2.6%
40	Pfizer, Inc.	Drug	\$40.85	\$ 1.64	4.0%
41	Procter & Gamble	Household Products	\$140.96	\$ 3.65	2.6%
42	Progressive Corp.	Insurance (Prop/Cas.)	\$141.53	\$ 0.40	0.3%
43	Republic Services	Environmental	\$129.80	\$ 1.98	1.5%
44	Sherwin-Williams	Retail Building Supply	\$219.55	\$ 2.42	1.1%
45	Smucker (J.M.)	Food Processing	\$150.87	\$ 4.14	2.7%
46	Texas Instruments	Semiconductor	\$174.94	\$ 4.96	2.8%
47	Thermo Fisher Sci.	Precision Instrument	\$551.89	\$ 1.40	0.3%
48	Travelers Cos.	Insurance (Prop/Cas.)	\$176.47	\$ 3.72	2.1%
49	Verizon Communic.	Telecom. Services	\$38.05	\$ 2.64	6.9%
50	Walmart Inc.	Retail Store	\$141.28	\$ 2.32	1.6%
51	Waste Management	Environmental	\$152.25	\$ 2.80	1.8%
	Average				2.3%

(a) Average of closing prices for 30 trading days ended Mar. 29, 2023.

(b) The Value Line Investment Survey, *Summary & Index* (Mar. 31, 2023).

GROWTH RATES

Company	(a)	(b)	(c)
	V Line	IBES	Zacks
1 3M Company	7.50%	0.09%	9.50%
2 Abbott Labs.	6.50%	8.30%	5.09%
3 Air Products & Chem.	11.50%	8.79%	11.68%
4 Allstate Corp.	3.50%	-2.19%	7.00%
5 Amdocs Ltd.	7.50%	11.07%	11.00%
6 Amgen	4.50%	4.12%	7.00%
7 Archer Daniels Midl'd	13.00%	-2.80%	6.39%
8 Becton, Dickinson	5.00%	6.30%	7.77%
9 Bristol-Myers Squibb	n/a	4.06%	5.70%
10 Brown & Brown	8.00%	13.22%	n/a
11 Brown-Forman 'B'	14.50%	8.85%	n/a
12 Church & Dwight	6.00%	7.81%	7.64%
13 Cisco Systems	8.50%	7.32%	6.50%
14 Coca-Cola	8.00%	6.06%	6.66%
15 Colgate-Palmolive	6.00%	6.02%	6.21%
16 Comcast Corp.	8.50%	6.40%	12.64%
17 Costco Wholesale	10.50%	9.90%	9.24%
18 Danaher Corp.	16.00%	3.31%	12.00%
19 Gen'l Mills	4.50%	7.04%	7.50%
20 Gilead Sciences	12.00%	2.52%	12.26%
21 Hershey Co.	9.00%	9.64%	7.67%
22 Home Depot	9.00%	2.22%	11.22%
23 Hormel Foods	7.50%	3.30%	5.83%
24 Intercontinental Exch.	7.00%	5.86%	5.40%
25 Johnson & Johnson	8.00%	3.94%	5.53%
26 Kimberly-Clark	7.00%	9.61%	9.86%
27 Lilly (Eli)	11.50%	22.87%	20.62%
28 Lockheed Martin	7.00%	9.55%	6.86%
29 Marsh & McLennan	10.50%	9.08%	8.46%
30 McCormick & Co.	4.50%	3.51%	6.92%
31 McDonald's Corp.	9.00%	7.75%	8.07%
32 McKesson Corp.	10.00%	11.87%	10.36%
33 Merck & Co.	8.50%	10.47%	8.01%
34 Microsoft Corp.	15.00%	11.90%	11.66%
35 Mondelez Int'l	7.50%	6.45%	7.14%
36 NewMarket Corp.	1.00%	7.70%	n/a
37 Northrop Grumman	9.50%	3.00%	3.45%
38 Oracle Corp.	10.00%	9.06%	8.00%
39 PepsiCo, Inc.	6.50%	7.55%	7.63%
40 Pfizer, Inc.	2.00%	-8.00%	9.00%
41 Procter & Gamble	5.50%	5.07%	6.14%
42 Progressive Corp.	6.50%	28.64%	23.89%
43 Republic Services	12.50%	8.97%	9.11%
44 Sherwin-Williams	7.00%	9.07%	10.30%
45 Smucker (J.M.)	4.00%	3.79%	4.00%
46 Texas Instruments	4.50%	10.00%	9.33%
47 Thermo Fisher Sci.	11.00%	7.77%	12.50%
48 Travelers Cos.	7.50%	8.83%	10.71%
49 Verizon Communic.	2.50%	0.13%	4.15%
50 Walmart Inc.	7.50%	5.09%	5.50%
51 Waste Management	6.50%	8.75%	10.88%

(a) The Value Line Investment Survey (various editions as of Mar. 31, 2023).

(b) www.finance.yahoo.com (retrieved Mar. 30, 2023).

(c) www.zacks.com (retrieved Mar. 30, 2023).

DCF COST OF EQUITY ESTIMATES

	(a)	(b)	(c)
Company	V Line	IBES	Zacks
1 3M Company	13.1%	5.7%	15.1%
2 Abbott Labs.	8.5%	10.3%	7.1%
3 Air Products & Chem.	14.0%	11.3%	14.2%
4 Allstate Corp.	6.5%	0.8%	10.0%
5 Amdocs Ltd.	9.4%	12.9%	12.9%
6 Amgen	8.1%	7.8%	10.6%
7 Archer Daniels Midl'd	15.3%	-0.5%	8.7%
8 Becton, Dickinson	6.5%	7.8%	9.3%
9 Bristol-Myers Squibb	n/a	7.4%	9.1%
10 Brown & Brown	8.8%	14.0%	n/a
11 Brown-Forman 'B'	15.8%	10.1%	n/a
12 Church & Dwight	7.3%	9.1%	8.9%
13 Cisco Systems	11.7%	10.5%	9.7%
14 Coca-Cola	11.1%	9.1%	9.7%
15 Colgate-Palmolive	8.6%	8.7%	8.8%
16 Comcast Corp.	11.7%	9.6%	15.8%
17 Costco Wholesale	11.3%	10.7%	10.0%
18 Danaher Corp.	16.4%	3.7%	12.4%
19 Gen'l Mills	7.2%	9.7%	10.2%
20 Gilead Sciences	15.7%	6.2%	16.0%
21 Hershey Co.	10.8%	11.4%	9.4%
22 Home Depot	11.9%	5.1%	14.1%
23 Hormel Foods	10.2%	6.0%	8.5%
24 Intercontinental Exch.	8.7%	7.5%	7.1%
25 Johnson & Johnson	10.9%	6.9%	8.5%
26 Kimberly-Clark	10.7%	13.3%	13.6%
27 Lilly (Eli)	12.9%	24.3%	22.0%
28 Lockheed Martin	9.6%	12.1%	9.4%
29 Marsh & McLennan	12.0%	10.6%	10.0%
30 McCormick & Co.	6.6%	5.6%	9.0%
31 McDonald's Corp.	11.3%	10.1%	10.4%
32 McKesson Corp.	10.7%	12.5%	11.0%
33 Merck & Co.	11.2%	13.2%	10.7%
34 Microsoft Corp.	16.0%	12.9%	12.7%
35 Mondelez Int'l	9.8%	8.8%	9.5%
36 NewMarket Corp.	3.4%	10.1%	n/a
37 Northrop Grumman	11.0%	4.5%	5.0%
38 Oracle Corp.	11.8%	10.9%	9.8%
39 PepsiCo, Inc.	9.1%	10.2%	10.3%
40 Pfizer, Inc.	6.0%	-4.0%	13.0%
41 Procter & Gamble	8.1%	7.7%	8.7%
42 Progressive Corp.	6.8%	28.9%	24.2%
43 Republic Services	14.0%	10.5%	10.6%
44 Sherwin-Williams	8.1%	10.2%	11.4%
45 Smucker (J.M.)	6.7%	6.5%	6.7%
46 Texas Instruments	7.3%	12.8%	12.2%
47 Thermo Fisher Sci.	11.3%	8.0%	12.8%
48 Travelers Cos.	9.6%	10.9%	12.8%
49 Verizon Communic.	9.4%	7.1%	11.1%
50 Walmart Inc.	9.1%	6.7%	7.1%
51 Waste Management	8.3%	10.6%	12.7%
Average (b)	10.9%	10.4%	10.9%

(a) Sum of dividend yield (p. 1) and respective growth rate (p. 2).

(b) Excludes highlighted figures.

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 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)

Case No. 2023-00159

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
FRANZ D. MESSNER
ON BEHALF OF KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY

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EXHIBITS

<u>EXHIBIT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Exhibit FDM-1	Net Present Value Comparison of Securitization Method vs Conventional Method
Exhibit FDM-2	Estimated Upfront and Ongoing Costs of Securitization

**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
FRANZ D. MESSNER ON BEHALF OF
KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY**

CASE NO. 2023-00159

I. INTRODUCTION

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, POSITION AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 A. My name is Franz D. Messner. I am employed by American Electric Power Service
3 Corporation (“AEPSC”) as Managing Director of Corporate Finance. AEPSC supplies
4 engineering, financing, accounting, planning, advisory, and other services to the
5 subsidiaries of the American Electric Power (“AEP”) system, one of which is Kentucky
6 Power Company (“Kentucky Power” or the “Company”). My business address is 1
7 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, Ohio, 43215.

II. BACKGROUND

8 **Q. WOULD YOU PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND**
9 **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND?**

10 A. I earned a Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering from the United States Naval
11 Academy in 1990. I earned a Master of Business Administration from the Fisher
12 College of Business at the Ohio State University in 1999. Prior to joining AEP, I served
13 for approximately seven years as a U.S. Naval officer and completed both chief
14 engineer and submarine officer qualifications.

15 In June 1999, I was hired by AEPSC as an associate in a finance associate
16 development program. My primary roles have been in the areas of financial analysis,

1 budgeting, and forecasting. In July 2007, I was named Manager in Corporate Planning
2 and Budgeting and subsequently promoted to Director in November 2009. In May
3 2016, I assumed my current position as Managing Director of Corporate Finance.

4 **Q. WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS MANAGING DIRECTOR OF**
5 **CORPORATE FINANCE?**

6 A. I am responsible for planning and executing the corporate finance programs of the
7 regulated AEP System operating companies, including Kentucky Power. My
8 responsibilities also include preparing recommendations for the payment of dividends
9 by those companies, maintaining capitalization targets, and managing the relationships
10 of AEP and its subsidiaries with the credit rating agencies.

11 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TESTIMONY IN ANY**
12 **REGULATORY PROCEEDINGS?**

13 A. Yes, I have submitted testimony on behalf of Indiana Michigan Power before the
14 Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and the Michigan Public Service Commission,
15 Ohio Power before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Kentucky Power before
16 the Public Service Commission of Kentucky (the "Commission"), Appalachian Power
17 before the Virginia State Corporation Commission and Kingsport Power before the
18 Tennessee Public Utility Commission. Additionally, I have prepared or had prepared
19 under my direct supervision financing applications submitted on behalf of Kentucky
20 Power Company to the Public Service Commission of Kentucky.

III. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

1 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY ON THIS PROCEEDING?**

2 A. The purpose of my testimony in this proceeding is to present and support Kentucky
 3 Power’s capital structure and weighted average cost of capital (“WACC”). Pursuant to
 4 KRS 278.672(2)(f)’s requirements, I also present “[a] comparison between the net
 5 present value of the costs to ratepayers that are estimated to result from the issuance of
 6 securitized bonds” (Securitization Method) and “the cost that would result from an
 7 alternative means of providing for the full recovery of and return on those securitized
 8 costs from customers, using [Kentucky Power’s] . . . expected [(proposed)] weighted
 9 average cost of capital” (Conventional Method) to “demonstrate that the issuance of
 10 securitized bonds and the imposition of securitized surcharges are expected to provide
 11 quantifiable net present value benefits to customers.”

12 **Q. ARE YOU SPONSORING ANY SCHEDULES OR WORKPAPERS?**

13 A. Yes. I am sponsoring the following Section V Workpapers:
 14 • Section V Workpaper S-2 Page 1 – Cost of Capital
 15 • Section V Schedule 3 (Column 3, Lines 1-3) – Capitalization
 16 • Section V Workpaper S-3 Page 1 – Long-Term Debt
 17 • Section V Workpaper S-3 Page 2 – Schedule of Short-Term Debt

18 **Q. ARE YOU SPONSORING ANY EXHIBITS?**

19 A. Yes. I am sponsoring the following exhibits:

<u>EXHIBIT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
20 Exhibit FDM-1	Net Present Value Comparison of Securitization
21	Method vs Conventional Method
22	
23 Exhibit FDM-2	Estimated Upfront and Ongoing Costs of Securitization

IV. PROPOSED COST OF CAPITAL AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE

1 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE KENTUCKY POWER’S PROPOSED CAPITAL**
 2 **STRUCTURE AND WEIGHTED AVERAGE COST OF CAPITAL.**

3 A. Based on the test year ended March 31, 2023, Kentucky Power’s proposed capital
 4 structure and weighted average cost of capital of 6.93% are set forth in Figure FDM-1
 5 below:

Figure FDM-1

Line No. (1)	Description (2)	Reapportioned Kentucky Jurisdictional Capital 1/ (3)	Percentage of Total (4)	Annual Cost Percentage Rate (5)	Weighted Average Cost Percent (6) = (4) X (5)
1	Long Term Debt	\$962,401,699	53.10%	4.910%	2/ 2.61%
2	Short Term Debt	\$95,743,648	5.28%	3.730%	3/ 0.20%
3	Common Equity	\$754,394,228	41.62%	9.90%	4/ 4.12%
4	Total	<u>\$1,812,539,575</u> =====	<u>100.00%</u> =====		<u>6.93%</u> =====

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 7 **Q. HOW WAS THE COMPANY’S PROPOSED CAPITAL STRUCTURE**
 8 **DEVELOPED?**

9 A. Development of the proposed capital structure, as shown in Figure FDM 1, begins with
 10 the per books balance for each category of capital as of the end of the test year, March
 11 31, 2023. The per books balances are then adjusted to account for known and
 12 measurable changes to the Company’s capitalization. The capitalization adjustments
 13 are shown in Section V, Schedule 3 and detailed in the testimonies of Company
 14 Witnesses Kahn, Schlessman, and Whitney.

1 **Q. COMPARE THE DEBT AND EQUITY COMPONENTS IN THE COMPANY'S**
2 **PROPOSED CAPITAL STRUCTURE TO THE CAPITAL STRUCTURE**
3 **PROPOSED IN THE COMPANY'S LAST BASE RATE CASE (CASE NO. 2020-**
4 **00174).**

5 A. The Company's proposed capital structure in this base rate case has a higher level of
6 debt and lower level of equity as compared to the Company's last base rate case (Case
7 No. 2020-00174). The Company's Per Book Balance of debt as of March 31, 2023, as
8 shown in Section V, Schedule 3, Column (3) was 58.3% as compared to 41.7% equity.
9 The Reapportioned Kentucky Jurisdictional Capital shown Table 1 above and in
10 Section V, Schedule 2, Page 1 columns (3) and (4) was 58.4% debt and 41.6% equity.

11 In the Company's last base rate case (Case No. 2020-00174) the Company's
12 Per Book Balance of debt as of March 31, 2020, was 56.7% as compared to 43.3%
13 equity. The Reapportioned Kentucky Jurisdictional Capital was also 56.7% debt and
14 43.3% equity.

15 **Q. IS ANY OF THE DECREASE IN EQUITY RELATIVE TO DEBT DUE TO**
16 **PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS FROM KENTUCKY POWER TO ITS PARENT?**

17 A. No, Kentucky Power made no dividend payments since the last base rate case in 2020.

18 **Q. WHAT IMPACT DOES HAVING A CAPITAL STRUCTURE WITH A**
19 **LOWER LEVEL OF EQUITY RELATIVE TO DEBT HAVE ON A**
20 **COMPANY'S CREDIT RATINGS?**

21 A. A capital structure with a lower level of equity relative to debt is viewed negatively by
22 credit rating agencies due to the negative impact on a company's ability to repay its
23 debt and other obligations in full and on time. Credit ratings and the impact on a

1 company's access to capital markets financing are discussed in detail by Company
2 Witness Fetter.

3 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THE PROPOSED WEIGHTED AVERAGE COST**
4 **OF CAPITAL OF 6.93% WAS CALCULATED.**

5 A. The proposed weighted average cost of capital is based on the summation of the
6 weighted average cost for each source of capital in the Company's capital structure,
7 including long-term debt, short-term debt, and common stock. The calculation is
8 shown on Section V, Schedule 2, page 1. The Company began with the Reapportioned
9 Kentucky Jurisdictional capitalization as calculated on Section V, Schedule 3, column
10 15 for each source of capital. Next, the Company divided the dollar amount of each
11 component of capital by the Company's total dollar amount of capital to derive the
12 percentage of the Company's total capital each component represents. The percentage
13 of total capital was then multiplied by the respective annual cost percentage rate for
14 each source of capital.

15 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT RATES WERE USED IN CALCULATING THE**
16 **COMPANY'S PER BOOKS WEIGHTED AVERAGE COST OF CAPITAL AS**
17 **OF MARCH 31, 2023.**

18 A. The weighted cost of long-term debt was determined by taking the sum of each debt
19 instrument's actual annualized cost and dividing that amount by the total debt
20 outstanding as of March 31, 2023. The annualized cost for each debt instrument was
21 calculated by multiplying the effective cost rate (yield to maturity) by the net proceeds
22 outstanding. Please refer to Section V, Workpaper S-3, page 1.

1 The cost of short-term debt used in the calculation is the Company’s actual
2 short-term interest expense for the twelve months ended March 31, 2023, divided by the
3 actual average borrowings outstanding during the same time-period. Please refer to
4 Section V, Workpaper S-3, page 2. As mentioned earlier, the per books balances are
5 adjusted to account for known and measurable changes to the Company’s capitalization
6 as shown in Section V, Schedule 3 and detailed in the testimonies of Company Witnesses
7 Kahn, Schlessman, and Whitney. Though the per books short-term debt balance on
8 March 31, 2023, was approximately \$113.6 million, the adjusted balance included in the
9 weighted average cost of capital calculation was approximately \$95.7 million due to the
10 Mitchell Coal Stock Adjustment shown in Section V, Schedule 3, column 14 and
11 sponsored by Company Witness Whitney.

12 The 9.90% cost of common equity used in the calculation is based on direction
13 from Company Witness Wiseman.

**V. CALCULATION OF STATUTORY
SECURITIZATION NET PRESENT VALUE ANALYSIS**

14 **Q. DOES THE PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF SECURITIZED BONDS SATISFY**
15 **THE NET PRESENT VALUE TEST SET FORTH IN THE SECURITIZATION**
16 **STATUTE?**

17 **A.** Yes. Following the methodology prescribed in KRS 278.672(2)(f), the issuance of
18 securitized bonds and the imposition of securitized surcharges are expected to provide
19 a quantifiable net present value (“NPV”) benefit to customers. Based on current market
20 conditions, the statutory calculation results in an estimated positive NPV
21 (Securitization Method minus Conventional Method) of approximately \$74 million.

1 Again, this amount is an estimate based on current market conditions and reasonable
2 assumptions regarding tenor, coupon upfront, and ongoing bond costs and may change
3 between now and the date of the securitized bonds' issuance.

4 **Q. HOW WAS THE NET PRESENT VALUE OF THE COST ASSOCIATED**
5 **WITH THE CONVENTIONAL METHOD CALCULATED?**

6 A. As described by Company Witness West, the Company is proposing to securitize
7 various regulatory assets with a cumulative total value of approximately \$471.2
8 million. In calculating the NPV of the cost that would result from an alternative means
9 of providing for the full recovery of and return on those regulatory assets from
10 customers using the Company's proposed weighted average cost of capital (the
11 Conventional Method), the asset balance was divided into two parts to calculate the
12 NPV of costs based on the period over which these assets are typically recovered.
13 Specifically, the Decommissioning Rider Regulatory Asset calculation assumes
14 recovery over seventeen years, while recovery of the remainder of the regulatory assets
15 assumes a five-year recovery period. In addition, the Decommissioning Rider
16 Regulatory Asset and the Rockport Deferral Regulatory Asset balances have been
17 reduced by the NPV of the return on accumulated deferred income taxes ("ADIT")
18 provided by Company Witness Walsh. These amounts were then discounted at the
19 Company's proposed WACC to determine the NPV of costs, consistent with the
20 methodology provided for in the securitization statute.

1 **Q. HOW WAS THE NET PRESENT VALUE OF THE COST ASSOCIATED**
 2 **WITH THE SECURITIZATION METHOD CALCULATED?**

3 A. The NPV of the cost of recovering the regulatory assets through securitization was
 4 calculated using estimates of the amount, tenor and coupon associated with the
 5 securitized bonds. The amount includes the approximately \$471.2 million of regulatory
 6 assets described in Company Witness West's Direct Testimony, reduced by the NPV
 7 of the return on the ADIT as provided by Company Witness Walsh, plus upfront costs
 8 associated with issuing securitized bonds, as summarized in Figure FDM-2:

9 **Figure FDM-2**

Estimated Bond Issuance	
Total Regulatory Asset Balance	\$ 471,198,800
Reduce NPV of Return on ADIT	\$ 30,809,003
Securitization Amount	\$ 440,389,797
Upfront Costs	\$ 6,310,203
Estimated Bond Issuance	\$ 446,700,000

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11 The indicative coupon and tenor were provided to me by Goldman Sachs, the
 12 Company's securitization financial advisor, based on prevailing market conditions.
 13 Company Witness Schlessman provided the value of the ADIT used in the NPV
 14 calculation and Company Witness Walsh provided the NPV of the return on ADIT
 15 owed to customers. The calculation assumes a mortgage-like series of payments that
 16 are constant over the 20-year bond life while the relative amounts of principal and
 17 interest change over the same period. These amounts were then discounted at the
 18 Company's proposed WACC to determine the NPV of costs.

1 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE UPFRONT AND ONGOING COSTS ASSOCIATED**
2 **WITH SECURITIZATION.**

3 A. As shown on Exhibit FDM-1, I have estimated the upfront and ongoing costs associated
4 with securitization. These costs are necessary to cover the expenses incurred during
5 the securitized bonds' issuance. The fees include Securities and Exchange Commission
6 fees, legal and accounting fees, rating agency fees, Commission and Company advisor
7 fees, as well as printing fees. In addition, the Company will incur ongoing auditing,
8 accounting, and other administrative costs throughout the term of the bonds and will
9 receive a return on the capital account it establishes for the securitization special
10 purpose entity at the proposed WACC.¹ These fees are estimated based on experience
11 from other AEP operating companies' prior securitized bond issuances. The Company
12 will update these estimates to the actual values, if known, prior to issuing the bonds.

13 **Q. DOES THE COMPANY ANTICIPATE INCURRING COSTS OF RETIRING**
14 **OR REFUNDING DEBT OR EQUITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE USE OF**
15 **THE PROCEEDS FROM THE ISSUANCE OF THE SECURITIZED BONDS?**

16 A. No.

17 **Q. WHAT IS THE PROPOSED SECURITIZED BOND RECOVERY PERIOD**
18 **THE COMPANY HAS PRESENTED IN THIS CASE?**

19 A. The proposed securitized bond recovery period is 20 years.

¹ KRS 278.676(1)(m).

1 **Q. WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR**
2 **SECURITIZATION TO BE COLLECTED FROM CUSTOMERS?**

3 A. The estimated revenue requirement is approximately \$37 million on an annual basis.
4 This revenue requirement includes the semi-annual bond payments as well as the
5 ongoing costs associated with securitization.

VI. CONCLUSION

6 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR PRE-FILED DIRECT TESTIMONY?**

7 A. Yes, it does.

VERIFICATION

The undersigned, Franz D. Messner, being duly sworn, deposes and says he is Managing Director, Corporate Finance that he has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing testimony and the information contained therein is true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge, and belief after reasonable inquiry.



Franz D. Messner

State of Ohio)
) Case No. 2023-00159
County of Franklin)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said County and State, by Franz D. Messner, on 6/27/23.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires Never

Notary ID Number None



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Attorney At Law
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My commission has no expiration date
Sec. 147.03 R.C.

Conventional Recovery	Regulatory Asset (Net of Return on ADIT)	Estimated Upfront Costs	Annual Charge	NPV	Disc. Rate
Decommissioning Rider 17 Years @ WACC	\$ 256,091,825	-	\$ 27,962,969	\$ 254,332,690	8.300%
All Other 5 Years @ WACC	\$ 180,058,355	-	\$ 43,819,010	\$ 178,821,506	8.300%
	\$ 436,150,180		\$ 71,781,979	\$ 433,154,197	
Securitization					
Securitization 20 Year Semi-Annual	\$ 440,389,797	6,310,203	\$ 37,061,497	\$ 358,728,229	8.300%
Estimated Savings NPV				\$ 74,425,968	

Description of Cost items	Upfront Costs	
<u>Based on averages of recent deals for fixed costs</u>		
Legal Fees/Exp for Company's/Issuer's Counsel	\$ 2,750,000	
Fee for Commission & Company's Financial Advisor	\$ 750,000	
Printing/Edgarizing Expenses	\$ 75,000	
Miscellaneous Administrative Costs	\$ 31,242	
Rating Agency Fees	\$ 591,965	
Accountant's Fees	\$ 150,000	
Servicer Set-up Costs	\$ 125,000	
Trustee's/Trustee's Counsel Fees and Expenses	\$ 25,000	<u>Rate</u>
Underwriting Fee	\$ 1,787,066	0.400%
SEC Fees	\$ 24,930	0.006%

Total Fixed Qualified Costs	<u>\$ 6,310,203</u>	
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Costs as % of Bonds	1.4%	
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	<u>Ongoing Costs</u>	
Ongoing Servicer Fee (AEP as Servicer)	\$ 446,766	0.10%
Administration Fee	\$ 100,000	
Accountants' Fees	\$ 75,000	
Legal Fees/Expenses for Company's/Issuer's Counsel	\$ 50,000	
Trustee's/Trustee's Counsel Fees and Expenses	\$ 10,000	
Independent Managers' Fee	\$ 2,750	
Rating Agency Fees	\$ 75,000	
Return on Capital Account	\$ 188,027	
Miscellaneous	\$ 25,000	
Total Annual Ongoing Costs	<u>\$ 972,543</u>	

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 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)

Case No. 2023-00159

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
KATRINA T. NIEHAUS. FOR
KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

3 A. My name is Katrina T. Niehaus, and my business address is 200 West Street,
4 New York, New York 10282.

5 **Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?**

6 A. I am a Managing Director, Co-Head of the Corporate Asset Backed Securities
7 (“ABS”) Finance Group at Goldman Sachs & Co. (“Goldman”).

8 **Q. PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL
9 BACKGROUND AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE.**

10 A. I received a Bachelor of Science in Economics degree from the Wharton School
11 at the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to joining Goldman in 2005, I was
12 employed by Lehman Brothers. I was at Lehman Brothers from 2004-2005 as
13 an analyst. During my time at Goldman, I have assisted a number of utilities
14 and states through the securitization process as an advisor or underwriter
15 including Pacific Gas & Electric, Entergy Texas, Entergy Louisiana, Jersey
16 Central Power & Light, AEP Texas Central Power Company, and the State of
17 Hawaii. Currently, I oversee a group that has responsibility for the origination
18 and structuring of securitizations backed by a broad range of assets including
19 nonbypassable ratepayer charges, solar loans and leases, triple net leases,
20 intellectual property, and small business loans.

1 **Q. DO YOU POSSESS ANY PROFESSIONAL LICENSES RELATED TO**
2 **THE SECURITIES INDUSTRY?**

3 A. Yes. I am Series 7 (General Securities Representative Qualification) qualified
4 by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, which allows an individual to
5 solicit, purchase, or sell all securities products, including asset-backed
6 securities. I am also Series 79 (Investment Banking Representative) qualified,
7 which allows an individual to advise on and facilitate debt and equity offerings
8 (public offerings or private placements), mergers and acquisitions, tender
9 offers, financial restructurings, asset sales, divestitures, corporate
10 reorganizations and business combination transactions. A copy of my
11 professional resume is attached as Niehaus Exhibit 4.

12 **Q. ON WHOSE BEHALF ARE YOU TESTIFYING IN THIS**
13 **PROCEEDING?**

14 A. I am testifying on behalf of Kentucky Power Company (“Kentucky Power” or
15 the “Company”).

16 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED IN A REGULATORY**
17 **PROCEEDING?**

18 A. Yes. I have provided testimony before the public service commissions of the
19 states of California, Louisiana, New Hampshire and Texas, as further indicated
20 in my resume attached hereto as Exhibit 4.

1 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

2 A. The purpose of my testimony is to:

- 3 1. Provide background information on the use of utility securitizations in other
4 jurisdictions as well as discuss some of the basic elements of the proposed
5 securitized bonds. “Utility securitization” is a generic term used to refer to
6 securitizations for several different recovery purposes. Some of the other
7 names used to refer to this structure include rate reduction bonds, stranded
8 cost bonds, storm recovery bonds, system restoration bonds, and
9 restructuring bonds.
- 10 2. Present a proposed preliminary securitized bond issuance structure for use
11 in Kentucky and discuss certain structuring and marketing considerations.
- 12 3. Discuss the primary rating agency criteria for utility securitizations to obtain
13 the desired triple-A ratings.
- 14 4. Discuss several of the key commercial terms of proposed securitized bonds
15 that Kentucky Power expects will be required for a successful transaction,
16 as well as key provisions of the proposed financing order.

17 **Q. ARE YOU SPONSORING ANY EXHIBITS WITH YOUR DIRECT**
18 **TESTIMONY?**

19 A. Yes. I am sponsoring the following exhibits described below and attached to
20 my testimony:

- 21 • Niehaus Exhibit 1: Internal Revenue Service Revenue Procedure 2005-
22 62
- 23 • Niehaus Exhibit 2: Preliminary Transaction Structure

- 1 • Niehaus Exhibit 3: Utility Securitization Transactions, 1997-Present
- 2 • Niehaus Exhibit 4: Professional Resume of Katrina T. Niehaus

3 Each of these exhibits were prepared under my direction and control, and to the
4 best of my knowledge all factual matters contained therein are true and accurate.

5 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING.**

6 A. Pursuant to KRS 278.670, *et seq.*, (the “Securitization Statute”), Kentucky
7 Power is submitting an Application for Financing Order (the “Application”),
8 which requests approval of a financing order authorizing the issuance of
9 securitized bonds to finance through securitization (1) the balance of (a)
10 extraordinary storm costs and other deferred costs from previous events for
11 regulatory assets with an expected cumulative balance as of June 30, 2023 of
12 approximately \$471 million plus (b) carrying costs accruing on the applicable
13 portions of such balance at the weighted average cost of capital approved in this
14 case through the date the securitized bonds are issued minus (c) all insurance,
15 scrap, and salvage proceeds, applicable unamortized regulatory liabilities for
16 excess deferred income taxes; and the present value of return on all accumulated
17 deferred income taxes related to pretax costs with respect to a retired or
18 abandoned facility and related facilities, including those due to bonus and
19 accelerated tax depreciation and abandonment losses; and (2) certain up-front
20 financing costs, among other items. Accordingly, my testimony provides
21 background about, and makes recommendations for, the financing order
22 proposed by the Company.

23 In this testimony I recommend the following:

- 1 • The adoption of an irrevocable financing order that creates securitized
2 property for the benefit of the Company, consisting of nonbypassable
3 securitized surcharge included on the bills of the Company’s customers,
4 which surcharge is subject to automatic adjustment by the application of a
5 formula-based true-up mechanism, or “true-up” process, in order to ensure
6 collections from such surcharges are sufficient to pay debt service on
7 securitized bonds.
- 8 • The authorization in such financing order of the sale of the securitized
9 property to the bankruptcy-remote (meaning that the bankruptcy of the
10 Company will not impact the issuer or the credit quality of the bonds),
11 special purpose issuer organized by the Company in a "true-sale" in
12 exchange for such issuer’s net proceeds on the securitized bonds it issues to
13 finance the purchase of the securitized property. These transaction elements
14 will help ensure that the bankruptcy of the Company will not impact the
15 issuer or the credit quality of the securitized bonds.
- 16 • The marketing and sale of the securitized bonds through a public, Securities
17 and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) registered transaction to achieve the
18 greatest level of liquidity and the broadest investor universe for the
19 securitized bonds.
- 20 • The need for the financing order to afford the Company the flexibility to
21 establish the final terms and conditions of the securitized bonds in order to
22 ensure the transaction can be executed on a basis that allows the securitized
23 bonds to receive the highest possible credit ratings.

1 Specifically, my testimony describes how a securitization meeting the
2 requirements outlined above is expected to provide quantifiable net present
3 value benefits to the customers of Kentucky Power as compared to recovery of
4 the costs that would have been incurred absent the issuance of securitized
5 bonds, and how the recommended structure and the market-clearing and pricing
6 process are reasonably expected to result in the lowest securitized surcharges,
7 consistent with market conditions at the time the securitized bonds are priced
8 under the terms of the financing order.

9 **Q. PLEASE ELABORATE FURTHER ON THE GOAL OF UTILITY**
10 **SECURITIZATIONS AND HOW YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS HELP**
11 **TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL.**

12 A. Before I discuss the securitization process in detail, I review here (1) the
13 principal goal of utility securitizations, (2) how these securitizations differ from
14 utility corporate debt and other structured debt, and (3) why the issuance of the
15 financing order, consistent with the letter and spirit of the Securitization Statute,
16 is critical to achieve the goal of utility securitizations – to deliver savings to
17 customers.

18 **Significant customer savings.** As reflected in Niehaus Exhibit 3, over
19 \$81 billion of rate reduction bonds have been issued successfully by or on
20 behalf of utilities since the mid-1990s to recover authorized costs in a manner
21 designed to produce significant customer savings.

22 With the appropriate statutory framework and a carefully crafted
23 financing order, securitizations benefit from a significantly lower cost of capital

1 compared to traditional investor-owned utility rate mechanisms. Typically,
2 traditional rate mechanisms set customer rates based upon a utility's weighted
3 cost of capital, which includes an average corporate debt cost along with a
4 generally higher allowed return on 50 percent or more equity capital in the
5 calculation. Utility securitization customer charges are based upon a capital cost
6 comprised of 99.5 percent AAA-rated debt and 0.5 percent equity. By
7 significantly increasing the percentage of debt and virtually eliminating the
8 equity return component of these transactions, utility ratepayers can save
9 millions of dollars in carrying costs associated with the recovery of these
10 legitimate utility expenses.

11 **Distinct from utility unsecured and first mortgage debt.** Utility
12 securitizations are quite different from traditional utility debt offerings.
13 Unsecured utility corporate debt offerings are full recourse obligations of the
14 utility. First mortgage debt offerings are also full recourse to the utility with the
15 added security of a first lien on tangible utility property. In contrast, utility
16 securitizations are non-recourse to the corporate credit of the utility. Lack of
17 recourse to the utility means that the utility securitizations can achieve credit
18 ratings above that of the utility itself, and indeed are designed to achieve the
19 highest possible bond ratings: AAA.

20 **The Public Service Commission of Kentucky's ("Commission")**
21 **Financing Orders are critical.** For an investor-owned utility to recover
22 authorized costs in a manner that results in significant customer savings through
23 securitization, the proper statutory framework is required, coupled with a

1 Commission-issued financing order that is consistent with the letter and the
2 spirit of the authorizing statute. I believe the Securitization Statute has the
3 proper framework authorizing these securitizations and outlines the necessary
4 statutory requirements for securitization financing orders. I also believe that
5 Kentucky Power, through the Application and accompanying testimony, has
6 proposed a financing order that meets the requirements for the securitized bonds
7 to achieve AAA ratings.

8 Utility securitizations not only aim to achieve the lowest charges for
9 customers by issuing debt with the highest possible rating (resulting in the
10 lowest comparative price), but do so by structuring the transactions without
11 what is called “overcollateralization.” Like utility securitizations, other types of
12 securitization debt are also non-recourse to the sponsor of the transaction and
13 the securitization issuer is bankruptcy-remote to the sponsor. A key factor in
14 determining the ratings for most other securitizations is “overcollateralization,”
15 meaning an incremental amount of collateral that is pledged to the bondholders
16 to provide extra security if the pledged assets do not perform as expected. The
17 excess cash flow from the additional collateral increases what is called the “debt
18 service coverage,” or the amount of cash available to pay principal and interest
19 on the bonds. For each type of securitization, rating agencies will run stress
20 scenarios to determine how much overcollateralization and debt service
21 coverage is required to achieve a particular rating. However, in a typical utility
22 securitization structure, the rating agencies do not require any extra collateral
23 to be held in the special purpose entity (“SPE”) formed to issue the bonds in

1 order to achieve the highest possible rating (AAA or equivalent), because the
2 structure instead includes a mandatory true-up mechanism that adjusts customer
3 charges over time to pay debt service and ongoing financing costs on a timely
4 basis. This combination of AAA (or equivalent) ratings and the lack of any
5 excess collateral and therefore excess debt service coverage is unique to this
6 type of securitization structure. Rarely is overcollateralization required in utility
7 securitizations, meaning no cushion on the amount of customer charges, which
8 enhances customer savings. As a consequence of the absence of
9 overcollateralization via excess required debt service coverage, utility
10 securitizations receive increased scrutiny because rating agencies and investors
11 do not have the security of additional cash or collateral.

12 It is the financing order that leads to the creation of the intangible property that
13 serves as collateral for the securitizations. The financing order must be crafted
14 in a manner to enable the securitized bonds to achieve the highest possible credit
15 ratings (AAA or equivalent). Moreover, for investors to accept these bonds with
16 virtually no excess debt service coverage or overcollateralization, the rating
17 agencies and investors need to be persuaded that over the life of the transaction,
18 there is minimal risk of political and regulatory interference from the legislature
19 and/or a subsequent Commission that may delay payments on the bonds or
20 change the protections built into the financing order. The way the financing
21 order is crafted can serve as important evidence that such risk is sufficiently
22 minimized in these transactions, particularly since this will be the first
23 securitization financing order issued by the Commission. The structure

1 recommended in the Company’s Application, corresponding testimony and
2 exhibits are designed to result in a financing order that satisfies these important
3 requirements.

4 **II. SECURITIZATION BACKGROUND**

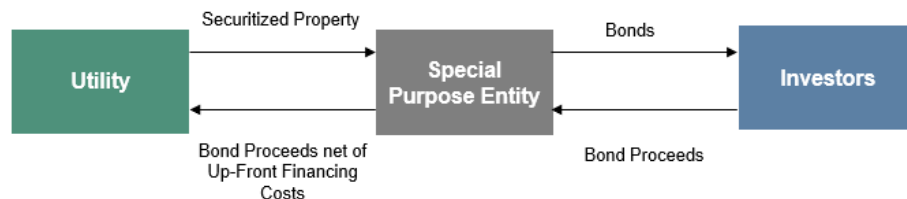
5 **Q. PLEASE PROVIDE A BASIC DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIZATION.**

6 A. In general, securitization is the process in which an owner of a cash flow-
7 generating asset sells the asset for an upfront payment, done in a manner that
8 legally isolates (or decouples) the cash flow-generating asset from the credit
9 profile of the owner/seller. The sale process is intended to protect investors from
10 any changes in credit circumstances, or even the bankruptcy, of the entity that
11 sold the asset, and makes the bonds “non-recourse” to the seller (i.e., the seller
12 is not responsible for making payments on the bonds). Therefore, the “credit”
13 of a securitization is the ability of the legally isolated asset to produce a set of
14 payments (or cash flows) for investors, who purchased an interest in the asset
15 in the form of a securitization bond. Securitization bonds are fixed income debt
16 securities where the investors rely solely on the legally isolated asset and
17 associated cash flows to pay interest and principal on the issued debt securities.

18 In the context of utility securitizations, the underlying cash flow-
19 generating asset is an intangible property right (described in the Securitization
20 Statute as securitized property) authorized by state legislation and created
21 pursuant to a financing order. This property right includes the right to impose
22 upon the utility’s existing and future retail customers the charges required to
23 pay the interest, principal and other ongoing financing costs associated with the

1 debt securities issued in the securitization on a timely basis, as scheduled. This
2 property right is also referred to as the collateral for the transaction. The utility
3 sells the property right to the special-purpose entity, or SPE, which, as its name
4 implies, functionally does nothing other than purchase the collateral and issue
5 bonds to investors to fund that purchase. The SPE is typically prohibited from
6 issuing any debt or having any other creditor who could upset this arrangement
7 with the securitization bondholders. The conveyance of the property right from
8 the utility to the SPE is also referred to as a “true sale,” as it legally isolates the
9 collateral from the assets of the seller of that collateral. A true sale of the
10 collateral supports the “bankruptcy-remoteness” of the SPE and the
11 securitization bonds, which allows for the securitization bonds to achieve a
12 higher credit rating than other debt of the utility.

13 To have the funds needed to purchase the collateral, the SPE, directly or
14 indirectly issues bonds to investors, collateralized by the property right it
15 purchases from the seller. In exchange for the issued bonds, investors pay an
16 upfront purchase price, which is passed through to the SPE back to the utility.
17 Figure A, below, is a simplified indicative schematic of the transaction closing
18 mechanics described above:



19
20 In addition to the essential structure described above, the securitization
21 process also includes another key component: ongoing collections of the cash

1 generated by the collateral. Here, the utility and a trustee (“Trustee,” typically
2 a commercial bank experienced with securitization trust services) play
3 important roles. The utility will continue to perform its routine billing and
4 collecting functions. In the context of securitization, this function is referred to
5 as servicing, and the utility takes on the role as the servicer. Therefore, in the
6 proposed transaction, Kentucky Power will act as a servicer for its SPE. In
7 addition to its routine billing and collecting functions, as servicer, the utility
8 will also perform certain reporting duties with respect to the amount of money
9 collected. The servicer will perform these functions for the SPE pursuant to an
10 arm’s length contractual arrangement known as the servicing agreement. It is
11 important that this servicing arrangement is on arm’s length terms, as that
12 supports the fact that the SPE is fully bankruptcy-remote from the utility and
13 there should be no recourse implied from this relationship.

14 The Trustee also plays an important role in the safekeeping of the
15 ongoing collections and the distributions of principal and interest to investors.
16 After receiving collections from customers, the servicer remits the monies
17 collected to the SPE trust account held at the Trustee, which holds those monies
18 in trust until it periodically distributes them to investors according to a pre-
19 determined set of payment priorities (the “waterfall”) and schedule (typically
20 semi-annually). The Trustee serves as a representative of the bondholders and
21 ensures that their rights are protected in accordance with the terms of the
22 transaction. They may also enforce remedies on behalf of bondholders in the
23 event of a default.

1 **Q. WHAT IS THE VOLUME OF UTILITY SECURITIZATIONS THAT**
2 **HAVE BEEN TRANSACTED TO DATE, AND WHO ARE THE**
3 **TYPICAL INVESTORS?**

4 A. Utility securitizations are structured based upon well-established rating criteria
5 and have been utilized since 1997. These securitizations may also have specific
6 requirements for tax purposes, please see Niehaus Exhibit 1. According to
7 public records, including SEC registration filings, since 1997 to date, there has
8 been in excess of \$81 billion in issuances. These transactions are well
9 understood by many investors, and types of investors that have participated in
10 utility securitizations include banks, institutional and retail trust funds, money
11 managers, investment advisors, pension funds, insurance companies, securities
12 lenders and state trust funds. I attach a list of utility securitization transactions
13 as Niehaus Exhibit 3. These transactions include utility securitizations used to
14 recover extraordinary costs incurred by both electric utilities and natural gas
15 utilities.

16 **Q. HAVE OTHER COLLATERAL TYPES BEEN FINANCED USING**
17 **SECURITIZATION IN A SIMILAR MANNER?**

18 A. Yes, the market for securitized products or asset-backed securities (“ABS”) is
19 large. Examples of other collateral types include certain consumer-related cash
20 flows, such as credit card receivables, auto loans, auto leases, and student loans.
21 During 2022, an estimated \$1.082 trillion of ABS was issued in the United
22 States, and as of the end of March 2023, the year-to-date issuance for the U.S.
23 ABS market was over \$122 billion (Source: Finsight). The investors who

1 purchase utility securitization bonds generally come from the ABS market, as
2 well as crossover buyers from the corporate debt market. In both cases, they are
3 accounts focused on very highly rated bonds of typically longer (i.e., more than
4 three years) durations.

5 **Q PLEASE DESCRIBE THE FORMATION OF THE SPE THAT WILL**
6 **ISSUE THE SECURITIZED BONDS.**

7 A. The Kentucky Power securitization transaction is generally expected to follow
8 a process similar to the process for utility securitizations described above.
9 Kentucky Power will form an SPE as a Delaware limited liability company (an
10 “LLC”), and the SPE will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kentucky Power.
11 The SPE’s LLC Agreement will contain provisions designed to ensure that the
12 SPE will be a bankruptcy-remote limited purpose entity. When I refer to
13 “bankruptcy- remote,” I mean that the SPE is structured so that in the unlikely
14 event of a Kentucky Power or American Electric Power Company, Inc. (“AEP”)
15 bankruptcy, the SPE would not be consolidated with Kentucky Power or other
16 AEP entities, would not be included in Kentucky Power’s or AEP’s bankruptcy
17 estate, and the payment of the securitization debt service would not be “stayed”
18 or stopped during the bankruptcy process. Importantly, the SPE is structured to
19 operate independently, requiring that fees paid to third parties providing
20 services to the SPE, including Kentucky Power as Servicer and Administrator,
21 are set on an arms-length basis. These provisions supporting the bankruptcy-
22 remote nature of the SPE are critical to achieving the desired “AAA” equivalent
23 ratings for the securitized bonds.

1 **Q. WHAT MAKES UP THE “SECURITIZED PROPERTY” THAT THE**
2 **COMPANY SELLS TO THE SPE?**

3 A. The securitized property that is created pursuant to the financing order and,
4 when sold to the SPE, consists of the right to impose, bill, charge, collect and
5 receive a nonbypassable surcharge, the securitized surcharge, paid by all
6 existing or future retail customers receiving electrical service from Kentucky
7 Power or its respective successors or assignees under Commission-approved
8 rate schedules or under special contracts, even if a retail customer elects to
9 purchase electricity from an alternative electricity supplier following a
10 fundamental change in regulation of public utilities in Kentucky, in amounts
11 necessary to pay principal and interest on the securitized bonds, as well as other
12 amounts, timely and in full. Included in this property right is the requirement,
13 over the full life of the transaction, to adjust the amount of the securitized
14 surcharges owed by the Company’s customers to ensure that the amounts
15 collected are sufficient to pay all amounts owed with respect to the securitized
16 bonds, on a timely basis as scheduled. This process is referred to as the “true-
17 up” process.

18 **Q. PLEASE FURTHER DESCRIBE THE SALE OF THE SECURITIZED**
19 **PROPERTY BY THE COMPANY TO THE SPE.**

20 A. Pursuant to the purchase and sale agreement, in consideration for the payment
21 by the SPE of the purchase price for the securitized property, the Company will
22 sell, assign, transfer and convey all rights, title and interest of the Company in,
23 to and under the securitized property to the SPE. The Purchase and Sale

1 Agreement will provide that such sale, transfer, assignment and conveyance is
2 expressly stated to be an absolute transfer and true sale. Pursuant to KRS
3 278.688(1), if the documents governing the transaction expressly state that the
4 transaction is a sale or other absolute transfer, any sale, assignment or other
5 transfer of securitized property shall be an absolute transfer and true sale of,
6 and not a pledge of or secured transaction relating to, the seller's right, title and
7 interest in, to and under the securitized property. As I mentioned previously,
8 this "true sale" treatment is an essential component of legally isolating the
9 securitized property collateral from the bankruptcy risk of Kentucky Power and
10 achieving AAA ratings for the securitized bonds.

11 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE SECURITIZED PROPERTY AND**
12 **SECURITIZED SURCHARGES SUPPORTING THE SECURITIZED**
13 **BONDS.**

14 A. "Securitized property" is defined in KRS 278.670(19) as (a) all rights and
15 interests of an utility, its successor or assignee under a financing order,
16 including the right to impose, bill, charge, collect, and receive securitized
17 surcharges authorized under the financing order and to obtain periodic
18 adjustments to such charges as provided in the financing order and (b) all
19 revenues, collections, claims, rights to payments, payments, moneys, or
20 proceeds arising from the rights and interests specified in the financing order,
21 regardless of whether such revenues, collections, claims, rights to payment,
22 payments, moneys, or proceeds are imposed, billed, received, collected, or

1 maintained together with or commingled with other revenues, collections,
2 rights to payment, payments, moneys, or proceeds.

3 As set forth in KRS 278.670(20), the securitized surcharges are (a)
4 nonbypassable and imposed on, and are a part of, all retail customer bills, (b)
5 collected, in full and separate from the utility's tariffed rates, special contract
6 rates or other mechanisms by an electric utility or by its successors, assignees,
7 or collection agents, and (c) paid by all existing or future retail customers
8 receiving electrical service from the electric utility or its successors or assignees
9 under commission-approved rate schedules, even if a retail customer elects to
10 purchase electricity from an alternative electricity supplier following a
11 fundamental change in regulation of public utilities in Kentucky.

12 The securitized surcharges will be designed to provide for amounts
13 sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the securitized bonds as
14 scheduled and in full, as well as other securitized costs and financing costs
15 associated with the securitized bonds. Included in the securitized property is the
16 right to the formula-based true-up adjustment mechanism (“True-Up
17 Mechanism”), which is a requirement to adjust the amount of the securitized
18 surcharges owed by customers to ensure that the amounts actually collected are
19 sufficient to pay all amounts owed with respect to the securitized bonds as
20 scheduled and in full, including securitized costs and financing costs. The
21 process for implementing the True-Up Mechanism is described in the testimony
22 of witnesses West and Spaeth.

1 **Q. HOW ARE SECURITIZED BONDS DIFFERENT FROM UTILITY**
2 **UNSECURED OR FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS?**

3 A. The proposed securitized bonds are different from utility unsecured or first
4 mortgage bonds because these proposed bonds are non-recourse to the
5 Company. Utility unsecured and first mortgage bonds are fully recourse to the
6 Company. In addition, the securitized bonds will be structured to amortize with
7 scheduled principal payments through specific points in time prior to the rated
8 legal maturity date of the securitized bonds. These points in time are referred to
9 as the expected or scheduled maturities for each of the multiple tranches of
10 bonds issued in the transaction, as further described below. Amortizing, or
11 sinking-fund, structures are distinct from traditional utility corporate bonds,
12 which generally have only a single “bullet” principal payment at the bond
13 maturity date. Another difference is that the securitized bonds will be structured
14 with a time gap between each tranche’s scheduled final payment and the rated
15 legal maturity of that tranche. This time gap, sometimes called a “maturity
16 cushion,” provides extra time to pay the outstanding principal amount of the
17 tranche in full in the event that unforeseen circumstances such as significant
18 declines from either the forecasted energy demand, forecasted consumption,
19 and/or the forecasted number of customers, cause a material decrease in
20 securitized surcharge collections.

21 **Q. ARE UTILITY SECURITIZED BONDS TYPICALLY CALLABLE?**

22 A. The vast majority of utility securitization bonds are not callable, or subject to
23 redemption before reaching the date of their stated maturity with the notable

1 exception of a utility securitization, issued on March 23, 2023, on behalf of the
2 Texas Natural Gas Securitization Finance Corporation that included a call
3 feature granting the issuer the option to redeem the bonds on or before April 1,
4 2026 at a “make whole redemption price” and absent unforeseen events, it is
5 likely that the proposed securitized bonds will be noncallable

6 **Q. WILL MAKING THE BONDS CALLABLE RESULT IN THE LOWEST**
7 **COST FOR RATEPAYERS?**

8 A. Typically, to estimate how investors will view the addition of the call provision,
9 the underwriter would coordinate with its derivatives desk to price out the call
10 option, based on the total duration of the bonds and the preferred par call date.
11 This will be a cost greater than zero and can be very expensive depending on
12 the terms. Due to the uncertainty in the future interest rate environment, it would
13 be difficult to discern at the time of bond pricing whether the cost of this
14 optionality would be outweighed by a future lower-priced coupon bond. The
15 second concern would be whether the same investor base would exist for a
16 callable utility securitization versus the traditional non-call structure, given the
17 rarity of call features in these transactions. The aforementioned Texas Natural
18 Gas Securitization Finance Corporation deal suggests that investors for this
19 structure exist, however it is unclear whether the same bond, absent the call
20 feature, would have achieved better pricing.

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1 **Q. IN INSTANCES WHERE THE BONDS ARE CALLABLE, WHERE IS**
2 **THE SOURCE OF REPAYMENT?**

3 A. Repayment at a par call date requires a large amount of up-front proceeds. As
4 the general purpose of utility securitizations is to fund large, discrete expenses
5 such as stranded or deferred costs at the lowest cost of capital, repayment of
6 utility securitizations would require a large source of even cheaper capital in
7 order to achieve the goal of lowest charges for customers. In the callable Texas
8 Natural Gas Securitization Finance Corporation securitization, the Texas
9 Senate Finance Committee had advanced legislation that included appropriation
10 of moneys to pay off the bonds and possibly other debt incurred by other
11 utilities as a result of 2021's Winter Storm Uri in order to ease the financial
12 impacts to energy customers. Since Texas legislators had signaled intent to have
13 these bonds called as soon as feasible, investors were also able to form a view
14 on the probability the call feature would be exercised, and price accordingly.
15 Absent this unique legislative backdrop, assessing the cost of the call feature
16 may be more difficult and therefore more costly.

17 **Q. ARE THERE “OTHER AMOUNTS” BEYOND DEBT SERVICE**
18 **REQUIRED TO BE COLLECTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE**
19 **SECURITIZED BONDS?**

20 A. There will be other amounts in addition to the bond principal and interest that
21 will be payable on an ongoing basis over the life of the transaction. These costs,
22 which are required ongoing financing costs, include, but are not limited to,
23 servicing fees, trustee fees, rating agency surveillance fees, legal fees,

1 administrative fees, audit fees, and other operating expenses. Generally, these
2 amounts are SPE expenses that are required to keep the transaction working as
3 designed, without reliance on Kentucky Power or any other source of funds. It
4 is essential to the SPE's status as a bankruptcy-remote entity for the transaction
5 structure to provide for the full payment of ongoing financing costs. These
6 anticipated fees and expenses are estimated in the testimony of witness Messner
7 and included as Exhibit FDM-2.

8 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE AND PROVIDE AN ESTIMATE OF THE UP-**
9 **FRONT FINANCING COSTS OF ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT.**

10 A. Original issue discount ("OID") is not really a "cost" similar to the other up-
11 front financing costs discussed in Kentucky Power's testimony. Instead, it is the
12 difference between the total par amount of the bonds issued and the actual price
13 paid by investors. There is a mathematical relationship, as captured by the yield
14 of a bond, between the amount of OID in a particular transaction and the interest
15 rate (or coupon) paid on the bonds sold. The lower the interest rate, the higher
16 the OID will be for a given yield (all else equal). For planning purposes, it is
17 assumed that the securitized bonds will be issued without OID. However, as a
18 practical matter, it is likely that some level of OID will be needed to provide
19 yields that match the exact market conditions at issuance. In fact, a certain
20 amount of OID is typical of securitized bonds and some other asset backed
21 securities generally. The amount of OID is generally less than 0.5%. These
22 types of discounts arise because (a) treasury yields or the swap curve
23 (essentially a yield curve for interest rate swaps used to price swap transactions)

1 are typically quoted to four decimal places while bond coupons are typically
2 stated to two decimal places and (b) many initial offerings settle without
3 accrued interest on a mid-month date, which results in an “odd first period.”
4 Under these circumstances, pricing at exactly 100% is not practicable. Many
5 investors tend to prefer a lower coupon with a discount over a higher coupon
6 with a premium, so the normal convention is to round the coupon down (to two
7 decimal places) at pricing to produce a slight discount. For all practical
8 purposes, OID is an element of interest cost. The OID will depend on market
9 conditions at the time and the “odd first period” described above. Since the OID
10 will be fully reflected in the issuance advice letter (as further described below),
11 and there is no reason to predict, nor any basis for predicting, the exact amount
12 of OID that may be associated with this transaction, any estimate would be
13 arbitrary.

14 **Q. IN YOUR EXPERIENCE, ARE THE COSTS ESTIMATED BY**
15 **KENTUCKY POWER WITHIN THE RANGE OF COSTS YOU HAVE**
16 **PREVIOUSLY SEEN FOR SIMILAR EXPENSES?**

17 A. Yes. I have provided input on and reviewed the preliminary expense estimates
18 provided by witness Messner, as well as the supporting examples provided from
19 previous transactions. While the Company’s proposed securitization is not
20 expected to occur until 2024, and costs may change, these estimated costs are
21 within the ranges found in other utility securitization transactions.

1 **Q. IN ADDITION TO THE SECURITIZED PROPERTY, ARE THERE**
2 **ANY OTHER COMPONENTS OF THE COLLATERAL FOR THIS**
3 **TRANSACTION?**

4 A. Yes. The collateral for the transaction includes other components in addition to
5 the securitized property. However, that property right is the principal asset
6 pledged as collateral. Pursuant to the Indenture, the other collateral includes a
7 collection account, which is established by the SPE as a trust account to be held
8 by the Trustee to ensure the scheduled payment of principal, interest and other
9 costs associated with the securitized bonds are paid in full and on a timely basis.
10 The collection account, in turn, is comprised of the three subaccounts:

- 11 • the general subaccount;
- 12 • the capital subaccount; and
- 13 • the excess funds subaccount.

14 The collateral also consists of the SPE's rights under certain agreements it
15 enters into as part of the transaction, including the purchase and sale agreement
16 and the servicing agreement.

17 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE SUBACCOUNTS OF THE COLLECTION**
18 **ACCOUNT REFERRED TO ABOVE.**

19 A. The general subaccount is the subaccount in which the Trustee deposits
20 securitized surcharge remittances it receives from the servicer. Monies in this
21 subaccount will be applied by the Trustee on a periodic basis to make payments
22 according to the waterfall, which generally includes the payment of SPE

1 expenses required to maintain the operations of the transaction, then interest on
2 the securitized bonds, and then principal on the securitized bonds.

3 The capital subaccount represents the equity capital of the SPE and is
4 funded by an amount contributed by Kentucky Power at issuance that is at least
5 equal to 0.50 percent of the initial principal amount of each securitized bond
6 transaction. If that subaccount is drawn upon, it is replenished from securitized
7 surcharges through the True-Up Mechanism and any available excess
8 securitized surcharge collections. The Company's proposed equity investment
9 of 0.50 percent has been derived from guidance from the Internal Revenue
10 Service ("IRS") through its Revenue Procedure 2005-62 (Niehaus Exhibit 1).
11 The testimony of witness Messner addresses the Company's return on this
12 capital contribution at a rate equivalent to the proposed Weighted Average Cost
13 of Capital ("WACC") in this case. The fact that the Company receives a return
14 on their respective capital contributions contributes to the "equity investment"
15 characterization of these funds, which is necessary to ensure that the
16 securitization transaction receives tax treatment by the IRS that will allow the
17 receipt of proceeds from the sale of the securitized property by the Company to
18 be disregarded for tax purposes. The IRS Revenue Procedure sets forth the way
19 an investor-owned utility may treat, for federal income tax purposes, the
20 issuance of a financing order by a state regulatory agency and the securitization
21 of the rights created by the financing order. Having an equity investment in the
22 SPE of at least 0.50 percent is within the safe harbor provided in the IRS
23 Revenue Procedure and helps to ensure that the Company will not recognize in

1 their taxable income the cash proceeds received from the sale of securitized
2 property or the issuance of the securitized bonds. Rather, the securitized bonds
3 will be considered borrowings of the Company for federal income tax purposes.

4 The excess funds subaccount is where any monies on deposit in the
5 general account that are not required to meet the scheduled interest and
6 principal obligations of the securitized bonds will be deposited. The initial
7 balance is zero, and the target ongoing balance is also zero. To the extent there
8 are funds on deposit in this subaccount, those amounts will be considered in the
9 next available True-Up Mechanism and the subaccount value will again be
10 generally targeted to be zero. Stated differently, to the extent securitized
11 surcharge collections are higher than expected in any given true-up calculation
12 period, those amounts do not pay down the principal balance of the securitized
13 bonds beyond the scheduled principal payment for that period. Rather, the
14 amounts on deposit in the general subaccount above and beyond the scheduled
15 obligations will be moved to the excess funds subaccount. Those amounts will
16 then reduce the amount of securities surcharge collections needed in the
17 subsequent true-up calculation period. This is how the debt service coverage is
18 targeted to remain at 100% of debt service and ongoing financing costs, as
19 discussed above.

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TREATMENT OF ANY FUNDS**
2 **REMAINING IN THE VARIOUS SUBACCOUNTS AT THE FINAL**
3 **MATURITY OF THE TRANSACTION.**

4 A. Funds remaining in the general subaccount and the excess funds subaccount
5 will be returned to the SPE upon final payment in full of the securitized bonds
6 and all other financing costs, and equivalent amounts will be credited to
7 customers' electricity bills as part of the final reconciliation of the
8 Securitization Financing Rider, as described by witness Spaeth. Monies
9 remaining in the Kentucky Power-funded capital subaccount along with the
10 authorized return, will be returned to the Company through the SPE without
11 any equivalent credit to customers' electric bills, since the capital subaccount
12 was funded at issuance with the Company's own funds.

13 **III. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED TRANSACTION**

14 **A. *Transaction Structures***

15 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TRANSACTION STRUCTURE OF THE**
16 **COMPANY'S PROPOSED SECURITIZED BONDS.**

17 A. As shown in the detailed structure diagram in section III.B below, this structure
18 is substantially similar to that employed in typical utility securitization bond
19 offerings. The proposed transaction will involve the creation by Kentucky
20 Power of a wholly-owned SPE, which would be incorporated as Delaware
21 limited liability companies with Kentucky Power as the sole member. The SPE
22 will serve as the issuer of securitized bonds (the "Issuer"). Kentucky Power,
23 pursuant to authorization granted it by the Commission in a financing order,

1 will create and sell securitized property to the Issuer. The Issuer will finance
2 the purchase of such securitized property by selling securitized bonds, thereby
3 acquiring all right, title, and interest of Kentucky Power to collect securitized
4 surcharges.

5 **Q. PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS REGARDING THE PROPOSED**
6 **CAPITAL STRUCTURE OF THE KENTUCKY POWER**
7 **SECURITIZED BONDS.**

8 A. The preliminary structure for the estimated \$446.7 million Kentucky Power
9 securitized bond transaction is presented in Niehaus Exhibit 3. On a
10 preliminary, indicative basis, one tranche of bonds will be issued, which will
11 amortize over a sinking fund schedule crafted to provide substantially level debt
12 service each period. Niehaus Exhibit 3 also shows indicative credit spread to
13 the benchmark and the associated interest coupon, scheduled final payment and
14 rated legal maturity. I recommend that the initial debt service payment be
15 scheduled for approximately nine months after the closing of the transaction,
16 with debt service payments thereafter occurring on a semi-annual basis. While
17 securitized surcharges are irrevocably authorized upon issuance of the
18 securitized bonds, the accrued charges will not be included on customer bills
19 until the immediately following billing cycle month. Thus, considering the
20 standard roll-out of customer bills over a 20 business day billing cycle, and
21 given other lags in collections, it will take some time for the full expected cash
22 flow from securitized surcharges to be realized. Therefore, the approximately
23 nine month initial period allows more time for the full amount of expected

1 securitized surcharge revenues to become available and provides for a
2 mandatory true-up adjustment prior to the first debt service payment, to mitigate
3 the transaction revenue impact of any unexpected changes in the Kentucky
4 Power customer base or revenues.

5 Please note that these terms are preliminary and estimated based on
6 current market conditions. The final terms and conditions of the securitized
7 bonds will not be known until they have been priced in the marketplace.
8 Investor demand at the time of pricing will determine market-clearing interest
9 rates and the final structure offered to investors. Therefore, this preliminary
10 structure and pricing information is illustrative and subject to change, and the
11 actual structure and pricing will differ, and may differ materially from this
12 preliminary structure.

13 The structure shown is designed to provide the lowest weighted average
14 cost of funds to the issuer given the targeted approximate 20-year scheduled
15 final payment date. The level of the securitized surcharge paid by the
16 Company's customers is directly affected by interest rates and the principal
17 amortization structure of the securitized bonds. With larger transactions, the
18 bond balance may be split into multiple tranches of debt to take advantage of
19 discrete pockets of investor demand across the entire term of the transaction.
20 For example, a five and a ten-year tranche may be issued. Here, given the small
21 transaction size, we are constrained in splitting up tranches because a
22 marketable structure should still maintain large enough tranche sizes to ensure
23 secondary market liquidity for the securitized bonds. Generally, investors view

1 any tranche smaller than \$100 to \$125 million as too small to be liquid.
2 Liquidity in this context refers to the ability of a bondholder to sell its bond in
3 the secondary market without having to significantly discount its price. A
4 tranche that is seen as not liquid may require an illiquidity premium during
5 pricing, which results in higher interest costs passed along to customers.

6 Niehaus Exhibit 3 also shows the weighted average life (or “WAL”) of
7 the indicative bonds. Weighted average life is a measure of the average amount
8 of time it takes to repay in full the principal balance of a bond tranche. When
9 pricing the bonds, a credit spread (negotiated with investors) is added to the
10 underlying benchmark rate, and together they make up the fixed coupon for the
11 life of the transaction. Here, our benchmark will be the U.S. Treasury curve.
12 Note that the duration of the U.S. Treasury benchmark that we will use as a
13 benchmark on the day of pricing is based on duration closest to the WAL of the
14 bonds, not closest to the scheduled final payment date or legal final maturity
15 date. Regularly scheduled principal amortization throughout the life of the
16 transaction, as opposed to a single bullet maturity, results in a shorter WAL for
17 the financing. Investors have nearly universally seen and accepted semi-annual
18 amortization in these transactions. I have advised the Company that the
19 proposed transaction should have a relatively level annual debt service and
20 associated revenue requirement, such that as the Company’s customer
21 population and customer consumption may increase, all other things being
22 equal, the securitized surcharge may be adjusted downward over the life of the
23 transaction. Substantially level debt service also avoids significant volatility in

1 the customer charge year to year, as opposed to a bespoke amortization schedule
2 or a bullet payment at maturity. Rating agency stress tests also tend to penalize
3 transactions that use a different structuring approach, particularly one that
4 significantly back-loads debt service. Niehaus Exhibit 3 also outlines some of
5 the structuring assumptions and displays the preliminary annual debt service
6 schedules and annual revenue requirements.

7 **Q. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SCHEDULED FINAL**
8 **PAYMENT DATE AND LEGAL MATURITY DATE?**

9 A. I briefly addressed this topic above in the context of the basic discussion of
10 securitization and will address it more fully here. The scheduled final payment
11 date of the tranche or tranches of securitized bonds represents the date at which
12 final payment is expected to be made, but no legal obligation exists to retire the
13 tranche in full by that date. The rated legal maturity date is the date by which
14 the bond principal must be paid or an event of default will occur. The proposed
15 preliminary structure for this transaction utilizes a legal maturity date that is
16 usually 24 months longer than the scheduled final payment date for each bond
17 tranche, known as a “maturity cushion.” The actual maturity cushion will be
18 determined by the final “AAA” stress scenarios required by the rating agencies
19 during the rating process for the underlying securitized bonds and may be
20 shorter or longer than 24 months. Therefore, it is important that the financing
21 order provides flexibility for the transaction to have the specific maturity
22 cushions required to obtain AAA equivalent ratings (or the highest possible

1 ratings), which cannot be determined in advance of the rating agency review
2 process.

3 The difference between the scheduled final payment date and legal
4 maturity date provides additional credit protection by allowing shortfalls in
5 principal payments to be recovered over this additional period due to any
6 unforeseen circumstance. This gap between the two dates is a benefit to the
7 Company and contributes to the strong credit quality of the transaction, helping
8 lower the cost of funds and therefore benefitting customers.

9 Moreover, many investors in utility securitizations are familiar with this
10 concept, which is a feature in all utility securitization transactions and most
11 ABS transactions. The ratings on the securitized bonds are derived in part based
12 on the assumption that the outstanding principal amount of each tranche will be
13 paid in full by its legal maturity date, and investors would price assuming the
14 underlying securitized bonds make the final scheduled principal payment in full
15 at the scheduled final payment date, which is earlier than the legal maturity date.

16 **Q. SHOULD THE TRANSACTION BE STRUCTURED AS A PUBLIC,**
17 **SEC-REGISTERED TRANSACTION?**

18 A. I recommend in this case pursuing an offering registered with the SEC,
19 generally referred to as a “public” offering, offered through a negotiated process
20 with a select group of underwriters. The Securities Act of 1933, as amended,
21 requires that every security offered or sold in the United States either be
22 registered with the SEC or qualify for an exemption from registration (with such
23 exempt securities generally referred to as a “private” offering). If a transaction

1 is registered with the SEC, there are no restrictions on the type of investor who
2 may purchase the securities. While private offerings are restricted to certain
3 types of sophisticated institutional investors (e.g., 144A offerings), public
4 offerings can be sold to anyone, including retail investors. Because there are no
5 restrictions on the sophistication of the investors able to purchase the bonds, the
6 SEC requires public offerings to prepare a prospectus that conforms to detailed
7 disclosure requirements and is also reviewed by the SEC prior to marketing.
8 Offering documents for private transactions do not have to be reviewed by the
9 SEC prior to marketing. The public offering process can therefore be more time
10 consuming and may also have higher transaction costs. Legal fees may be
11 higher due to the SEC review process, and unlike private offerings, the SEC
12 requires issuers to pay a filing fee based on the dollar amount of bonds being
13 registered. However, in general, public offerings are considered to be more
14 liquid given the broader potential investor universe and therefore may be more
15 attractive to investors, resulting in lower pricing. Public offerings are invariably
16 conducted through a negotiated sale of the securities to a selected group of
17 underwriters. I describe this negotiated sale process later in my testimony.
18 Therefore, similar to the vast majority of precedent utility securitization
19 transactions, we believe a public offering using a negotiated sale of
20 underwriters will likely lead to lower overall costs for customers.

1 **Q. WILL THE SECURITIZED BONDS PAY FIXED OR FLOATING**
2 **INTEREST RATES?**

3 A. Virtually all rate reduction bonds have been fixed-rate bonds. Fixed rates
4 facilitate evaluation of the likely costs and benefits in advance and the
5 maintenance of roughly equal securitized charges over time (subject to
6 variances in items such as actual load or collections history from forecast).
7 Maintaining predictable revenue requirements facilitates the ongoing
8 management of the customer charge adjustment (or “true-up”) process.
9 Although it is possible to issue floating-rate bonds if the floating interest rate is
10 then converted to a fixed rate through use of an interest rate swap or hedge
11 between an SPE and a highly-rated swap counterparty, in today’s market,
12 floating rate bonds, swaps, and hedges are expected to create additional
13 documentation costs and introduce additional risks for customers. For example,
14 a swap incorporated as a part of the securitization structure would require an
15 additional counterparty, so there is a risk of a ratings downgrade or a default by
16 the counterparty providing the swap. These additional costs do not support the
17 goal of obtaining the lowest charges for customers. Further, it is difficult to find
18 a comparatively-rated swap counterparty (AAA) satisfying rating agency
19 criteria necessary to secure the desired AAA ratings on the bonds.

1 **Q. ARE THERE OTHER IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS**
2 **REGARDING THE PRELIMINARY STRUCTURE OF THE**
3 **SECURITIZED BONDS?**

4 A. Yes. I reiterate that it will be beneficial for the securitized bonds to be structured
5 to have substantially level annual debt service. This is important because it
6 should facilitate stability in the aggregate securitized surcharges over the life of
7 the securitized bonds.

8 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE MECHANICS OF HOW THE SECURITIES**
9 **ARE PRICED.**

10 A. The starting point for how a utility securitization is priced is the corresponding
11 benchmark rate. In the preliminary structure included as Niehaus Exhibit 3, U.S.
12 Treasury benchmarks are listed. These benchmark rates are matched with the
13 weighted average life of each tranche. As discussed above, the weighted
14 average life is a measure of the average amount of time it is expected to take to
15 repay the principal balance of a tranche in full. The U.S. Treasury benchmark
16 reflects the “risk-free” yield investors generally associate with securities issued
17 by the U.S. Treasury. The next component is the credit spread, which is
18 generally the amount of yield above the given benchmark that is required by the
19 marketplace to invest in the given bond tranche. This credit spread, the yield
20 above the benchmark rate, is an indication of the market’s view at the time of
21 pricing of the incremental credit risk associated with each bond tranche. To
22 state the obvious, issuers would like this credit spread to be as small, or tight,
23 as possible to the underlying benchmark (thereby lowering the coupon), and

1 investors would like it to be higher, or wider, versus the underlying benchmark,
2 all else being equal. The pricing credit spread is ultimately determined by
3 market-clearing rates at the conclusion of the marketing process.

4 ***B. Securitized Surcharge Collection***

5 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ONGOING BILLING, COLLECTING, AND**
6 **REMITTING OF THE SECURITIZED SURCHARGE OVER THE LIFE**
7 **OF THE TRANSACTION.**

8 A. The Company, as servicer, will be responsible for calculating, billing and
9 collecting the securitized surcharge from customers. The procedures for
10 remitting the securitized surcharge to the Trustee will be established through a
11 Servicing Agreement. The securitized surcharge collections will be remitted by
12 the Company to the Trustee each business day (based on estimated amounts
13 collected), with cash held no more than two business days prior to remittance.
14 The Trustee will then hold the amounts remitted to it by the Company until the
15 next payment date. These payment dates will generally occur twice a year, as is
16 customary in utility securitizations.

17 Further, while it is my understanding that Kentucky law does not
18 currently authorize third-party energy providers to provide public utility
19 services, it is important that the financing order ensure that such third-parties –
20 in the event there is any change in utility regulation – bill and collect the
21 securitized surcharge in a manner that will not cause any of the then-current
22 credit ratings of the securitized bonds to be suspended, withdrawn, or
23 downgraded.

1 While the rating agency requirements may change from time to time, it
2 is expected that the rating agencies' requirements, in general, will consist of the
3 following:

- 4 • Any third-party energy provider must provide Kentucky Power, acting as
5 servicer, (or any successor servicer) with total monthly kilowatt-hour usage
6 information in a timely manner for the servicer to fulfill its obligations, as
7 such information is the basis of such remittance.
- 8 • The utility, or any successor servicer, will be entitled, within seven days
9 after a default by the third-party energy provider in remitting any securitized
10 surcharge billed, to assume responsibility for billing all charges for services
11 provided by Kentucky Power or any successor servicer, including the
12 securitized surcharge, or to switch responsibility to a third- party, which
13 must meet the criteria herein described.
- 14 • If and so long as a third-party energy provider does not maintain at least a
15 triple-B long-term unsecured credit rating from Moody's Investors Service,
16 S&P Global Ratings or Fitch Ratings, such third-party energy provider shall
17 maintain, with the servicer or as directed by the servicer, a cash deposit or
18 comparable security equal to at least one month's maximum estimated
19 collections of the securitized surcharge, in a form and manner as agreed
20 upon by the servicer, or any successor servicer, and the third-party energy
21 provider. In the event of a default in the remittance of the securitized
22 surcharge by a third-party energy provider, such amount will be included in
23 the true-up adjustments.

- 1 • The third-party energy provider must agree to remit the full amount of the
2 securitized surcharge it bills to retail customers, regardless of whether
3 payments are received from such retail customers, within 15 days of its or
4 the utility's, or any successor servicer's, bill for such charges.
- 5 • The foregoing requirements may be modified in accordance with the terms
6 of the securitized bond financing documents, subject to approval by the
7 Commission, and confirmation (or deemed confirmation) by the applicable
8 rating agencies that such change will not result in a suspension, reduction,
9 or withdrawal of the then-current credit ratings for the securitized bonds.

10 ***C. Key True-Up Mechanism Considerations***

11 **Q. PLEASE DISCUSS KEY ASPECTS OF THE TRUE-UP MECHANISM.**

12 A. One of the fundamental utility securitization features that enables “AAA”
13 ratings is the statutorily mandated periodic true-up mechanism. The true-up
14 mechanism involves the adjustment of the customer charges on a periodic basis,
15 to ensure that the scheduled securitization debt service and ongoing financing
16 costs are paid on a timely basis. True-up adjustments are also designed to
17 minimize any over-collections and target the low 100% (or 1.0x) debt service
18 coverage. True-ups are to be implemented by the servicer, and by the terms of
19 the Securitization Statute, any reviews by the Commission focus only on
20 potential mathematical or clerical errors present in the true-up submission. I
21 recommend that true-ups take place at least on a semi-annual basis; provided,
22 however, that beginning 12 months prior to the scheduled final payment date
23 for the latest maturing tranche of securitized bonds of a particular series, the

1 required true-up adjustments should be done on a quarterly basis. In addition, I
2 recommend that the true-up calculations occurring in each period take into
3 account actual collections received during months since the prior true-up, as
4 well as scheduled debt service and financing costs projected to be due over the
5 two upcoming debt service payment periods (the periods ending on the first and
6 second payment dates following the adjustment date). The true-up calculation
7 methodology will take into account updated energy usage and revenue
8 forecasts, any changes in the Commission- approved customer rate allocations,
9 as well as updated customer payment aging, delinquency and uncollectibles
10 data.

11 I recommend that the initial bond payment date be set approximately
12 nine months from the closing date, so that there will be a true-up adjustment
13 effective prior to the first bond payment date. I also recommend that the true-
14 up adjustment become effective in the approximate middle of the bond payment
15 periods, such that generally there are two or three months of customer charges,
16 based upon the adjusted rates, collected prior to the upcoming bond payment
17 date. For example, if bond payment dates are January 1 and July 1, the
18 mandatory semi-annual adjustment dates could be set for April 1 and October
19 1. Setting true-up adjustment dates on such a schedule provides time for charges
20 based upon adjusted rates to be collected prior to upcoming bond payments and
21 is designed to minimize and stabilize charges on an ongoing basis throughout
22 the life of the transaction.

1 In addition to the required true-ups, it is important for the servicer to
2 have the ability to conduct an interim true-up at any time to ensure that debt
3 service and ongoing financing costs are paid on time. Witness Spaeth provides
4 more detail concerning the True-Up Mechanism in his testimony.

5 **Q. IN YOUR VIEW WILL THE BROAD-BASED NATURE OF THE**
6 **PROPOSED TRUE-UP MECHANISM IN THE SECURITIZATION**
7 **STATUTE SERVE TO MINIMIZE CREDIT RISK ASSOCIATED**
8 **WITH THE SECURITIZED BONDS?**

9 A. Yes. I agree that these features serve to minimize credit risk associated with the
10 securitized bonds (i.e., that sufficient funds will be available and paid to
11 discharge the principal and interest when due).

12 **IV. DISCUSSION OF THE EXECUTION PROCESS**

13 **A. *Rating Agency Process***

14 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE RATING AGENCY PROCESS.**

15 A. An important element of preparing for the marketing and pricing of the
16 securitized bonds is obtaining the highest ratings from the rating agencies. The
17 Company and the structuring advisors and lead underwriter for the Company
18 will prepare written presentations and may meet with rating agency personnel
19 to discuss the credit framework and credit strengths of the proposed securitized
20 bonds, and the structure of the securitized bonds with each hired rating agency,
21 in compliance with SEC Rule 17g-5. It is important to note that rating agencies
22 are completely independent institutions, and each rating agency has its own
23 method of reviewing a utility securitization and will request certain data and

1 information that will facilitate such a review process. Rating agencies may
2 update or amend their rating criteria at any time. The Company's structuring
3 advisors and lead underwriter will work with the Company to draft
4 presentations that contain the required data and information. Additionally, the
5 rating agencies may require a diligence review of the servicer's billing and
6 collecting processes. Whether this review is done on-site or via the telephone
7 depends on several factors and is ultimately up to each rating agency. Each
8 rating agency will follow-up with additional questions.

9 The ratings process also entails a review of the cash flows of the
10 proposed structure. As part of this phase, each rating agency will ask for various
11 cash flow stress scenarios based on its requirements and the details of the
12 particular transaction to ensure that the securitized bonds will be repaid under
13 extremely stressful cash flow projections. These rating agency cash flow stress
14 scenarios may include assumptions that zero out revenues each year during the
15 peak consumption months, that assume that all industrial customers leave the
16 service territory, assume that the widest historical variance between actual
17 consumption and forecasted consumption is multiplied five or more times over
18 the life of the transaction, as well as other stress assumptions regarding write-
19 offs and delinquencies.

20 Important rating elements include:

- 21 • Legal and regulatory framework;
- 22 • Political and regulatory environment;
- 23 • Transaction structure;

- 1 • Servicing review and capabilities;
- 2 • Service area analysis;
- 3 • Cash flow stress analysis; and
- 4 • Size of the securitized surcharge during stress scenarios as a percentage of
- 5 the average residential customer bill.

6 **Q. IN YOUR PREVIOUS ANSWER, YOU MENTIONED SEC RULE 17G-**
7 **5. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT IT IS AND HOW IT WILL PERTAIN TO**
8 **THIS EXECUTION PROCESS.**

9 A. In December 2009, the SEC amended, as part of its mandate under the Dodd-
10 Frank reform legislation, its rules regulating ratings on structured finance
11 securities where the issuer, sponsor, or underwriter pays for the ratings on the
12 securities. In short, the amended regulation, which I refer to here as “Rule 17g-
13 5” is intended to provide access to ratings-related information to non-hired
14 rating agencies so that they, if desired, could issue unsolicited ratings. In
15 practice, however, actual unsolicited ratings are very rare. The rule has been in
16 effect since June 2010. Although Rule 17g-5 only directly applies to a hired
17 rating agency, the rule requires the agency to obtain commitments from the
18 issuer to facilitate this process, effectively passing on the requirements to
19 issuers. Those requirements generally include the maintenance of a password-
20 protected website containing rating-related information used to providing a
21 rating on the securities. Each hired rating agency is then required to maintain
22 its own password-protected website listing each structured finance security for
23 which it is in the process of determining a rating. If a non-hired rating agency

1 desires to gain access to the ratings-related information, it can request it of the
2 issuer. Please note, an issuer will be aware of such a request because it will be
3 the one to grant access to the non-hired rating agency.

4 Utility securitizations have been subject to Rule 17g-5 since its
5 implementation, and issuers and their underwriters have managed the process
6 by maintaining most communication via email and/or recorded or transcribed
7 phone communication. Therefore, it is important that issuers and their
8 underwriters have specific procedures in place to document and record all
9 materials provided to the rating agencies during the rating agency process. In
10 summary, Rule 17g-5 changes the technical nature of how information is shared
11 with rating agencies and how communication takes place during the ratings
12 process, but it has not changed the fundamental nature of that process (i.e.,
13 utility securitizations and all other transactions subject to the rule are still rated).
14 Typically, the lead underwriting bank will assist the issuer in ensuring
15 compliance with this rule.

16 ***B. Marketing Process***

17 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE SECURITIZED BOND MARKETING**
18 **PROCESS.**

19 A. The marketing process entails several different phases, each uniquely tailored
20 to the asset class, market conditions and the specifics of the contemplated
21 transaction. The underwriters will work with and make recommendations to the
22 Company throughout the process. Described below are the general steps in a
23 typical marketing process, but the actual process for the securitized bonds could

1 vary based on the market environment at the time of marketing. Each step below
2 should be conducted consistent with the proposed issuance advice letter
3 procedure described in paragraph C below, as well as with SEC rules and
4 regulations regarding publicly registered securities offerings, including an
5 investor suitability analysis:

6 1. **Pre-marketing.** Once a preliminary prospectus for the transaction is on file
7 with the SEC, the underwriters will work together with the Company to
8 bring the transaction to the attention of investors, to inform them of its
9 structure and term, and to directly answer any questions they may have.
10 Extensive education will be provided to investors regarding the securitized
11 bonds, particularly investors who may be new to the asset class. A wide
12 range of corporate and ABS investors will be contacted, including
13 investment managers, insurance companies, corporate treasury and other
14 investors. It is important to choose underwriters with both experience in
15 utility securitizations and broad sales forces in order to understand where
16 the issuer will gain the most traction on early demand through premarketing.
17 Underwriters will use information gained from prior utility transactions to
18 understand which investors have a combination of interest in the space and
19 money to allocate. Early interest in the transaction gained through this
20 preliminary process can drive momentum for the subscription process and
21 give the issuer a better understanding of the market ahead of formal
22 announcement. This process is generally referred to as pre-marketing. It
23 may include one-on-one conference calls with significant potential

1 investors, and open conference calls, which several investors may join. The
2 purpose of this process is to stimulate broad investor demand for the issue,
3 so that the pricing process will be better situated to obtain the lowest
4 possible interest rates reasonably consistent with market conditions at the
5 time of pricing. This, in turn, should result in lower securitized surcharges.

6 The timing of this process and the specifics of the new issue process are
7 also important factors. Typically, after an extensive pre-marketing process, new
8 transactions in this sector are announced to the market on Monday mornings.
9 As one could expect, the new issue calendar may be busy at that time, so in
10 order to get the attention of investors as they may be considering several
11 competing new issues, the pre-marketing period will be determined by the
12 Company and the lead underwriter taking the likely new issue calendar into
13 account. Most transactions that announce on Monday morning will target a
14 pricing by Wednesday or Thursday (as issuers do not want to take the risk of an
15 intervening event over a weekend); thus, a pre-marketing start date is designed
16 to gain the attention of investors when they may not be busy reviewing other
17 active new issue pricings.

18 2. **Announcement.** Following pre-marketing, the transaction is officially
19 announced to the market, which is typically done toward the start of the
20 week (again, as mentioned above, the timing of the announcement is to
21 ensure that a transaction prices during the same week in which it is officially
22 announced; otherwise, issuers may be subject to unforeseen risk over a
23 weekend). During this phase of marketing, the securitized bonds will be

1 offered for sale to investors through the underwriters. The post
2 announcement phase will include an electronic road show, which is made
3 available to investors, as well as the continuation of one-on-one discussion
4 with potential investors. The underwriters, in conjunction with the issuer,
5 will begin to discuss informally with investors the coupons at which the
6 securitized bonds will be offered at initial issuance, stated as a credit spread
7 relative to the benchmark rates for each tranche. In response, investors will
8 provide initial indications of interest, generally specifying how much of the
9 tranche for which they intend to submit an order at a given pricing level.
10 The lead underwriter will be charged with keeping the master record
11 (known as “the book”) in which all indications of interest received by the
12 underwriters from potential investors are recorded. While all underwriters
13 assist in investor outreach and taking order, the lead underwriter ensures
14 coordination of marketing messaging across the syndicate, as well as creates
15 and drives timeline for the bond marketing process. The next phase of the
16 transaction – price guidance – will be based on the aggregated amount of
17 indications of interest received from investors.

18 3. **Price guidance.** At this stage, the underwriters will send out a notice to
19 investors with price guidance, again typically stated as a range of credit
20 spreads stated against the given benchmark. Thereafter, investors will be
21 invited to place firm indications through the underwriters for the amount
22 and specific tranches of securitized bonds they are willing to purchase, at
23 certain prices and bond coupon rates. At a certain point in time, when the

1 book has sufficient interest from investors, the underwriters will stop taking
2 orders (generally referred to as going “subject” to pricing and
3 confirmation). The timing of this step will depend on the specifics of each
4 transaction; however, it will obviously occur only when the book has at least
5 an equal amount of orders for the securitized bonds as the anticipated
6 aggregate principal amount of each proposed tranche (generally referred to
7 as “fully subscribed”). There is no specific threshold beyond that, and it will
8 depend on market conditions, the speed at which orders came in from
9 investors and the composition of investor types in the book, to name a few
10 factors. The underwriters will exercise professional judgment in making a
11 recommendation to take the book subject to final order confirmations, based
12 on all relevant factors. Conversely, if the bonds (or any tranche within the
13 issuance) is undersubscribed, the underwriters may need to increase the
14 coupon or restructure the tranching to attract sufficient investor orders to
15 sell the entire tranche, as described below.

16 4. **Determining pricing levels.** Having exercised professional judgment and
17 taken the transaction subject to pricing and final confirmation of orders, the
18 underwriters and the Company will then work to refine the pricing levels.
19 Based on the strength of the book, the underwriters may adjust the pricing
20 levels lower (or tighter). This process is generally referred to as testing the
21 pricing levels. It is done to ensure maximum distribution of the securitized
22 bonds at the lowest bond yields consistent with market conditions. If a
23 tranche is oversubscribed, the underwriters may continue to lower the

1 pricing level (thus improving execution for the Issuer and customers),
2 provided that this adjustment does not decrease the aggregate investor
3 interest below the size of the tranche. If this adjustment is not done
4 correctly, the transaction may fail, which could negatively affect a
5 subsequent attempt. If a tranche is undersubscribed, the pricing level may
6 be adjusted higher until the tranche is fully subscribed. The underwriters
7 will use professional judgment with respect to the recommendation to the
8 Company for the amount of tightening and number of testing attempts.

9 5. **Launch.** Once the pricing levels have been determined for each tranche in
10 the transaction, and the registration statement for the transaction has been
11 declared effective by the SEC, the transaction will be launched at a specific
12 pricing level. The intention of this stage is to declare to investors at which
13 pricing levels, or credit spreads, the transaction will be issued. This will be
14 the market-clearing pricing level, subject only to movements in the
15 underlying benchmark rates.

16 6. **Allocations.** At this stage, the market-clearing pricing level has been
17 determined by the marketing process, but the final book – how much each
18 investor will purchase – has yet to be determined. Here, the lead
19 underwriters will work to recommend to the Company a specific amount of
20 securitized bonds to be sold to each investor. Each allocation depends on
21 several factors; e.g., the size of each investor’s indication of preliminary
22 orders, when the investor submitted its indication, its experience in the
23 sector, its flexibility for the pricing process, the investor type, etc.

1 Ultimately, each investor will purchase its final allocations for the
2 transaction.

3 7. **Pricing.** Once the market-clearing pricing level and the book has been
4 finalized, the transaction can be priced. At this stage, the underwriters will
5 price the transaction by spotting the underlying benchmark rates and adding
6 the credit spread to determine the coupons for each tranche. Soon after the
7 pricing, the investor orders will be confirmed, and the final prospectus will
8 be provided to investors.

9 8. **Closing.** At the conclusion of the pricing, the Company, with its
10 underwriters and legal team, will work toward finalizing the transaction
11 documents and close the transaction, typically approximately five business
12 days after pricing.

13 In summary, it is through this marketing and pricing discovery process that
14 the actual investor market-clearing interest rates for the securitized bonds are
15 determined. It should be noted again that this will be based on the actual
16 investor orders on the actual day of pricing.

17 ***C. Key Issuance Advice Letter Considerations***

18 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE ISSUANCE ADVICE**
19 **LETTER.**

20 A. Pursuant to the Securitization Statute (KRS 278.674(7)-(8)), the Company is
21 required to provide an Issuance Advice Letter (“IAL”), prepared by the
22 Company and delivered to the Commission no later than three (3) business days
23 after the pricing of the securitized bonds.

1 The IAL will report the initial securitized surcharges, indicate the final
2 structure of the securitized, including the final pricing terms, the initial
3 securitized surcharges, and the best available estimates of total ongoing
4 financing costs.

5 **Q. PLEASE DISCUSS KEY ASPECTS OF THE ISSUANCE ADVICE**
6 **LETTER PROCEDURE.**

7 A. The issuance advice letter shall be in the form approved in a financing order
8 and report the initial securitized surcharges, indicate the final structure,
9 including terms, of the securitized bond issuance and best estimates of total
10 ongoing financing costs.

11 **V. DISCUSSION OF THE FINANCING ORDER**

12 **Q. ARE THE TERMS OF A FINANCING ORDER CRITICAL TO**
13 **ACHIEVING A SUCCESSFUL SECURITIZED BOND**
14 **TRANSACTION?**

15 A. Yes. A financing order, when taken together with applicable provisions of the
16 Securitization Statute, establishes in strong and definitive terms the legal right
17 of investors to receive, in the form of securitized surcharges, those amounts
18 necessary to pay the interest and principal on the securitized bonds and other
19 ongoing expenses in full and on a timely basis. A proposed draft of the financing
20 order is provided as Exhibit 5 to the Application.

21 As mentioned earlier, the financing order specifies the mechanisms and
22 structures for payments of bond interest, principal, and ongoing expenses in a
23 manner that minimizes the amount of additional credit enhancements required

1 by the rating agencies to achieve the highest possible ratings. The highest
2 possible ratings will allow the financing to achieve the desired results. In
3 addition, the financing order, when taken together with applicable provisions of
4 the Securitization Statute, will enable the Company to structure the financing
5 in a manner reasonably consistent with investor preferences and rating agency
6 considerations at the time of pricing, which is also necessary for the financing
7 to achieve the desired results.

8 **Q. WHAT ARE THE KEY ELEMENTS OF THE FINANCING ORDER**
9 **THAT ARE ESSENTIAL TO ACHIEVING THE DESIRED RESULT**
10 **FOR THE TRANSACTION?**

11 A. The Securitization Statute sets out several key elements for a financing order.
12 Once the securitized property is created, one of the most important elements is
13 insulating the transaction from the risk of any potential bankruptcy risk of the
14 Company, which is accomplished via a legal “true sale” of the securitized
15 property to the SPE. The structure utilized with this transaction, along with
16 other securitizations, relies on features that allow the rating agencies and
17 investors to conclude that the issuer of the securitization (the SPE) is highly
18 unlikely to become the subject of a bankruptcy proceeding in the unlikely event
19 of a bankruptcy of the Company. Under the Federal bankruptcy code, payments
20 on the debt obligations of an issuer in a bankruptcy proceeding become subject
21 to an automatic stay – i.e., the payments are suspended until the courts decide
22 which creditors of the issuer are to be paid, when they will be paid, and whether
23 they are to be paid in whole or in part. Unless the risk of an automatic stay in

1 the unlikely event of a bankruptcy of the Company is essentially removed from
2 the rating agencies' credit analysis, the financing cannot achieve the highest
3 possible ratings, since the Company's secured debt obligations are rated below
4 AAA.

5 In addition, the creation of a bankruptcy-remote SPE, which is legally
6 distinct from the utility, is designed to limit the ability of such SPE to be
7 included with the Company in the unlikely event of a Company bankruptcy.
8 Therefore, even if the Company were to declare bankruptcy, the SPE would not
9 become the subject of the Company's bankruptcy proceeding, and the SPE's
10 debt service payments to investors would not be subject to the Company
11 automatic stay. The transaction, as structured and reflected in the financing
12 order, is intended to achieve this important element. This legal structure is
13 supported by true sale and non-consolidation legal opinions from experienced
14 legal counsel.

15 **Q. ARE THERE ANY OTHER COMPONENTS OF THE FINANCING**
16 **ORDER THAT ARE ESSENTIAL TO ESTABLISHING THE LEGAL**
17 **FOUNDATION FOR THE TRANSACTION?**

18 A. There are several provisions in the financing order that ensure that the SPE will
19 be deemed to be bankruptcy-remote in addition to the elements mentioned
20 above, including that the SPE will have at least one independent manager whose
21 approval will be required for certain organizational changes or major actions of
22 the SPE, such as a voluntarily filing for bankruptcy by the SPE. The financing
23 order will also enable the transfer of the securitized property from the Company

1 to the SPE to be a “true sale.” As discussed above, a true sale is a sale that a
2 bankruptcy court should not overturn in the case of any Company bankruptcy.
3 The financing order will allow its SPE to issue the securitized bonds, pledging
4 the securitized property as security for payment on the securitized bonds.

5 **Q. DOES THE FINANCING ORDER PROVIDE FOR ANY CREDIT**
6 **ENHANCEMENT TO THE TRANSACTION?**

7 A. Yes, in a number of forms. The primary form of credit enhancement is the True-
8 Up Mechanism. The financing order, together with the Securitization Statute,
9 ensures that the collection of securitized surcharges arising from the securitized
10 property is expected to be sufficient to pay all amounts owed on the securitized
11 bonds on a timely basis and in full, even in the face of dramatic reductions in
12 electricity usage by the relevant Company’s customers or dramatic increases of
13 delinquencies and losses on payments from such Company’s customers. The
14 True-Up Mechanism represents the most fundamental component of credit
15 enhancement to investors and is a cornerstone of utility securitizations. True-
16 ups are to be incorporated so that securitized surcharges may be adjusted on a
17 periodic basis to correct for any over- or under-collection of nonbypassable
18 securitized surcharges for any reason and to ensure that the expected collection
19 of future securitized surcharges is in accordance with the payment terms of the
20 securitized bonds. True-ups will be made at least semi-annually, throughout the
21 life of the securitized bonds in accordance with the objective of achieving the
22 highest credit ratings per rating agency requirements and investor expectations,
23 except that beginning twelve months prior to the scheduled final payment date

1 for the latest maturing tranche of each series of securitized bonds, the true-up
2 adjustments must be conducted at least quarterly. In addition, I recommend that
3 interim adjustments be authorized to be conducted at any time. The frequency
4 of true-up adjustments throughout the life of the securitized bonds will be
5 described in the final offering document for the transaction and will be
6 consistent with rating agency considerations for achieving the highest credit
7 ratings. It is also important to note that pursuant to the financing order, the True-
8 Up Mechanism provides for cross-collateralization across customer groups.
9 This means that the revenue declines in one customer group will be made up by
10 securitized surcharge adjustments within that customer group, as well as the
11 other customer groups.

12 It is critical for rating agency purposes that, insofar as public utility
13 commission action is required, true-up adjustments are automatic (for example,
14 the adjustment is not subject to hearing, protest or appeal) and are implemented
15 on an immediate basis subject only to mathematical and clerical error review.
16 The review by the public utility commission of each true-up adjustment is
17 limited in this way because the public utility commission approves the True-Up
18 Mechanism in the financing order. Public utility commissions are typically
19 given between 15 and 30 days to review the requested adjustments for
20 mathematical or clerical error; any required adjustments, if not implemented
21 prior to the end of such review period, are included in the next following true-
22 up adjustment. True- up adjustments will consider ongoing financing costs as
23 well as anticipated debt service requirements, updated electricity usage and

1 customer count forecasts, the then-current Commission-approved customer
2 charge allocation methodologies, in addition to forecasted projections of
3 customer uncollectibles and delinquencies. The True-Up Mechanism shall
4 remain in effect until the securitized bonds and all associated financing costs
5 have been fully paid and any under-collection is recovered from customers and
6 any over-collection is returned to customers.

7 The capital subaccount at the SPE funded with an amount equal to 0.50
8 percent of the initial principal amount the securitized bonds will also serve as
9 credit enhancement of the transaction. Also, it is important that the financing
10 order provide for flexibility to include other forms of credit enhancement and
11 other mechanisms (e.g., letters of credit, additional amounts of
12 overcollateralization or reserve accounts, or surety bonds) to improve the
13 marketability of the securitized bonds. None are anticipated but it is important
14 to have such built-in flexibility.

15 **Q. PLEASE EXPAND ON YOUR USE OF THE TERM**
16 **“NONBYPASSABLE” IN YOUR PREVIOUS ANSWER.**

17 A. The Securitization Statute and financing order provide that securitized
18 surcharges shall be paid by all existing or future retail customers receiving
19 electrical service from the electric utility or its successors or assignees under
20 Commission-approved rate schedules, even if a retail customer elects to
21 purchase electricity from an alternative electric supplier following a
22 fundamental change in regulation of public utilities in Kentucky. This is another

1 important element of the financing order, both for the rating agency process and
2 for investor considerations.

3 **Q. IN THAT CONTEXT, HOW WOULD THE SECURITIZED**
4 **SURCHARGE BE AFFECTED IN THE CASE WHERE THE**
5 **COMPANY IS NO LONGER THE UTILITY IN THE SERVICE AREA?**

6 A. The financing order, upon the issuance of the securitized bonds, creates a
7 binding obligation for the Company, its successors or assignees to collect the
8 securitized surcharge for a servicing fee and allows that obligation to be
9 performed by a replacement servicer appointed by the Trustee, if the relevant
10 servicer does not so perform. Thus, the binding obligation to collect and account
11 for securitized surcharge will survive any adverse event to the servicer. This
12 obligation is binding upon any other entity that provides service in the service
13 territory or any other entity responsible for calculating, billing and collecting
14 the securitized surcharge on the Company's behalf.

15 **Q. PLEASE DISCUSS THE IRREVOCABLE NATURE OF THE**
16 **FINANCING ORDER.**

17 A. The financing order is irrevocable, and the securitized surcharge is not subject
18 to reduction, alteration or impairment by any further action of the Commission,
19 except for the mathematical and clerical error review as part of the formulaic
20 true-up adjustment process. Thus, so long as the securitized bonds are
21 outstanding, rights and benefits arising from the securitized property created by
22 the financing order may be definitively relied upon by investors and the rating
23 agencies.

1 Equally important, pursuant to KRS 65.114(2), the Commonwealth [of
2 Kentucky] and its agencies, including the Commission, pledge and agree with
3 bondholders, the owners of the securitized property, and other financing parties
4 that the Commonwealth and its agencies will not take any action listed in KRS
5 65.114(2) as to any outstanding securitized bonds, the securitized surcharge, or
6 securitized property.

7 The prohibited actions set forth in KRS 65.114(2) are as follows: (1)
8 altering authorization of the Commission to create an irrevocable contract right
9 or right to sue by the issuance of a financing order creating securitized property,
10 and making the securitized surcharges imposed by a financing order
11 irrevocable, binding, or affecting the nonbypassable charges for all existing and
12 future retail customers of the electric utility; (2) taking or permitting any action
13 that impairs or would impair the value of securitized property or the security
14 for the securitized bonds, or revises the securitized costs for which recovery is
15 authorized; (3) in any way impairing the rights and remedies of the bondholders,
16 assignees, and other financing parties; and (4) except for changes made
17 pursuant to the formula-based true-up mechanism authorized under the
18 Securitization Statute, reducing, altering, or impairing securitized surcharges
19 that are to be imposed, billed, charged, collected, and remitted for the benefit
20 of the bondholders, any assignee and any other financing parties until any and
21 all principal, interest, premium, financing costs and other fees, expenses, or
22 charges incurred, and any contracts to be performed in connection with the
23 related securitized bonds, have been paid and performed in full.

1 Investors generally perceive that one of the greatest risks to them is that
2 there is a change in law that affects the securitized property, thereby adversely
3 affecting their rights under the Securitization Statute or the financing order.
4 Pursuant to the Securitization Statute, the bondholders, as financing parties to
5 the securitized bonds, will have the full rights and benefits pursuant to KRS
6 65.114 and 278.670 through 278.696. The Commission's affirmation in the
7 financing order will enhance investor understanding that the risk of an adverse
8 change in law or regulation is remote and will permit counsel to deliver
9 important legal opinions that such adverse changes would not be legally valid.

10 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE SECTIONS OF THE FINANCING ORDER**
11 **ENTITLED, "FINDINGS OF FACT," "DISCUSSIONS AND**
12 **CONCLUSIONS" AND "ORDERING PARAGRAPHS."**

13 A. The Findings of Fact, Discussions and Conclusions, and the Ordering
14 Paragraphs of the financing order constitute the means by which the
15 Commission definitively affirms the conformity of the financing with the
16 applicable provisions of the Securitization Statute. With these findings and
17 conclusions, counsel will have the basis that they need for the highly technical
18 and specialized legal opinions they must issue in connection with the
19 securitization financing, and upon which the rating agencies will rely in
20 assigning the highest possible ratings for the securitized bonds. I emphasize that
21 the provisions of the financing order have been drafted with a view toward
22 providing the basis that counsel will need for these essential opinions. With the
23 structure authorized thereby, the stability of the cash flows securing the

1 securitized bonds will be maximized. The combination of maximized cash flow
2 stability and highest possible ratings will allow the securitized bonds to be
3 structured and priced to meet the requirement that the pricing of the securitized
4 bonds will result in the lowest securitized surcharges consistent with market
5 conditions at the time the securitized bonds are priced under the terms of the
6 financing order.

7 **Q. ARE THERE ANY OTHER KEY ELEMENTS OF THE FINANCING**
8 **ORDER UPON WHICH YOU WISH TO ELABORATE?**

9 A. Yes. In addition, in the Ordering Paragraphs of the financing order, the
10 Commission recognizes the need for, and affords the Company the flexibility
11 to establish, the final terms and conditions of the securitized bonds. This
12 flexibility will allow the Company to achieve the structure and pricing that will
13 meet the requirements of the Securitization Statute, including the lowest
14 securitized surcharge, consistent with market conditions at the time the
15 securitized bonds are priced under the terms of the financing order and rating
16 agency considerations.

17 **VI. DISCUSSION OF THE SERVICING AGREEMENT**

18 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE CONTENTS AND PURPOSE OF THE**
19 **SERVICING AGREEMENT.**

20 A. The Servicing Agreement is an agreement among the Company (in its capacity
21 as the servicer of the securitized bonds), the Trustee, and the SPE. The
22 agreement sets forth the responsibilities and obligations of the servicer,
23 including, among other things, calculating, billing and collecting of securitized

1 surcharges, responding to customer inquiries, terminating electric service, filing
2 for true-up adjustments and remitting collections to the Trustee for distribution
3 to bondholders. The Servicing Agreement will prohibit the initial servicer's
4 ability to resign as servicer unless (i) it is unlawful for the initial servicer to
5 continue in such a capacity, or (ii) the Commission consents and the rating
6 agencies confirm the resignation would not impact the ratings on the securitized
7 bonds. Its resignation would not be effective until a replacement servicer has
8 assumed its obligations to continue servicing the securitized bonds without
9 interruption. The servicer may also be terminated from its responsibilities in
10 certain cases upon a majority vote of bondholders, such as the failure to remit
11 collections within a specified period. Any merger or consolidation of the
12 servicer with another entity would require the merged entity to assume the
13 servicer's responsibility under the Servicing Agreement. The terms of the
14 Servicing Agreement are critical to the rating agency analysis of the securitized
15 bonds and the ability to achieve credit ratings in the highest categories. As
16 compensation for its role as initial servicer, the servicer is entitled to earn a
17 servicing fee payable out of securitized surcharge collections. It is important to
18 the rating agencies and the bankruptcy-remote analysis of the transaction that
19 the Company receives an arm's-length fee as servicer of the securitized
20 property, and for its services as Administrator of the SPE. Utility securitizations
21 to date have also required an increase in the servicing fee in the unlikely event
22 the Company is no longer able to perform the servicing role, and a replacement
23 servicer must be brought on board. Rating agencies expect that the Company

1 will be the servicer but assume that a replacement servicer may require
2 additional compensation to perform these services, without access to the
3 Company's existing infrastructure and customer relationships.

4 **VII. CONCLUSION**

5 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR TESTIMONY.**

6 A. I believe the financing order, as proposed, will enable the Company to structure
7 a transaction that can achieve the highest possible ratings, and consistent with
8 investor preferences, will enable the Company to price at the lowest market-
9 clearing interest costs reasonably consistent with investor demand and market
10 conditions at the time of pricing.

11 **Q. DOES THIS COMPLETE YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?**

12 A. Yes, it does. Thank you.

CASE MIS No.: RP-131823-05
Part III
Administrative, Procedural, and Miscellaneous

26 CFR 601.201: Rulings and determination letters
(Also: §§ 61, 451 and 1001)
Rev. Proc. 2005-61

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

This revenue procedure amplifies Rev. Proc. 2005-3, 2005-1 I.R.B. 118, which sets forth areas of the Internal Revenue Code in which the Internal Revenue Service will not issue advance rulings or determination letters.

SECTION 2. BACKGROUND

.01 Section 3 of Rev. Proc. 2005-3 sets forth a list of those areas of the Internal Revenue Code under the jurisdiction of the Associate Chief Counsel (Corporate), the Associate Chief Counsel (Financial Institutions & Products), the Associate Chief Counsel (Income Tax & Accounting), the Associate Chief Counsel (Passthroughs & 2 Special Industries), the Associate Chief Counsel (Procedure and Administration), and the Division Counsel/Associate Chief Counsel (Tax Exempt and Government Entities) relating to issues on which the Internal Revenue Service will not issue letter rulings or determination letters.
.02 In Rev. Proc. 2005-62, page [INSERT PAGE NUMBER] this Bulletin, the Service provides a safe harbor with respect to the tax treatment of certain cost recovery transactions by regulated investor owned utility companies.

SECTION 3. PROCEDURE

Rev. Proc. 2005-3 is amplified by adding the following to section 3.01: Sections 61, 451 and 1001. Gross Income Defined; General Rule for Taxable Year of Inclusion; Determination of Amount and Recognition of Gain or Loss. Whether, under authorization by an appropriate State agency to recover certain costs pursuant to State specified cost recovery legislation, any investor-owned utility company realizes income upon: (1) the creation of an intangible property right; (2) the transfer of that intangible property right; or (3) the securitization of the intangible property right.

SECTION 4. EFFECT ON OTHER DOCUMENTS

Rev. Proc. 2005-3 is amplified.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This revenue procedure applies to all ruling requests pending or submitted after [INSERT DATE THIS DOCUMENT IS PUBLISHED IN THE INTERNAL REVENUE BULLETIN].

SECTION 6. DRAFTING INFORMATION

The principal author of this revenue procedure is Thomas M. Preston of the Office of Associate Chief Counsel (Financial Institutions & Products). For further information regarding this revenue procedure contact Mr. Preston at (202) 622-3970 (not a toll free call).

CASE MIS No.: RP-115797-05

Part III

Administrative, Procedural, and Miscellaneous

26 CFR 601.105: Examination of returns and claims for refund, credit, or abatement; determination of correct tax liability.

(Also: Part 1, §§61, 451, 1001)

Rev. Proc. 2005-62

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

This revenue procedure sets forth the manner in which a public utility company may treat the issuance of a financing order by a State agency authorizing the recovery of certain specified costs incurred by the utility and the securitization of the rights created by that financing order.

SECTION 2. BACKGROUND

Revenue Procedure 2002-49, 2002-2 C.B. 172, provides a safe-harbor regarding the treatment of legislatively authorized transactions entered into by investor-owned electric utilities to recover transition costs resulting from the restructuring of the electric utility industry and the institution of a competitive marketplace. Some States enacted legislation to allow the recovery of these transition costs through a nonbypassable surcharge to customers within a utility's historic service area. Utilities continue to operate in wholly or partially regulated environments and maintain exclusive distribution networks for customers in their historic service areas. Rates charged for these operations are determined by local authorities to allow for the recovery of costs and an appropriate return on capital. Some States have enacted legislation that allows utilities to recover certain specified costs through a surcharge based on consumption by customers within the utilities' historic service areas and also authorizes securitization of the surcharge. These statutes are unique to regulated utilities. Accordingly, the tax treatment allowed by this revenue procedure for these transactions is peculiar to this situation. See Revenue Procedure 2005-61, page [INSERT PAGE NUMBER], this Bulletin, which adds certain related issues to areas in which rulings or determination letters will not be issued.

SECTION 3. CHANGES

The scope of Revenue Procedure 2002-49 was limited to transition costs that resulted from the deregulation of the generation operations of electric utility companies. This revenue

procedure expands the scope of Revenue Procedure 2002-49 to all public utility companies, and costs that are recoverable through a securitization mechanism are not limited to transition costs. Additionally, this revenue procedure eliminates certain requirements in section 4.04(3) of Revenue Procedure 2002-49 relating to level payments and now requires that payments be made on a quarterly or semi-annual basis.

SECTION 4. SCOPE

This revenue procedure applies to investor owned public utility companies that, pursuant to specified cost recovery legislation, receive an irrevocable financing order from an appropriate State agency that determines the amount of certain specified costs the utility will be permitted to recover through qualifying securitization of an intangible property right created by the special legislation.

SECTION 5. DEFINITIONS

01 PUBLIC UTILITY

For purposes of this revenue procedure, the terms “public utility” or “utility” refer to any investor owned utility company (electric or non-electric) that is subject to the regulatory authority of a State public utility commission or other appropriate State agency.

02 SPECIFIED COST RECOVERY LEGISLATION

For purposes of this revenue procedure, specified cost recovery legislation is legislation that—

- (1) Is enacted by a State to facilitate the recovery of certain specified costs incurred by a public utility company;
- (2) Authorizes the utility to apply for, and authorizes the public utility commission or other appropriate State agency to issue, a financing order determining the amount of specified costs the utility will be allowed to recover;
- (3) Provides that pursuant to the financing order, the utility acquires an intangible property right to charge, collect, and receive amounts necessary to provide for the full recovery of the specified costs determined to be recoverable, and assures that the charges are nonbypassable and will be paid by customers within the utility’s historic service territory who receive utility goods or services through the utility’s transmission and distribution system, even if those customers elect to purchase these goods or services from a third party;
- (4) Guarantees that neither the State nor any of its agencies has the authority to rescind or amend the financing order, to revise the amount of specified costs, or in any way to reduce or impair the value of the intangible property right, except as may be contemplated by periodic adjustments authorized by the specified cost recovery legislation;
- (5) Provides procedures assuring that the sale, assignment, or other transfer of the intangible property right from the utility to a financing entity that is wholly owned, directly or indirectly, by the utility will be perfected under State law as an absolute transfer of the utility’s right, title, and interest in the property; and
- (6) Authorizes the securitization of the intangible property right to recover the fixed amount of specified costs through the issuance of bonds, notes, other evidences of indebtedness, or certificates of participation or beneficial interest that are issued

pursuant to an indenture, contract, or other agreement of a utility or a financing entity that is wholly owned, directly or indirectly, by the utility.

03 SPECIFIED COSTS

For purposes of this revenue procedure, specified costs are those costs identified by the State legislature as appropriate for recovery through the securitization mechanism of the specified cost recovery legislation.

04 QUALIFYING SECURITIZATION

For purposes of this revenue procedure, a qualifying securitization is an issuance of any bonds, notes, other evidences of indebtedness, or certificates of participation or beneficial interests that—(1) Is secured by the intangible property right to collect charges for the recovery of specified costs and such other assets, if any, of the financing entity that is wholly owned, directly or indirectly, by the utility; (2) Is issued by a financing entity that is wholly owned, directly or indirectly, by the utility that is initially capitalized by the utility in such a way that equity interests in the financing entity are at least 0.5 percent of the aggregate principal amount of the non-equity instruments issued; and (3) Provides for payments on a quarterly or semi-annual basis.

SECTION 6. APPLICATION

.01 The utility will be treated as not recognizing gross income upon—(1) The receipt of a financing order that creates an intangible property right in the amount of the specified costs that may be recovered through securitization; (2) The receipt of cash or other valuable consideration in exchange for the transfer of that property right to a financing entity that is wholly owned, directly or indirectly, by the utility; or (3) The receipt of cash or other valuable consideration in exchange for securitized instruments issued by the financing entity that is wholly owned, directly or indirectly, by the utility.02 The securitized instruments described in Section 5.04 will be treated as obligations of the utility.03 The nonbypassable charges are gross income to the utility recognized under the utility’s usual method of accounting.

SECTION 7. EFFECT ON OTHER DOCUMENTS

This document modifies, amplifies, and supersedes Rev. Proc. 2002-49.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This revenue procedure is effective [INSERT DATE THIS DOCUMENT IS PUBLISHED IN THE INTERNAL REVENUE BULLETIN.]

SECTION 9. DRAFTING INFORMATION

The principal author of this revenue procedure is Thomas M. Preston of the Office of Associate Chief Counsel (Financial Institutions & Products). For further information regarding this revenue procedure, contact Mr. Preston at (202) 622–3970 (not a toll-free call).

Class	A-1
WAL (yr)	11.92
Tsy Tenor (yr)	10.00
Tsy Rate as of 6/27/23	3.766%
Balance	\$446,700,000
Coupon	5.166%
Tsy Spread	Tsy+140
Prin Window (yr)	0.05-20
Exp Final (yr)	20.00

Year	Date	Balance	Principal	Interest	Total P&I
0.0	1/1/2024	446,700,000			
0.5	7/1/2024	440,193,784	6,506,216	11,538,261.00	18,044,477
1.0	1/1/2025	433,519,513	6,674,271	11,370,205.44	18,044,477
1.5	7/1/2025	426,672,845	6,846,668	11,197,809.01	18,044,477
2.0	1/1/2026	419,649,328	7,023,517	11,020,959.58	18,044,477
2.5	7/1/2026	412,444,393	7,204,935	10,839,542.13	18,044,477
3.0	1/1/2027	405,053,355	7,391,038	10,653,438.67	18,044,477
3.5	7/1/2027	397,471,406	7,581,949	10,462,528.15	18,044,477
4.0	1/1/2028	389,693,616	7,777,790	10,266,686.42	18,044,477
4.5	7/1/2028	381,714,925	7,978,691	10,065,786.09	18,044,477
5.0	1/1/2029	373,530,144	8,184,780	9,859,696.51	18,044,477
5.5	7/1/2029	365,133,951	8,396,193	9,648,283.63	18,044,477
6.0	1/1/2030	356,520,884	8,613,067	9,431,409.96	18,044,477
6.5	7/1/2030	347,685,342	8,835,542	9,208,934.44	18,044,477
7.0	1/1/2031	338,621,577	9,063,764	8,980,712.38	18,044,477
7.5	7/1/2031	329,323,696	9,297,882	8,746,595.34	18,044,477
8.0	1/1/2032	319,785,650	9,538,046	8,506,431.06	18,044,477
8.5	7/1/2032	310,001,236	9,784,414	8,260,063.34	18,044,477
9.0	1/1/2033	299,964,092	10,037,145	8,007,331.94	18,044,477
9.5	7/1/2033	289,667,687	10,296,404	7,748,072.49	18,044,477
10.0	1/1/2034	279,105,327	10,562,361	7,482,116.36	18,044,477
10.5	7/1/2034	268,270,140	10,835,186	7,209,290.59	18,044,477
11.0	1/1/2035	257,155,081	11,115,059	6,929,417.73	18,044,477
11.5	7/1/2035	245,752,920	11,402,161	6,642,315.75	18,044,477
12.0	1/1/2036	234,056,241	11,696,679	6,347,797.93	18,044,477
12.5	7/1/2036	222,057,437	11,998,804	6,045,672.71	18,044,477
13.0	1/1/2037	209,748,704	12,308,733	5,735,743.60	18,044,477
13.5	7/1/2037	197,122,036	12,626,668	5,417,809.02	18,044,477
14.0	1/1/2038	184,169,221	12,952,815	5,091,662.19	18,044,477
14.5	7/1/2038	170,881,835	13,287,386	4,757,090.99	18,044,477
15.0	1/1/2039	157,251,236	13,630,599	4,413,877.81	18,044,477
15.5	7/1/2039	143,268,559	13,982,677	4,061,799.44	18,044,477
16.0	1/1/2040	128,924,709	14,343,850	3,700,626.88	18,044,477
16.5	7/1/2040	114,210,357	14,714,352	3,330,125.23	18,044,477
17.0	1/1/2041	99,115,934	15,094,423	2,950,053.53	18,044,477
17.5	7/1/2041	83,631,622	15,484,312	2,560,164.58	18,044,477
18.0	1/1/2042	67,747,350	15,884,272	2,160,204.79	18,044,477
18.5	7/1/2042	51,452,787	16,294,563	1,749,914.04	18,044,477
19.0	1/1/2043	34,737,335	16,715,451	1,329,025.48	18,044,477
19.5	7/1/2043	17,590,124	17,147,211	897,265.37	18,044,477
20.0	1/1/2044	-	17,590,124	454,352.90	18,044,477

Notes:

- (1) Structure is preliminary and subject to change based on market conditions and rating agency requirements at the time of pricing.
- (2) Structure is based in part upon information supplied by the Company, which is believed to be reliable but has not been verified. No representation or warranty is being made relating to this structure. Estimates of future performance are based on assumptions that may not be realized. Actual events may differ from those assumed and changes to any assumptions may have a material impact on any projections or estimates. Other events not taken into account may occur and may significantly affect the projections or estimates. Certain assumptions may have been made for modeling purposes only to simplify the presentation and/or calculation of any projections or estimates. No assurance can be given that any such assumptions will reflect actual future events. Totals may not foot due to rounding.
- (3) Assumes “AAA(sf)” ratings by S&P and Moody’s.
- (4) Benchmark 10 year treasury rate of 3.766% as of June 27, 2023.

#	Sponsor/Issuer	Deal Amount (\$)	Pricing Date
1	Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company	\$341,450,000	6/21/2023
2	Atmos Energy Kansas Securitization I, LLC	\$95,000,000	6/9/2023
3	Edison International	\$775,000,000	4/19/2023
4	Louisiana Utilities Restoration Corporation Project/ELL (Entergy Corp)	\$1,491,000,000	3/21/2023
5	Texas Natural Gas Securitization Finance Corporation	3,536,310,000	3/9/2023
6	Entergy Corp	209,000,000	12/9/2022
7	Brazos Electric Power Cooperative	713,000,000	12/8/2022
8	Denton County Electric Cooperative Inc (CoServ)	460,000,000	12/7/2022
9	United Electric Cooperative Inc (UEC)	452,000,000	12/6/2022
10	Pacific Gas & Electric	983,000,000	11/18/2022
11	One Gas	336,000,000	11/9/2022
12	Long Island Power Authority	882,070,000	9/20/2022
13	Oklahoma Development Finance Authority (Public Service Company of Oklahoma)	697,000,000	8/30/2022
14	Oklahoma Development Finance Authority (One Gas)	1,354,000,000	8/18/2022
15	Pacific Gas & Electric	3,900,000,000	7/13/2022
16	Oklahoma Development Finance Authority (OGE Energy Corp)	762,000,000	7/8/2022
17	Cleco Partners LP	452,000,000	6/9/2022
18	Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT)	2,116,000,000	6/8/2022
19	Louisiana Utilities Restoration Corporation Project/ELL (Entergy Corp)	3,194,000,000	5/11/2022
20	Pacific Gas & Electric	3,600,000,000	5/3/2022
21	Entergy Corp	291,000,000	3/24/2022
22	DTE Energy Co	236,000,000	3/11/2022
23	Edison International	533,000,000	2/8/2022
24	Rayburn Electric Cooperative	908,000,000	2/4/2022
25	Duke Energy Carolinas	770,000,000	11/17/2021
26	Duke Energy Progress	237,000,000	11/17/2021
27	Pacific Gas & Electric	860,000,000	11/4/2021
28	WEC Energy Group	119,000,000	5/4/2021
29	Southern California Edison	338,000,000	2/17/2021
30	AEP Texas Restoration Funding LLC	235,282,000	9/11/2019
31	Public Service New Hampshire Funding LLC.	635,663,200	5/1/2018
32	Duke Energy Florida Project Finance LLC	1,294,290,000	6/15/2016
33	Entergy New Orleans Storm Recovery Funding I	98,730,000	7/14/2015
34	Dept. of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism / Hawaii Electric	150,000,000	11/13/2014

#	Sponsor/Issuer	Deal Amount (\$)	Pricing Date
35	Louisiana Utilities Restoration Corporation Project/ELL	243,850,000	7/29/2014
36	Louisiana Local Government System Restoration/EGSL	71,000,000	7/29/2014
37	Consumers 2014 Securitization Funding LLC	378,000,000	7/14/2014
38	Appalachian Consumer Rate Relief Funding LLC	380,300,000	11/6/2013
39	Ohio Phase-In-Recovery Funding LLC	267,408,000	7/23/2013
40	FirstEnergy Ohio PIRB Special Purpose Trust	444,922,000	6/12/2013
41	AEP Texas Central Funding III	800,000,000	3/7/2012
42	Centerpoint Energy Transmission Bond Co. IV	1,695,000,000	1/11/2012
43	Entergy Louisiana Investment Recovery Funding I, LLC	207,156,000	9/15/2011
44	Entergy Arkansas Energy Restoration Funding LLC	124,100,000	8/11/2010
45	Louisiana Utilities Restoration Corporation Project/ELL	468,900,000	7/15/2010
46	Louisiana Utilities Restoration Corporation Project/EGSL	244,100,000	7/15/2010
47	MP Environmental Funding LLC	64,380,000	12/16/2009
48	PE Environmental Funding LLC	21,510,000	12/16/2009
49	CenterPoint Energy Restoration Bond	664,859,000	11/18/2009
50	Entergy Texas Restoration Funding	545,900,000	10/29/2009
51	Louisiana Public Facilities Authority	278,400,000	8/20/2008
52	Louisiana Public Facilities Authority	687,700,000	7/22/2008
53	Cleco Katrina/Rita Hurricane Recovery Funding LLC 2008	180,600,000	2/28/2008
54	CenterPoint Energy Transition Bond Company III	488,472,000	1/29/2008
55	Entergy Gulf States Reconstruction Funding I, LLC	329,500,000	6/22/2007
56	RSB BondCo LLC (BG&E sponsor)	623,200,000	6/22/2007
57	FPL Recovery Funding LLC	652,000,000	5/15/2007
58	MP Environmental Funding LLC	344,475,000	4/3/2007
59	PE Environmental Funding, LLC	114,825,000	4/3/2007
60	AEP Texas Central Transition Funding II	1,739,700,000	10/4/2006
61	JCP&L Transition Funding II	182,400,000	8/4/2006
62	Centerpoint Energy Series A	1,851,000,000	12/9/2005
63	PG&E Energy Recovery Funding LLC Series 2005-2	844,461,000	11/3/2005
64	West Penn Power	115,000,000	9/22/2005
65	PSE&G 2005-1	102,700,000	9/9/2005
66	Massachusetts RRB Special Purpose Trust 2005-1	674,500,000	2/15/2005
67	PG&E Energy Recovery Funding LLC Series 2005-1	1,887,864,000	2/3/2005
68	Rockland Electric Company	46,300,000	7/28/2004

#	Sponsor/Issuer	Deal Amount (\$)	Pricing Date
69	Oncor (TXU) 2004-1	789,777,000	5/28/2004
70	Atlantic City Electric	152,000,000	12/18/2003
71	Oncor 2003-1	500,000,000	8/14/2003
72	Atlantic City Electric	440,000,000	12/11/2002
73	JCP&L Transition Funding LLC	320,000,000	6/4/2002
74	CPL Transition Funding LLC	797,334,897	1/31/2002
75	PSNH Funding LLC 2	50,000,000	1/16/2002
76	Consumers Funding LLC	468,592,000	10/31/2001
77	CenterPoint Energy Transition Bond Company I	748,987,000	10/17/2001
78	Western Mass Electric	155,000,000	5/14/2001
79	PSNH Funding LLC	525,000,000	4/20/2001
80	CL&P Funding LLC	1,438,400,000	3/27/2001
81	Detroit Edison 2001-1	1,750,000,000	3/2/2001
82	PECO 2001-A	805,500,000	2/15/2001
83	PSE&G 2001-A	2,525,000,000	1/25/2001
84	PECO 2000-A	1,000,000,000	4/27/2000
85	West Penn Power	600,000,000	11/3/1999
86	Pennsylvania Power & Light	2,420,000,000	7/29/1999
87	Boston Edison	725,000,000	7/27/1999
88	Sierra Pacific Power	24,000,000	4/8/1999
89	PECO Energy	4,000,100,000	3/18/1999
90	Montana Power	64,000,000	12/22/1998
91	Illinois Power	864,000,000	12/10/1998
92	Commonwealth Edison	3,400,000,000	12/7/1998
93	San Diego Gas & Electric	657,900,000	12/4/1997
94	Southern California Edison	2,463,000,000	12/4/1997
95	Pacific Gas & Electric	2,901,000,000	11/25/1997
Total		\$81,403,868,097	

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 - Distribution Centers: Structured and distributed senior securitization notes backed by Amazon distribution centers and related long term leases for multiple asset aggregators
 - Commercial & Industrial Solar: Advised and provided warehouse financing directly to C&I asset originators as well as hedge funds investing in C&I assets
 - Consumer Credit –
 - Residential Solar Loans: Purchased over \$1,000 mm of solar loans directly from LoanPal and Solar Mosaic with risk ultimately distributed to capital markets in form of ABS and residual interests
 - Residential Solar Leases / PPAs: Lead the structuring, issuance, and distribution of warehouses and term securitizations for multiple sponsors
 - Home Improvement Loans: Negotiated warehouse loans and loan purchase agreements for private loan originators
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PRIOR UTILITY SECURITIZATION EXPERIENCE:

Transaction	Issuance Date	Issuer	Issuance Amount (\$mm)	State / Province	Commission / State Advisors	UW Role	Structured Transaction	GS Testimony¹
LCDA 2022-ENO	Dec-22	Entergy Louisiana	\$209	Louisiana	–	–	✓	✓
COSERV 2022	Dec-22	Denton County Electric Cooperative (CoServ Electric)	\$460	Texas	–	Sole Bookrunner	✓	NA
LIPA 2022	Sept-22	Long Island Power Authority, NY	\$935	New York	Public Financial Management	Lead Left Bookrunner	✓	NA
PGE 2022-A	Nov-22	PG&E (AB1054)	\$983	California	Ducera	Structuring Agent	✓	✓
ODFA (ONG)	Aug-22	Oklahoma Natural Gas	\$1,354	Oklahoma	Hilltop Securities	Joint Lead Bookrunner	✓	NA
PGE 2022-B	Jul-2022	PG&E (SB901)	\$3,900	California	Ducera	Joint Lead Bookrunner	–	–
LCDA 2022-ELL	May-22	Entergy Louisiana	\$3,194	Louisiana	–	–	✓	✓
PGE 2022-A	May-22	PG&E (SB901)	\$3,600	California	Ducera	Joint Lead Bookrunner	–	–
ETR 2022-A	Mar-22	Entergy Texas	\$291	Texas	Drexel Hamilton	Lead Bookrunner	✓	✓
PCG 2021-A	Nov-21	PG&E (AB1054)	\$861	California	Ducera	Lead Bookrunner	✓	✓
ENOLA 2021-A	Feb-21	Entergy New Orleans	\$155	Louisiana	–	–	✓	✓
AEPTC 2019-1	Sep-19	AEP Texas Central	\$235	Texas	Drexel Hamilton (Pricing Only)	Lead Bookrunner	✓	✓
PSNH 2018-1	May-18	Public Service Company of New Hampshire	\$636	New Hampshire	None	Lead Bookrunner	✓	✓
FHT 2018-2	Apr-18	Ontario Power Generation	\$400	Ontario	None	Joint Lead Bookrunner	✓	NA
FHT 2018-1	Feb-18	Ontario Power Generation	\$500	Ontario	None	Joint Lead Bookrunner	✓	NA
UDSA 2017	Nov-17	Long Island Power Authority	\$370	New York	None	Senior co-manager	–	–
UDSA 2016B	Sep-16	Long Island Power Authority	\$469	New York	None	Senior co-manager	–	–
UDSA 2016A	Apr-16	Long Island Power Authority	\$637	New York	None	Senior co-manager	–	–
UDSA 2015	Oct-15	Long Island Power Authority	\$1,002	New York	None	Senior co-manager	–	–
HGEMS 2014	Nov-14	State of Hawaii	\$150	Hawaii	First Southwest (State) Public Financial Management (PUC)	Sole Bookrunner	✓	NA
UDSA 2013	Dec-13	Long Island Power Authority	\$1,539	New York	Public Financial Management	Lead Bookrunner	✓	NA

FEOH 2013	Jun-13	FirstEnergy Ohio	\$445	Ohio	First Southwest	Lead Bookrunner	✓	NA
CNP 2009	Nov-09	CenterPoint Houston	\$665	Texas	First Southwest	Lead Bookrunner	✓	✓
ETR 2009	Nov-09	Entergy Texas	\$546	Texas	First Southwest	Co-Manager	–	–
JCPL 2006	Aug-06	Jersey Central Power & Light	\$182	New Jersey	–	Lead Structuring Agent	✓	✓
CNP 2005	Dec-05	CenterPoint Energy	\$1,851	Texas	Saber Partners	Co-Manager	–	–
NSTAR 2005	Feb-05	NSTAR	\$675	Massachusetts	–	Lead Advisor	✓	NA

¹ Recently, certain jurisdictions like Hawaii, Ohio and New York did not require banker testimony. Katrina was involved in preparation of all testimony filed by GS as outlined. Testimony filed prior to 2013 was done in the name of Curtis Probst.

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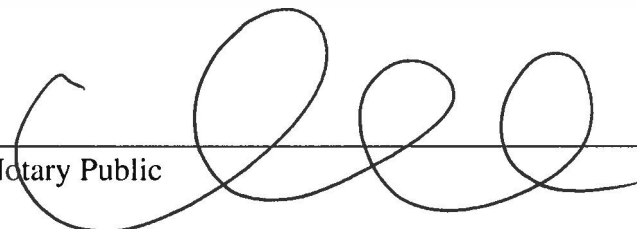
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

Electronic Application Of Kentucky Power Company)	
For (1) A General Adjustment Of Its Rates For)	
Electric Service; (2) Approval Of Tariffs And Riders;)	
(3) Approval Of Accounting Practices To Establish)	Case No. 2023-00159
Regulatory Assets And Liabilities; (4) A)	
Securitization Financing Order; And (5) All Other)	
Required Approvals And Relief)	

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CASE NO. 2023-00159

I. INTRODUCTION

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, POSITION, AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 A. My name is Michael M. Spaeth, and I am employed by American Electric Power Service
3 Corporation (“AEPSC”) as a Regulatory Pricing & Analysis Manager. My business
4 address is 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, Ohio 43215. AEPSC is a wholly-owned
5 subsidiary of American Electric Power Company, Inc. (“AEP”), the parent Company of
6 Kentucky Power Company (the “Company” or “Kentucky Power”).

II. BACKGROUND

7 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND**
8 **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND.**

9 A. I graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in City &
10 Regional Planning. In 2013, I accepted a position at AEPSC in Regulated Pricing and
11 Analysis, where my responsibilities included preparation of cost-of-service studies, rate
12 design and tariff provisions for the AEP operating companies. In 2017, I accepted a
13 position with NiSource Inc., a regulated natural gas and electric utility, as a Project Analyst
14 – Planning, where I was responsible for regulatory case management in support of long
15 and short-term natural gas forecasting plans, reporting to various state and federal
16 regulatory commissions, and the calculation of rates. In 2019, I returned to AEPSC as a
17 Regulatory Consultant Senior, where my responsibilities include preparation of cost-of-

1 service studies, rate design and tariff provisions for the AEP operating companies. I was
2 promoted to my current position in 2022.

3 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES.**

4 A. My responsibilities include the oversight of cost of service analyses, rate design, and
5 special contracts for the AEP System operating companies.

6 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED IN REGULATORY PROCEEDINGS?**

7 A. Yes. I have presented testimony on behalf of AEP operating companies before the Virginia
8 and Indiana state regulatory commissions.

III. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

9 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

10 A. The purpose of my testimony is to:

- 11 (1) to provide an overview of how the Company's base rates relate to the various
12 surcharges and riders it utilizes;
- 13 (2) to describe the Company's proposed rate design, including the changes to the
14 residential service charge, and the proposal to include a residential optional
15 seasonal provision;
- 16 (3) to describe certain changes to the Company's tariffs, including (i); the Federal
17 Tax Cut ("FTC") tariff, (ii); the Company's proposal for tariff Distribution
18 Reliability Rider ("DRR"), as well as the cost allocation and rate design for the
19 projects for inclusion in that rider, (iii) the Company's proposal for tariff
20 Securitization Financing Rider ("SFR"); and
- 21 (4) to support the marginal cost of service analysis related to the test year operation
22 of the Company's Economic Development Rider and Special Contract.

23 **Q. ARE YOU SPONSORING ANY EXHIBITS OR SCHEDULES?**

24 A. Yes, I am sponsoring the following exhibits:

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5	EXHIBIT MMS-7	Special Contract Analysis

6 Additionally, I support Section II Exhibits I, J and K of the Company's standard filing
7 requirements.

IV. BASE RATE COST OF SERVICE OVERVIEW

8 **Q. CAN YOU DESCRIBE GENERALLY THE MECHANISMS THROUGH WHICH**
9 **KENTUCKY POWER CHARGES ITS CUSTOMERS FOR THE ELECTRIC**
10 **SERVICE IT PROVIDES?**

11 A. Yes. Kentucky Power charges its customers for electric service through two types of
12 mechanisms: (1) base rates; and (2) surcharges and riders. Through base rates, the
13 Company recovers its operating expenses and a return on and of the capital investments it
14 has prudently made to provide safe and reliable electric service to its customers. The
15 Company also recovers through surcharges and riders certain costs that are volatile or
16 otherwise better suited for recovery through mechanisms other than base rates.

17 **Q. HOW DOES THE INTERRELATION BETWEEN BASE RATES AND THE**
18 **COMPANY'S SURCHARGES AFFECT THE COST OF SERVICE STUDY**
19 **PERFORMED IN THIS CASE?**

20 A. Kentucky Power's test year revenues and operating expenses included revenues and
21 expenses relating to a number of surcharges and riders.

22 To properly determine the portion of the cost of service to be recovered through
23 base rates, the Company had to address the revenues and expenses associated with each

1 surcharge. How each surcharge is addressed depends on the manner in which the surcharge
2 operates.

3 **Q. ARE THERE ANY SURCHARGES WHOSE REVENUES AND EXPENSES ARE**
4 **FULLY REMOVED FROM BASE RATES?**

5 A. Yes. The Company removed all revenues and expenses associated with the following
6 surcharges from base rates:

- 7 • Decommissioning Rider
- 8 • Demand-Side Management (“DSM”) Adjustment Clause
- 9 • Capacity Charge
- 10 • Residential Energy Assistance
- 11 • Kentucky Economic Development Surcharge (“KEDS”)
- 12 • Purchased Power Adjustment (“PPA”)
- 13 • Federal Tax Cut Tariff (“FTC”)
- 14 • System Sales Clause (“SSC”)
- 15 • Fuel Adjustment Clause
- 16 • Environmental Surcharge (Mitchell FGD portion)

17 Each of these surcharges recovers specifically-identified costs that are separate from the
18 Company’s base rate requirements.

- 19 • Decommissioning Rider – through the Decommissioning Rider, the Company recovers
20 the remaining net book value of the retired Big Sandy Unit 2 and the incurred
21 decommissioning costs for coal-related assets at the Big Sandy plant.
- 22 • DSM Adjustment Clause – through the DSM Adjustment Clause, the Company
23 recovers the program costs and lost revenues associated with the Company’s demand
24 side management and energy efficiency program.
- 25 • Capacity Charge – through the Capacity Charge, the Company recovered \$6.2 million
26 annually through December 8, 2022, as approved by the Commission’s final Order in
27 Case No. 2004-00420.

- 1 • Residential Energy Assistance – the Residential Energy Assistance surcharge is a fixed
2 charge levied on each residential account and matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by
3 the Company to provide financial assistance to low-income residential customers.
- 4 • Kentucky Economic Development Surcharge – The KEDS is a fixed charge levied on
5 each account, and matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by the Company, to support
6 economic development in the Company’s service territory.
- 7 • Purchased Power Adjustment – The PPA collects certain purchase power costs not
8 recoverable through the fuel adjustment clause; CS-IRP, DRS, and VCS credits paid to
9 interruptible customers; incremental PJM Load Serving Entity (“LSE”) Open Access
10 Transmission Tariff (“OATT”) expense net of the transmission return difference; and
11 costs associated with certain previously-approved Rockport-related items.
- 12 • Fuel Adjustment Clause – This mechanism collects from or credits to customers the
13 difference between actual fuel costs and the \$.02612 \$/kWh embedded in base energy
14 rates for fuel on a monthly basis.
- 15 • System Sales Clause – The SSC is the Company’s tracking mechanism for off system
16 sales margins achieved versus the credit amount embedded in base rates. The test year
17 SSC retail revenues and deferral were removed from the proposed base rate cost of
18 service; adjusted off system sales margins were included in the base rate cost of service
19 as Company Witness Walsh discusses in her testimony.
- 20 • Environmental Surcharge (Mitchell FGD Portion) – Generally, test year environmental
21 surcharge costs are included in base rates as part of a base rate cost of service. In
22 accordance with the Commission-approved settlement agreement in Case No. 2012-

1 00578, the cost of service associated with the Mitchell plant flue gas desulfurization
2 (“FGD”) (scrubber) remains in the Environmental Surcharge for recovery purposes.

- 3 • Federal Tax Cut Tariff – This rider provides a rate credit to customers related to the
4 amortization of excess accumulated deferred federal income taxes (“ADFIT”) related
5 to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

6 **Q. CONVERSELY, ARE THERE ANY SURCHARGES WHOSE REVENUES AND**
7 **EXPENSES ARE INCLUDED IN BASE RATES?**

8 A. Yes. The Company included the revenues and expenses associated with the non-Mitchell
9 FGD portion of the test year Environmental Surcharge in its proposed base rate cost of
10 service. In addition, the Company is proposing to include the adjusted test year level of
11 OATT costs in base rate cost of service, as discussed by Company Witness West.

12 **Q. WHY WERE A PORTION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE**
13 **REVENUES INCLUDED IN BASE RATES?**

14 A. The Company incurred costs during the test year associated with projects included in the
15 Company’s approved environmental compliance plan. Through the Environmental
16 Surcharge, the Company recovers from or credits to customers the costs of its
17 environmental projects that exceed or are below the corresponding monthly amounts
18 included in base rates. The Company’s test year non- Mitchell FGD environmental
19 compliance costs and non-Mitchell FGD environmental surcharge revenues are included
20 in base rates and serve as the monthly baselines against which actual costs are compared.

1 **Q. ARE ALL OF THE TEST YEAR ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE COSTS**
2 **INCLUDED IN BASE RATES?**

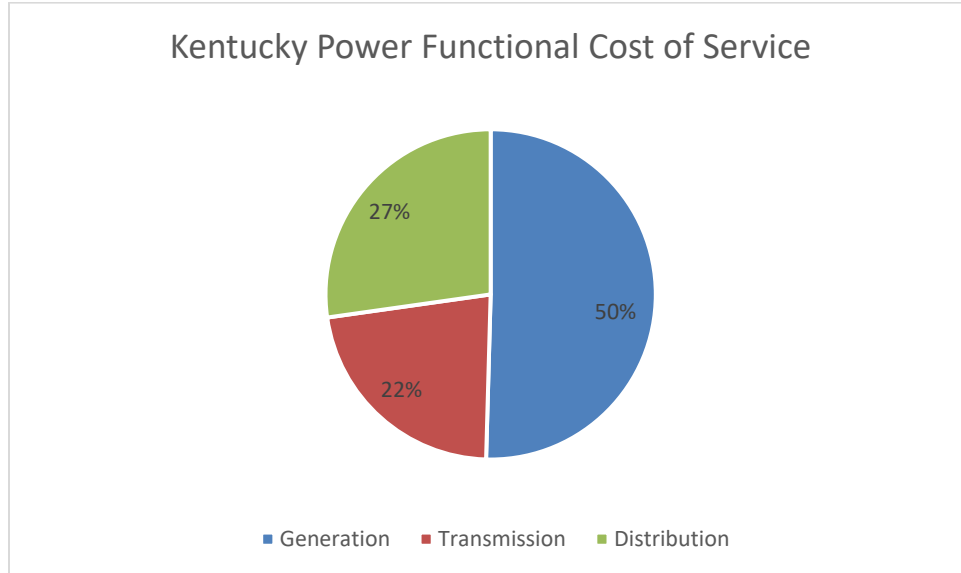
3 A. No. As noted above, Mitchell FGD costs are recovered exclusively through the
4 environmental surcharge (as opposed to just the variance from the prior year's costs).

5 **Q. WHY DOES THE COMPANY INCLUDE OFF SYSTEM SALES MARGINS**
6 **FROM THE SYSTEM SALES CLAUSE IN BASE RATES?**

7 A. Through the SSC, the Company shares with customers the difference between the
8 embedded base rate credit for off system sales margins and the actual off system sales
9 margins realized. The Company included an adjusted level of off system sales margins in
10 the base rate cost of service because the Company is proposing to reset the embedded base
11 rate credit to exclude Rockport's contribution to off system sales margins since the
12 Rockport Unit Power Agreement expired. Company Witness Walsh's Direct Testimony
13 further discusses the adjustments to off system sales margins.

14 **Q. PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF SUMMARY REGARDING THE COMPONENTS**
15 **OF THE COMPANY'S BASE RATE COST OF SERVICE AND GENERALLY**
16 **WHICH CUSTOMERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE COSTS.**

17 A. The Company's Kentucky retail jurisdictional cost of service consists of the basic functions
18 of generation, transmission and distribution service as follows:

Figure MMS-1

1 The generation function comprises the majority of customers' cost of service. Both the
 2 generation and transmission functions are utilized by all customers and included in all
 3 customers' rates. Unlike generation and transmission costs, distribution costs are only
 4 included in the rates of distribution voltage level customers, except for a small amount
 5 primarily related to metering and billing. Approximately 37% of the Company's adjusted
 6 test year usage (and associated billing units) was for customers taking service at voltage
 7 levels above distribution. Therefore, roughly a quarter of the Company's cost of service is
 8 paid by distribution level customers that make up about two thirds of adjusted test year
 9 billing units.

V. RATE DESIGN

10 **Q. IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING TO ELIMINATE ANY OF THE CURRENT**
 11 **INTER-CLASS SUBSIDY IN THIS CASE?**

12 A. No, it is not. The Company's analysis showed that the residential class percentage increase
 13 was already above the average percentage increase with the existing subsidies in place.

1 Kentucky Power elected not to propose an even higher residential increase by proposing to
2 remove some level of existing subsidies at this time given current circumstances. The
3 residential class is currently receiving a \$31.9 million subsidy being paid by the other
4 customer classes.¹ If the Commission were to approve a lower base rate revenue increase
5 than the Company has requested in this case, the Company would be in favor of removing
6 as much of the existing inter-class subsidy as reasonable. Although the Company decided
7 not to propose reducing the existing inter-class subsidies, cost-based rates continue to be
8 the Company's goal.

9 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PROCESS USED TO DEVELOP THE COMPANY'S**
10 **PROPOSED RATES.**

11 A. The Company's underlying approach in designing rates is to design its rates and rate
12 components so that they reflect the Company's costs to provide service to each of its
13 customer classes. This approach includes collecting basic service-related costs through
14 basic service charges and recognizing the differences in the costs to serve customers at
15 different service delivery voltages.

16 The rate design process involved multiple steps that varied with each tariff. The
17 cost components developed by Company Witness Cost in the class cost of service study
18 informed the relative amounts of revenue that should be recovered from service charges,
19 energy charges and demand charges. In general, where sufficient metering data was
20 available for a customer class, the Company designed full-cost service charges, energy
21 rates, and demand rates by dividing the component-allocated proposed revenues by the test
22 year billing units. These initial rates were then compared to the current rates to determine

¹ Current inter-class subsidies can be found in Company Witness Cost's Exhibit JNC-2.

1 whether the Company needed to moderate the full-cost price changes to mitigate rate
2 impacts on groups of customers. The proposed base rate revenue targets and rate design
3 workpapers are included as Exhibit MMS-1.

4 **Q. FOR WHICH TARIFFS IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING BASE RATE DESIGN**
5 **CHANGES IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

6 A. The Company is not proposing any major changes to the design of its existing rates in this
7 proceeding.

8 **i. Residential Service Rate Design**

9 **Q. WHAT CHANGES TO THE RESIDENTIAL SERVICE RATE DESIGN IS THE**
10 **COMPANY PROPOSING IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

11 A. The Company is proposing to increase the basic service charge to \$20.00 per month from
12 \$17.50 and to add an optional seasonal rate provision to aid the Company's customers who
13 utilize electricity to heat their homes.

14 **Q. WHAT IS THE RATIONALE FOR INCREASING THE RESIDENTIAL**
15 **BASIC SERVICE CHARGE?**

16 A. The Company is proposing to increase the basic service charge for residential customers to
17 more accurately reflect the actual fixed cost of providing service to those customers. The
18 full cost residential customer charge is nearly \$51 per month. The rate structures for
19 customer classes that employ demand charges are better aligned with cost causation
20 principles than those that do not because fixed costs are generally recovered through a
21 demand charge. Because the residential class does not include a separate demand charge,
22 the majority of fixed distribution costs are recovered through the energy charge. These
23 fixed distribution costs, or at least a larger portion of them, should be recovered in the basic

1 service charge since they do not vary with usage and are instead solely the costs associated
2 with connecting a customer to the distribution system and maintaining that connection.
3 The current basic service charge is too low relative to the fixed cost of providing electric
4 service creating intra-class subsidies between residential customers. Because of these
5 intra-class subsidies, the current basic service charge disadvantages higher usage
6 customers, including electric heating and lower income customers.

7 **Q. DID THE BASIC SERVICE CHARGE INCREASE GRANTED IN THE**
8 **COMPANY'S LAST RATE CASE ELIMINATE THE INTRA-CLASS SUBSIDY?**

9 A. No. The basic service charge increase in the last rate case from \$14 to \$17.50 per month
10 helped to reduce the intra-class subsidy being paid by higher use customers but did not
11 eliminate it. As can be seen on Exhibit MMS-1, the total proposed base rate revenue target
12 for the residential class is \$283.9 million of which the energy portion is \$70.2 million. The
13 \$213.7 million balance is comprised of demand and customer related costs that are
14 commonly referred to as "fixed costs" as they do not vary with kWh usage levels.

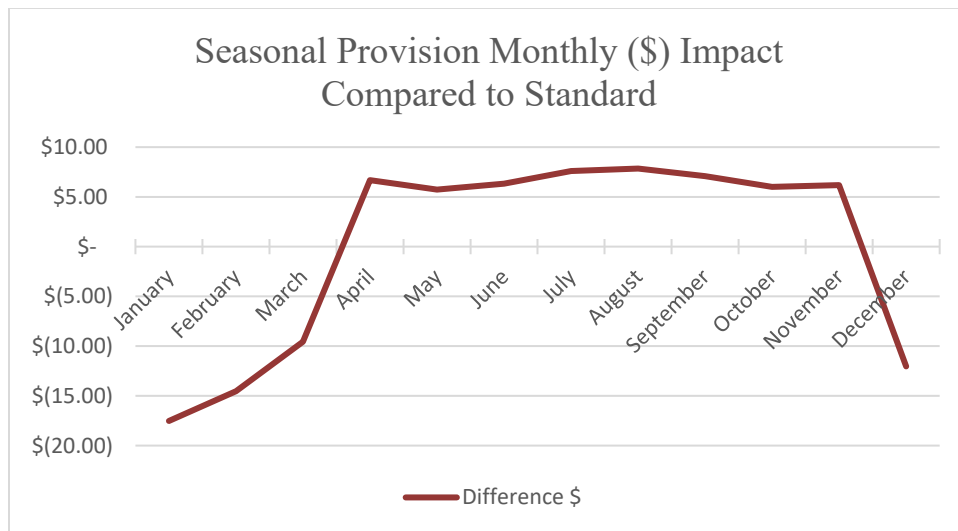
15 However, the current residential base rate design only recovers \$27.6 million (1,579,320
16 bills x \$17.50 service charge) of fixed costs from non-kWh charges with the other \$213.7
17 million of fixed costs being collected through kWh rates and thus creating the large intra-
18 class subsidy being paid by above average users like electric heating and lower income
19 customers to below average users. The proposed \$2.50 increase in the basic service charge
20 will reduce the existing intra-class subsidy by shifting \$3.9 million to a fixed recovery
21 (1,579,320 bills x \$2.50), which is a reasonable and gradual step in the right direction.

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL OPTIONAL SEASONAL**
 2 **PROVISION.**

3 A. To provide winter bill relief and reduce monthly bill volatility for the Company's electric
 4 heating and lower income customers the Company is proposing an optional seasonal
 5 provision for residential customers. The optional seasonal provision offers a winter
 6 (December through March) rate of 0.11947 \$/kWh and an all other months rate of 0.13762
 7 \$/kWh. The proposed standard residential rate is 0.12947 \$/kWh so customers who enroll
 8 in the optional seasonal provision would reduce their winter season bills by 0.01000
 9 \$/kWh, or \$14.17 per month for a typical 1,418 kWh electric heating customer.

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Figure MMS-2



11 Figure MMS-2 provides an example of the residential bill impact associated with
 12 participating in the optional seasonal provision. The differential between the rates by
 13 season is a cost-based design that recovers all fixed distribution costs not being recovered
 14 through the customer charge on a uniform basis between the seasons. In other words, a
 15 customer would pay on average the same amount for distribution costs during winter

1 months and all other months. Generation and transmission costs remain a uniform per kWh
2 charge across all months in the same manner as the standard residential rate.

3 The optional seasonal provision is open to any residential customer to enroll for a
4 minimum period of 12 consecutive months.

5 **Q. WILL THE INCREASED BASIC SERVICE CHARGE ALSO IMPACT**
6 **MONTHLY BILL VOLATILITY?**

7 A. Yes. Because less of the fixed costs will be recovered through the usage-related energy
8 charge, the average customer will experience less bill volatility in high usage months. This
9 is especially true for the Company's electric heating customers, who tend to experience
10 very high usage months in the winter to heat their homes. This proposed rate design change
11 will also lessen the bill impact in winter months because the increased usage will not result
12 in even greater subsidization of lower usage customers. Further, as described above, this
13 is an appropriate result based upon cost causation principles.

14 **Q. WHAT IMPACT WOULD THE HIGHER BASIC SERVICE CHARGE HAVE ON**
15 **LOWER INCOME AND ELECTRIC HEATING CUSTOMERS?**

16 A. Recovering more fixed costs through the basic service charge rather than an energy charge
17 benefits lower income customers who, because they often do not have the resources to
18 invest in weatherization and energy efficient appliances, have higher than average usage.
19 Based on test year data, the average kWh usage for the Company's low income energy
20 assistance customers (approximately 1,300 kWh/month) is greater than the average usage
21 for the residential class as a whole (approximately 1,240 kWh/month). Because the
22 increased service charge benefits higher usage customers by reducing intra-class subsidies,

1 the change will benefit the average low income customer relative to other residential
2 customers.

3 The Company's electric heating customers will also benefit from the increased
4 service charge because their average usage (1,418 kWh/month) is also above the residential
5 class average. During the test year, 68% of the Company's low income energy assistance
6 customers were also electric heating customers.

7 **Q. HOW WAS THE NEW BASIC SERVICE CHARGE DETERMINED?**

8 A. The Company is proposing a gradual but material step increase in the basic service charge.
9 The amount of the proposed increase, \$2.50, was to help limit bill impacts that result from
10 subsidy reductions on the residential customers that are currently enjoying the intra-class
11 subsidy being paid by higher use customers.

12 **Q. IS THE PROPOSED BASIC SERVICE CHARGE OF \$20.00 PER MONTH**
13 **APPROACHING FULL COST?**

14 A. No, it is not. In Case No. 2020-00174, the full cost basic service charge was calculated to
15 be roughly \$35 per customer per month using the marginal customer connection study
16 methodology. That study identified the Company's current average cost to connect a
17 residential customer to its distribution system. The total cost of the residential connection
18 is then multiplied by the appropriate levelized carrying charge and divided by 12 to
19 compute the monthly full cost basic service charge. In other words, the fixed monthly cost
20 associated with connecting the next customer to the distribution system was \$35.

21 In Case No. 2020-00174, Kentucky Power was directed to perform a zero-intercept
22 study for its class cost of service study. Company Witness Steward performed this analysis
23 and Company Witness Cost incorporated the results into the class cost of service study in

1 this proceeding to calculate the base revenue target for the residential class. The calculated
2 full-cost residential basic service charge, based on data incorporated from the zero-
3 intercept study, is \$50.91, which is far above the proposed basic service charge of \$20.00.
4 The Company was authorized an increase of 25% to the basic service charge in Case No.
5 2020-00174 and is proposing a 14% increase in this proceeding to continue to make
6 progress towards full cost.

7 **Q. WILL THE COMPANY'S PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL BASIC SERVICE**
8 **CHARGE DETER ENERGY CONSERVATION?**

9 A. No. In addition to its proposal to increase the basic service charge, the base rate kWh
10 charge is also increasing. Because the amount charged in a customer's bill is still largely
11 driven by the amount of kWh consumed, the increase in basic service charge is not
12 providing customers a price signal that would encourage additional consumption. An
13 increase in usage will still result in an increased bill.

14 Ideally, the Company would recover little to none of the residential class
15 distribution revenue requirement through a per kWh charge because the distribution
16 revenue requirement does not vary with the amount of kWh consumed. Instead, the
17 Company would institute a per kW demand charge for residential customers to collect
18 residential distribution costs not recovered through the service charge. However, the
19 Company's current residential class metering infrastructure does not provide the
20 information necessary to institute a per kW demand charge for all customers.

1 **Q. WHAT KIND OF RATE DESIGN WOULD RESULT IN CLEARER PRICE**
2 **SIGNALS?**

3 A. Using a per kW demand charge to recover the remaining residential distribution system
4 costs would be preferred because the fixed costs of the distribution system are incurred in
5 two ways. First, costs are incurred by simply connecting a customer to the radial
6 distribution system. These connection costs do not vary with the kWh consumed or the
7 kW demands of customers. The Company is proposing to include a larger portion of these
8 connection costs through the increased basic service charge. Second, the Company incurs
9 residential system distribution costs by sizing the distribution system to meet customer
10 peak kW demand. These sizing costs vary by peak demand requirements, not by kWh
11 usage or by simply connecting a customer to the system. These sizing costs would ideally
12 be collected through a demand charge, but this cannot be done for all customers due to the
13 current limitations of the Company's metering infrastructure. In fact, under the Company's
14 proposal, nearly 90% of the Company's residential customer class revenues are still being
15 recovered through a per kWh usage charge. In the absence of a peak demand charge, the
16 Company is proposing to move a portion of those fixed distribution costs that only vary
17 with the number of customers connected to the system from the per kWh charge to the
18 basic service charge.

19 Similarly, the addition of the residential optional seasonal provision will not deter
20 energy conservation as it only applies to the winter months and is designed to better align
21 distribution cost recovery across the seasons.

1 **Q. IS SENDING THE CORRECT PRICE SIGNALS TO CUSTOMERS THROUGH**
2 **RATES THAT REFLECT THE TRUE COST OF SERVICE IMPORTANT TO THE**
3 **LONG TERM SUCCESS OF CONSERVATION EFFORTS?**

4 A. Yes. While in the short term a higher kWh charge that does not reflect the true cost of
5 service could artificially encourage additional conservation, in the long term it provides
6 confusion to customers and can result in customers making uneconomic decisions and
7 causing the inefficient allocation of customers' capital. Customers expect that when they
8 use less energy, the usage-related portion of their bills will decrease. However, to the
9 extent that the usage-related portion of rates are designed to include a portion of the fixed
10 costs as well, it is likely that as those fixed cost collections diminish because the cost
11 savings from reduced usage are less than the loss in fixed cost collection, the Company
12 will need to increase the usage-related portion of rates. When that happens, customers will
13 see the usage-related portion of their bills increase even though they have conserved
14 energy. It is important to send accurate, cost-based price signals to customers, which is
15 exactly what the Company's proposed residential rate design continues to take steps
16 towards.

17 **Q. ARE THERE OTHER COST OF SERVICE JUSTIFICATIONS FOR THE**
18 **COMPANY TO REQUIRE A HIGHER RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CHARGE**
19 **THAN THE OTHER KENTUCKY INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITIES?**

20 A. Yes, there are two. First, the Company finds itself in a unique position compared to the
21 other investor-owned utilities in Kentucky as to the overall density of its service territory.
22 The Company has many fewer customers per distribution line (circuit) mile than does its
23 peers, as Company Witness West discusses further. The absence of densely populated

1 urban areas in the Company's service territory results in its makeup being more akin to the
2 rural cooperatives of Kentucky than its fellow investor-owned utilities. As a result, the
3 Company must make more distribution plant investments and incurs higher maintenance
4 costs per customer to provide service. Second, the topography of the Company's service
5 territory, discussed further by Company Witness Phillips, adds to the cost. Kentucky
6 Power's service territory is primarily mountainous creating challenges for distribution
7 system installation and maintenance that other utilities in the Commonwealth do not
8 experience to the same degree. The combination of lower customer density and
9 challenging topography results in a comparatively higher cost based basic service charge.

10 **Q. IN SUMMARY, DOES THE COMPANY'S PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL RATE**
11 **DESIGN BENEFIT THE COMPANY'S ELECTRIC HEATING AND LOWER**
12 **INCOME CUSTOMERS?**

13 A. Yes. Because electric heating and lower income customers on average use more kWh than
14 the class average, the reduction of the intra-class subsidy being paid through the volumetric
15 energy charge will benefit them. To put a fine point on it, under the Company's proposed
16 rate design electric heating and lower income customers are better off than they would be
17 on the current rate design at any level of increase.

VI. TARIFF CHANGES AND NEW OFFERINGS

i. Federal Tax Cut Tariff Changes

18 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE COMPANY'S PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE**
19 **FEDERAL TAX CUT TARIFF.**

20 A. Consistent with the Commission's Order in Case No. 2020-00174, the unprotected excess
21 ADFIT that has been credited to customers through Tariff FTC will be fully refunded to

1 the Company's customers by the time the rates in this proceeding go into effect. As such,
2 Tariff FTC will include only the protected excess ADFIT amortization going forward. In
3 addition, the Company is proposing to include in Tariff FTC actual Corporate Alternative
4 Minimum Tax expense and credits beginning with the rates set for December 2024.
5 Company Witness Schlessman discusses the tax policy rationale for the proposed changes
6 to Tariff FTC. In addition, a redlined version of proposed Tariff FTC, which is being
7 renamed the Federal Tax Change Tariff, is attached to my testimony as Exhibit MMS-2.

ii. **Proposed Distribution Reliability Rider ("DRR")**

8 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE COMPANY'S PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION**
9 **RELIABILITY RIDER ("DRR")**

10 A. The necessity of and project detail for the DRR are described in detail by Company
11 Witnesses West and Phillips respectively. For ratemaking purposes, the initial DRR will
12 include the capital and associated operations and maintenance expenses for the following
13 distribution reliability work plan:

- 14 1. Vegetation Management Program
- 15 2. Distribution Asset Renewal

16 The initial DRR capital and O&M costs are outlined in Company Witness Phillips'
17 testimony.

18 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE OPERATION OF THE DRR.**

19 A. The proposed DRR is attached to my testimony as Exhibit MMS-3. As shown, the DRR
20 is only applicable to customers served at distribution (secondary and primary) voltages
21 excluding Outdoor and Street Lighting. The DRR will be updated annually and filed by
22 February 15 for rates effective for the first billing cycle of April.

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Q. HOW DOES THE COMPANY PROPOSE TO RECOVER THE PROGRAM COSTS OF PROPOSED TARIFF DRR?

A. The Company proposes that the DRR be recovered from customers on a per bill basis by residential and all other rate schedules, excluding outdoor lighting, street lighting, subtransmission voltage and transmission voltage customers. The residential allocation will be based on the most recent 12-month residential contribution to Kentucky non-fuel retail revenue and the all other allocation will be based on the most recent 12-month all other class contribution to Kentucky non-fuel retail revenue. These amounts are then divided by the most recent 12-month bills for residential, and all other classes, to arrive at the residential and all other factors.

iii. Proposed Securitization Financing Rider (“SFR”)

Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE COMPANY’S PROPOSED SECURITIZATION FINANCING RIDER (“SFR”).

A. The necessity, and included regulatory assets, for the SFR is described in detail by Company Witness West. The SFR is designed to recover from customers the amounts necessary to service, repay, and administer customer-backed bonds associated with the approved securitized costs pursuant to the terms of the financing order of the Kentucky Public Service Commission in this proceeding. The SFR will remain in effect until the complete repayment and retirement of any customer-backed bonds, or refunded bonds, associated with the approved securitized costs.

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE RATE DESIGN AND ADJUSTMENT SCHEDULE THE**
2 **COMPANY IS PROPOSING FOR RIDER SFR.**

3 A. The Company is proposing that the SFR is recovered from customers on a percent of
4 revenue basis, with distinct rates for residential and all other rate schedules. This
5 methodology parallels the methodology currently used for the Decommissioning Rider.
6 The residential allocation will be based on the most recent 12-month residential
7 contribution to Kentucky retail revenue and the all other allocation will be based on the
8 most recent 12-month all other class contribution to Kentucky retail revenue. The SFR
9 actual revenue requirement will be multiplied by the annual residential, and all other,
10 allocation to arrive at the net residential, and all other, revenue requirements. These
11 amounts are then divided by the annual Kentucky residential retail revenue to calculate the
12 residential factor and by all other classes non-fuel retail revenue to calculate the all other
13 adjustment factor.

14 The Company is proposing to make a semi-annual true-up filing no later than
15 February 15 and August 15 of each calendar year for effective rates with the cycle 1 of the
16 following April and October billing periods. The first semi-annual true-up adjustment will
17 be reduced should there be unused funds because the actual up-front financing costs are
18 less than the up-front financing costs included in the principal amount securitized. In
19 addition, there is the possibility of interim true-up adjustments to correct for any over- or
20 under-collection. Finally, quarterly true-ups will begin 12 months prior to the scheduled
21 final payment date for the latest maturing tranche of securitized bonds of a particular series.
22 Company Witness Niehaus describes the necessity for filing true-ups in order to minimize
23 and stabilize charges on an ongoing basis throughout the life of the transaction.

1 The proposed SFR is attached to my testimony as Exhibit MMS-4.

2 **Q. HAVE YOU CALCULATED THE ESTIMATED SECURITIZED SURCHARGE**
3 **NECESSARY TO RECOVER THE SECURITIZED COSTS AND FINANCING**
4 **COSTS?**

5 A. I have. As calculated by Company Witness Messner, the estimated costs to be recovered
6 over the 20-year period that the SFR will be in effect result in an annual revenue
7 requirement of \$37,061,497. The revenue requirement will be allocated to Residential and
8 All Other Non-Residential customers based on total retail revenue. I have computed
9 estimated rider rates to be assessed as a percentage of retail revenue. The estimated
10 Residential SFR Factor of 5.8233% will be assessed on total revenue excluding any
11 percentage of revenue rider amounts. The estimated All Other SFR Factor of 11.440% will
12 be assessed on total revenue excluding any percentage of revenue rider amounts and fuel.
13 The resulting calculation is attached as Exhibit MMS-5.

VII. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RIDER PARTICIPATING CUSTOMER
 ANALYSIS AND SPECIAL CONTRACT ANALYSIS

14 **Q. HAVE YOU CONDUCTED A MARGINAL COST OF SERVICE ANALYSIS FOR**
15 **THE COMPANY’S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RIDER (“EDR”) CUSTOMER**
16 **AND WHAT ARE ITS RESULTS?**

17 A. Yes. The marginal cost of service analysis shows that in total the Company’s EDR
18 customers are covering their variable cost of service and contributing to the Company’s
19 fixed cost of service while taking service under the discounted EDR rates. This analysis is

1 attached to my testimony as Exhibit MMS-6. It was also filed with the Commission on
2 March 30, 2023 in Case No. 2014-00336.

3 **Q. HAVE YOU CONDUCTED A MARGINAL COST OF SERVICE ANALYSIS FOR**
4 **THE COMPANY'S SPECIAL CONTRACT CUSTOMER AS DIRECTED IN CASE**
5 **NO. 2020-00019?²**

6 A. Yes. I have calculated the marginal cost of service for the special contract customer for
7 the periods of June 2020 through December 2020, Calendar Year 2021, Calendar Year
8 2022, and Year-to-Date 2023.,. The results are attached as MMS Exhibit-7.

VIII. CONCLUSION

9 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR PRE-FILED DIRECT TESTIMONY?**

10 A. Yes, it does.

² Order, *In The Matter Of: Electronic Application Of Kentucky Power Company For Approval Of A Contract For Electric Service With Air Products And Chemicals, Inc.*, Case No. 2020-00019 (Ky. P.S.C. April 23, 2020).



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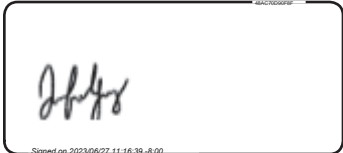
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KPCo Kentucky Retail Jurisdiction
Base Rate Revenue Target Summary

	Total Retail	RS	GS-SEC	GS-PRI	GS-SUB	Total GS	LGS-SEC	LGS-PRI	LGS-SUR	LGS-TRA	Total LGS	RGS-SEC	RGS-PRI	RGS-SUR	RGS-TRA	Total RGS	PS-SEC	PS-PRI	Total PS	MW	OL	SL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
From CCOS																						
Demand	\$ 246,155,638	\$ 106,196,506	\$ 35,458,958	\$ 431,275	\$ 18,600	\$ 35,908,832	\$ 19,969,706	\$ 5,381,092	\$ 871,809	\$ -	\$ 26,222,607	\$ 581,840	\$ 10,807,787	\$ 52,523,970	\$ 6,714,327	\$ 70,627,924	\$ 6,136,460	\$ 115,428	\$ 6,251,887	\$ 90,387	\$ 666,270	\$ 191,223
Energy	\$ 188,464,684	\$ 69,657,041	\$ 21,894,582	\$ 262,790	\$ 13,058	\$ 22,170,430	\$ 11,452,355	\$ 3,105,235	\$ 484,913	\$ -	\$ 15,042,503	\$ 541,451	\$ 11,317,759	\$ 56,809,954	\$ 7,982,025	\$ 76,651,189	\$ 3,257,207	\$ 61,287	\$ 3,318,494	\$ 56,372	\$ 1,258,797	\$ 309,857
Dist Primary	\$ 34,214,909	\$ 18,780,077	\$ 6,918,693	\$ 84,766	\$ -	\$ 7,003,460	\$ 3,984,534	\$ 1,073,651	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,058,185	\$ 105,040	\$ 1,952,476	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,057,516	\$ 1,250,941	\$ 24,044	\$ 1,274,985	\$ 18,988	\$ 16,689	\$ 5,009
Dist Secondary	\$ 11,134,614	\$ 7,352,102	\$ 2,172,466	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,172,466	\$ 1,090,827	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,090,827	\$ 23,863	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,863	\$ 352,692	\$ -	\$ 352,692	\$ 4,687	\$ 107,225	\$ 30,752
Customer	\$ 116,632,520	\$ 80,493,812	\$ 25,977,816	\$ 278,732	\$ 17,932	\$ 26,274,480	\$ 603,125	\$ 189,063	\$ 75,332	\$ -	\$ 867,520	\$ 3,808	\$ 97,129	\$ 173,661	\$ 33,580	\$ 308,177	\$ 211,836	\$ 2,509	\$ 214,345	\$ 15,393	\$ 7,294,154	\$ 1,164,639
TOTAL	\$ 596,602,365	\$ 282,479,538	\$ 92,422,515	\$ 1,057,563	\$ 49,590	\$ 93,529,669	\$ 37,100,547	\$ 9,749,041	\$ 1,432,054	\$ -	\$ 48,281,642	\$ 1,256,002	\$ 24,175,151	\$ 109,507,584	\$ 14,729,932	\$ 149,668,670	\$ 11,209,135	\$ 203,268	\$ 11,412,403	\$ 185,827	\$ 9,343,135	\$ 1,701,481
Adjustments																						
Unbilled	\$ (1,125,502)	\$ (1,398,838)	\$ (195,502)	\$ (10,620)	\$ (1,413)	\$ -	\$ 12,513	\$ 10,084	\$ (2,020)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,961	\$ 67,368	\$ 74,350	\$ 343,079	\$ -	\$ (33,813)	\$ (1,852)	\$ -	\$ (446)	\$ 7,630	\$ 15
D	\$ (753,502)	\$ (844,746,57)	\$ (120,869,32)	\$ (6,598,70)	\$ (829,99)	\$ -	\$ 7,952,32	\$ 6,394,31	\$ (1,297,82)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,051,89	\$ 32,907,62	\$ 35,717,85	\$ 156,742,60	\$ -	\$ (22,088,67)	\$ (1,209,43)	\$ -	\$ (274,75)	\$ 2,640,64	\$ 5,82
E	\$ (371,999)	\$ (554,091,17)	\$ (74,632,28)	\$ (4,020,82)	\$ (582,72)	\$ -	\$ 4,560,55	\$ 3,689,93	\$ (721,87)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,909,46	\$ 34,460,39	\$ 38,632,45	\$ 186,336,37	\$ -	\$ (11,724,58)	\$ (642,16)	\$ -	\$ (171,55)	\$ 4,989,01	\$ 9,43
Base Rate Revenue Targets																						
Demand	\$ 246,909,140	\$ 107,041,253	\$ 35,579,828	\$ 437,873	\$ 19,430	\$ 36,037,130	\$ 19,961,753	\$ 5,374,698	\$ 873,107	\$ -	\$ 26,209,558	\$ 579,788	\$ 10,774,879	\$ 52,488,252	\$ 6,557,585	\$ 70,400,504	\$ 6,158,548	\$ 116,637	\$ 6,275,185	\$ 90,662	\$ 663,630	\$ 191,218
Energy	\$ 188,836,684	\$ 70,211,132	\$ 21,969,214	\$ 266,811	\$ 13,641	\$ 22,249,666	\$ 11,447,794	\$ 3,101,545	\$ 485,635	\$ -	\$ 15,034,975	\$ 539,542	\$ 11,283,298	\$ 56,771,322	\$ 7,795,689	\$ 76,389,851	\$ 3,268,932	\$ 61,929	\$ 3,330,861	\$ 56,543	\$ 1,253,808	\$ 309,848
Dist Primary	\$ 34,214,909	\$ 18,780,077	\$ 6,918,693	\$ 84,766	\$ -	\$ 7,003,460	\$ 3,984,534	\$ 1,073,651	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,058,185	\$ 105,040	\$ 1,952,476	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,057,516	\$ 1,250,941	\$ 24,044	\$ 1,274,985	\$ 18,988	\$ 16,689	\$ 5,009
Dist Secondary	\$ 11,134,614	\$ 7,352,102	\$ 2,172,466	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,172,466	\$ 1,090,827	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,090,827	\$ 23,863	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,863	\$ 352,692	\$ -	\$ 352,692	\$ 4,687	\$ 107,225	\$ 30,752
Customer	\$ 116,632,520	\$ 80,493,812	\$ 25,977,816	\$ 278,732	\$ 17,932	\$ 26,274,480	\$ 603,125	\$ 189,063	\$ 75,332	\$ -	\$ 867,520	\$ 3,808	\$ 97,129	\$ 173,661	\$ 33,580	\$ 308,177	\$ 211,836	\$ 2,509	\$ 214,345	\$ 15,393	\$ 7,294,154	\$ 1,164,639
TOTAL	\$ 597,727,866	\$ 283,878,376	\$ 92,618,017	\$ 1,068,183	\$ 51,002	\$ 93,737,202	\$ 37,088,035	\$ 9,738,957	\$ 1,434,073	\$ -	\$ 48,261,065	\$ 1,252,041	\$ 24,107,783	\$ 109,433,234	\$ 14,386,853	\$ 149,179,911	\$ 11,242,948	\$ 205,120	\$ 11,448,068	\$ 186,273	\$ 9,335,506	\$ 1,701,465

RS					
I.	<u>Proposed Revenue</u>				
		Billed & Accrued Revenue	Fuel Revenue	Base Revenue	
	Total RS Revenue Requirement				
	Demand	133,173,431		\$0	\$133,173,431
	Energy	70,211,132		0	\$70,211,132
	Customer	80,493,812		0	\$80,493,812
	Total	\$283,878,376		\$0	\$283,878,376
					\$1,398,838 Check
II.	<u>Customer Charge</u>				
		Full cost customer charge	=	\$50.91	
		Proposed Customer Charge	=	\$20.00 /mo.	
	Proposed Customer Charge Revenue	1,581,214	x	\$20.00	= \$31,624,280
III.	<u>Off-Peak Energy Charge</u>				
	Energy Revenue Requirement		\$70,211,132		
	Total Energy (kWh)		1,948,573,768		
	Total Secondary Energy Charge		\$0.03603 /kWh		
	Fixed Cost Adder		\$0.05000 /kWh		
	Proposed Off-Peak Energy Charge		\$0.08603 /kWh		
	Off-Peak % Usage		56.76%		
	Off-Peak kWh Energy		1,106,010,471		
	Off-Peak Revenue		1,106,010,471	x	\$0.08603 = \$95,150,081
IV.	<u>On-Peak Energy Charge</u>				
	Total RS Base Revenue		\$283,878,376		
	Less: Customer Revenue		31,624,280		
	Less: Off-Peak Energy Revenue		95,150,081		
	On-Peak Revenue		\$157,104,015		
	Total RS Energy		1,948,573,768		
	Less: Off-Peak kWh Energy		1,106,010,471		
	On-Peak kWh Energy		842,563,297		
	Proposed On-Peak Energy Charge		\$0.18646 /kWh		
V.	<u>Revenue Verification</u>				
		Units	Rate	Revenue	Difference
	On-Peak	842,563,297 kWh	\$0.18646 /kWh	\$157,104,352	
	Off-Peak	1,106,010,471 kWh	\$0.08603 /kWh	95,150,081	
	Customer	1,581,214 Bills	\$20.00 /Mo.	31,624,280	
	Total	1,948,573,768 kWh		\$283,878,713	337
VI.	<u>Time-of-Day Customer Charges</u>				
	Current TOD Charge	\$21.00			
	Proposed Standard Charge	\$20.00			
	Actual Differential:		Separate Meter Charge		
	TOD Meter Cost	\$367.32	\$367.32		
	Standard Meter Cost	\$108.50			
	Cost Differential	\$258.82	\$367.32		
	Carrying Cost	13.97%	13.97%		15 Year Annual Investment CC
	Over 12 Months	12	12		
	Differential	\$3.01	\$4.28		
	Proposed RS-TOD/RS-LM-TOD/ RS TOD 2	\$23.00	\$4.30		
	Separate Meter Customer Charge:		Current Use:	\$3.75	
				\$4.30	
VII.	<u>RS-TOD / RS-LM-TOD Proposed Revenue</u>				
		Units	Rate	Revenue	
	On-Peak	1,160,149 kWh	\$0.18646 /kWh	\$216,321	
	Off-Peak	1,857,302 kWh	\$0.08603 /kWh	159,784	
	Customer - Std TOD	1,800 Bills	\$23.00 /Mo.	41,400	
	Customer - Sep Meter	94 Bills	\$4.30 /Mo.	404	
	Total	3,017,451 kWh		\$417,909	
VIII.	<u>Customer Revenue</u>				
	Customer Charge Revenue	1,579,320 Bills	x	\$20.00 /mo.	= \$31,586,400

IX. Standard Energy Rates

Storage Water Heating Revenue	436,918 kWh	x	\$0.08603 /kWh (Off-Pk) =	\$37,588
Adjusted Base Revenue	283,878,376			
Less RS-TOD/RS-LM-TOD Revenue	417,909			
Less: Customer Revenue	31,586,400			
Less: Storage Water Htg Revenue	37,588			

Energy Charge Revenue - All Blocks \$251,836,479
All kWh 1,945,119,399

Standard Energy Rate - All kWh \$0.12947 /kWh



X. RS Revenue Verification

	Units	Rate	Revenue	Difference
All Standard kWh	1,945,119,399 kWh	\$0.12947 /kWh	\$251,834,609	
Storage Water Heating	436,918 kWh	\$0.08603 /kWh	37,588	
Customer	1,579,320 Bills	\$20.00 /mo.	31,586,400	
Total	1,945,556,317 kWh	Proof	\$283,458,597	
		Standard Target	\$283,460,467	
		Difference	(\$1,870)	

*Revised after revenue verification

XIV. Residential Summary

Schedule	Bills	kWh	Revenue	Difference
RS	1,579,320	1,945,556,317	\$283,458,597	
RS-TOD / RS LMTOD	1,894	3,017,451	417,909	
Total Billed	1,581,214	1,948,573,768	\$283,876,506	(\$1,870)

Optional Residential Demand Rate

Revenue Targets		
Distribution Primary	\$	18,780,077
Distribution Secondary	\$	7,352,102
Prod and Trans Demand	\$	107,041,253
Energy	\$	70,211,132
Customer	\$	80,493,812
Total	\$	283,878,376

RS-D Billing Units	
On Peak kWh	298,050,826
Off Peak Energy	1,650,522,942
Total kWh	1,948,573,768
Total On-Peak Billing Demand	10,371,705
Total Bills	1,581,214

RS-D Rates	
On Peak Energy Charge	0.11843 \$/kWh
Off Peak Energy Charge	0.08603 \$/kWh
On-Peak Demand Charge	6.77 \$/kW
Customer Charge	23.00 \$/customer/month

Revenue Verification	Units	Rates	Revenue
On Peak Energy Charge	298,050,826	0.11843	\$ 35,298,159
Off Peak Energy Charge	1,650,522,942	0.08603	\$ 141,994,489
On-Peak Demand Charge per kW	10,371,705	6.77	\$ 70,216,443
Customer Charge	1,581,214	23.00	\$ 36,367,922
			\$ 283,877,013
			\$ (1,363)

RS TOD2

I.	Proposed Revenue						
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Production</u>	<u>All Other</u>			
		(1)	(2)	(3) = (1) - (2)			
	Demand	133,173,431	\$106,196,506	\$26,976,925			
	Energy	70,211,132	\$0	\$70,211,132			
	Customer	80,493,812	\$0	\$80,493,812			
	Total	<u>\$283,878,376</u>	<u>\$106,196,506</u>	<u>\$177,681,870</u>			
III.	Basic Energy Charge Rate Design						
	All Other Revenue	\$177,681,870					
	Less: Customer Charge Revenue - STD	\$31,586,400					
	Customer Charge Revenue - TOD	<u>\$41,804</u>					
	Basic Energy Revenue	<u>\$146,053,666</u>					
	Total kWh	1,948,573,768					
	Basic Energy Charge Rate	\$0.074954					
IV.	Variable Energy Charge Rate Design						
		<u>Market Generation (Excluding Losses)</u>			<u>Production Charge</u>	<u>kWh</u>	<u>Variable Energy Charge</u>
		<u>Energy</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(4) on (3)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	<u>(6) = (4) / (5)</u>
		(1)	(2)	(3) = (1) + (2)			
	Summer	22,429,290	3,149,757	25,579,047	\$16,531,556	144,694,995	\$0.114251
	Winter	19,654,170	4,174,563	23,828,732	\$15,400,340	250,572,528	\$0.061461
	Other	<u>111,912,617</u>	<u>2,995,984</u>	<u>114,908,601</u>	<u>\$74,264,610</u>	<u>1,553,306,245</u>	<u>\$0.047811</u>
		153,996,077	10,320,303	164,316,380	\$106,196,506	1,948,573,768	
				Percentage:	64.63%		
V.	Energy Base Rate Total						
		<u>Basic Energy</u>	<u>Variable Energy</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>Fuel Adjustment</u>	<u>Base Rate</u>	
		<u>Charge</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>(3) = (1) + (2)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(5) = (3) - (4)</u>	
		(1)	(2)				
	Summer	\$0.074954	\$0.114251	\$0.189205	\$0.000000	\$0.18921	
	Winter	\$0.074954	\$0.061461	\$0.136415	\$0.000000	\$0.13642	
	Other	\$0.074954	\$0.047811	\$0.122765	\$0.000000	\$0.12277	
VI.	Revenue Verification						
		<u>Units</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Revenue</u>			
		(1)	(2)	(3) = (1) x (2)			
	Customer Charge - STD	1,579,320 Bills	\$20.00	\$31,586,400			
	Customer Charge - TOD	1,800 Bills	\$23.00	\$41,400			
	Customer Charge - TOD - Sep Meter	94 Bills	\$4.30	\$404			
	Summer	144,694,995 kWh	\$0.18921	\$27,377,740			
	Winter	250,572,528 kWh	\$0.13642	\$34,183,104			
	Other	1,553,306,245 kWh	\$0.12277	\$190,699,408			
	Fuel	1,948,573,768 kWh	\$0.000000	\$0			
				<u>\$283,888,456</u>			
					\$283,878,376		\$10,080

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Residential Seasonal Rate Provision

Season	Test Year kWh	Rate Design Revenue Targets				Proposed Customer Charge Revenue	Proposed Energy Charge Revenue	Proposed Energy Charge	Customer Bills	Monthly kWh per Customer
		Customer	Distribution	Gen & Trans	Total					
		\$80,493,812	\$26,132,179	\$177,252,385	\$283,878,376	\$31,628,204	\$252,250,172			
Jan	Winter	286,342,382	6,707,818	2,177,682	26,047,189	34,932,689	2,635,684	32,297,005	131,768	2,173
Feb	Winter	237,548,364	6,707,818	2,177,682	21,608,632	30,494,132	2,635,684	27,858,448	131,768	1,803
Mar	Winter	156,229,680	6,707,818	2,177,682	14,211,463	23,096,962	2,635,684	20,461,278	131,768	1,186
Apr	All other	134,031,369	6,707,818	2,177,682	12,192,189	21,077,688	2,635,684	18,442,005	131,768	1,017
May	All other	114,890,915	6,707,818	2,177,682	10,451,074	19,336,573	2,635,684	16,700,890	131,768	872
Jun	All other	126,997,355	6,707,818	2,177,682	11,552,339	20,437,838	2,635,684	17,802,154	131,768	964
Jul	All other	152,199,747	6,707,818	2,177,682	13,844,879	22,730,378	2,635,684	20,094,695	131,768	1,155
Aug	All other	157,326,594	6,707,818	2,177,682	14,311,244	23,196,743	2,635,684	20,561,059	131,768	1,194
Sep	All other	142,028,977	6,707,818	2,177,682	12,919,693	21,805,192	2,635,684	19,169,509	131,768	1,078
Oct	All other	120,397,296	6,707,818	2,177,682	10,951,963	19,837,462	2,635,684	17,201,779	131,768	914
Nov	All other	123,842,253	6,707,818	2,177,682	11,265,334	20,150,833	2,635,684	17,515,150	131,768	940
Dec	Winter	196,738,836	6,707,818	2,177,682	17,896,386	26,781,885	2,635,684	24,146,201	131,768	1,493
Total		1,948,573,768	80,493,812	26,132,179	177,252,385	283,878,376	31,628,204	252,250,172		1,232
	Winter	876,859,262	\$26,831,271	\$8,710,726	\$79,763,670	\$115,305,667	\$10,542,735	\$104,762,933	\$0.11947 *	
	All other	1,071,714,506	\$53,662,542	\$17,421,452	\$97,488,715	\$168,572,709	\$21,085,469	\$147,487,239	\$0.13762	

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Revenue Verification

	Units (1)	Rate (2)	Revenue (3) = (1) x (2)	Target (4)	Difference (5) = (3) - (4)
Customer Charge - STD	1,579,320 Bills	\$20.00	\$31,586,400		
Customer Charge - TOD	1,800 Bills	\$23.00	\$41,400		
Customer Charge - TOD - Sep Meter	94 Bills	\$4.30	\$404		
All other	1,071,714,506 kWh	\$0.13762	\$147,489,350		
Winter	876,859,262 kWh	\$0.11947	\$104,758,376		
			<u>\$283,875,930</u>	\$283,878,376	(\$2,446)

SGS TOD

I.

Proposed Revenue	<u>Total</u> (1)	<u>Production</u> (2)	<u>All Other</u> (3) = (1) - (2)
Demand	\$44,670,987	\$35,579,828	\$9,091,160
Energy	\$21,969,214	\$0	\$21,969,214
Customer	\$25,977,816	\$0	\$25,977,816
Total	\$92,618,017	\$35,579,828	\$57,038,189

II.

Incremental Meter Charge Rate Design	<u>Annual Incremental Meter Charge</u>	<u>Months</u>	<u>Carrying Charge</u>	=	<u>Incremental Customer Charge</u>	<u>Plus Standard</u>	=	<u>Proposed Customer Charge</u>
	\$0.00	12	x 10.78%	=	\$0.00	+	\$28.00	= \$28.00

III.

Basic Energy Charge Rate Design	
All Other Revenue	\$57,038,189
Less: Customer Charge Revenue - STD	\$10,053,120
Customer Charge Revenue - LM-TOD	\$21,840
Customer Charge Revenue - NM	\$226,335
Customer Charge Revenue - TOD	\$168,000
Basic Energy Charge	\$46,568,894
Total kWh	627,195,919
Basic Energy Charge Rate	\$0.074249

IV.

Variable Energy Charge Rate Design	<u>Market Generation (Excl. Losses)</u>			<u>Production Charge</u> (4) on (3)	<u>kWh</u> (5)	<u>Variable Energy Charge</u> (6) = (4) / (5)
	<u>RT LMP</u> (1)	<u>Capacity</u> (2)	<u>Total</u> (3) = (1) + (2)			
Summer	7,679,927	1,045,131	8,725,057	\$6,240,058	51,486,380	\$0.121198
Winter	4,862,954	1,284,481	6,147,435	\$4,396,573	69,136,748	\$0.063592
Other	34,027,084	849,328	34,876,411	\$24,943,197	506,572,790	\$0.049239
	<u>46,569,965</u>	<u>3,178,621</u>	<u>49,748,903</u>	<u>\$35,579,828</u>	<u>627,195,919</u>	

Percentage: 71.52%

V.

Energy Base Rate Total	<u>Basic Energy Charge</u> (1)	<u>Variable Energy Charge</u> (2)	<u>Subtotal</u> (3) = (1) + (2)	<u>Fuel Adjustment</u> (4)	<u>Base Rate</u> (5) = (3) - (4)
Summer	\$0.074249	\$0.121198	\$0.195447	\$0.000000	\$0.19545
Winter	\$0.074249	\$0.063592	\$0.137841	\$0.000000	\$0.13784
Other	\$0.074249	\$0.049239	\$0.123488	\$0.000000	\$0.12349

VI.

Revenue Verification	<u>Units</u> (1)	<u>Rate</u> (2)	<u>Billing</u> (3) = (1) x (2)	
Customer Charge - STD	359,040 Bills	\$28.00	\$10,053,120	
Customer Charge - LM-TOD	780 Bills	\$28.00	\$21,840	
Customer Charge - NM	15,089 Bills	\$15.00	\$226,335	
Customer Charge - TOD	6,000 Bills	\$28.00	\$168,000	
Summer	51,486,380 kWh	\$0.19545	\$10,063,013	
Winter	69,136,748 kWh	\$0.13784	\$9,529,809	
Other	506,572,790 kWh	\$0.12349	\$62,556,674	
Fuel	627,195,919 kWh	\$0.000000	\$0	
			<u>\$92,618,791</u>	\$92,618,017
				\$774

* Revised after revenue verification

VII.

Revenue From Existing SGS-TOD Customers	<u>Units</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Billing</u>	<u>Current</u>
SGS-TOD				
Summer	618,282	\$0.19545	\$120,843	0.20846
Winter	740,245	\$0.13784	\$102,035	0.18172
Other	6,636,788	\$0.12349	\$819,577	0.11279
Customer	6,000	\$28.00	\$168,000	
Total			<u>\$1,210,455</u>	

GS Secondary for TOD/LMTOD/AF Cales

I.	<u>Proposed Revenue</u>	<u>Billed & Accrued Revenue</u>	<u>Fuel Revenue</u>	<u>Billed & Accrued Revenue Excl'd Fuel</u>	<u>Base Revenue</u>
	Demand	\$44,670,987	\$0	\$44,670,987	\$44,670,987
	Energy	21,969,214	0	\$21,969,214	21,969,214
	Customer	25,977,816	0	\$25,977,816	25,977,816
	Total	\$92,618,017	\$0	\$92,618,017	\$92,618,017

II. Non-Metered Customer Charge

Meter Plant (370)	\$8,943,459	Customer Base Revenue	\$25,977,816
Net Plant/Gross Plant Percentage	59.25%	Less: Meter Plant Revenue	734,862
Depreciated Meter Plant	5,298,999	Meter O&M Expense (586 & 597)	425,377
Return on Rate Base - Class Proposed	10.35%	Meter Reading Expense (902)	116,222
Income	548,446	Adj. Customer Revenue	24,701,355
GRCF	1,339,897	/ Bills	380,909
Meter Plant Revenue	734,862	Calculated Non-Metered Customer Charge	64.85
		Current	\$14.00
		Use:	\$15.00

III. Standard Customer Charge

Customer Revenue	\$25,977,816		
Less: Non-Metered Customer Rev.	226,335		
Residual Customer Revenue	\$25,751,481	/	359,040 Bills
			= \$71.72 /mo.
			Current = \$25.00 /mo.
			Use: \$28.00 /mo.

GS Sec		349,524	
SGS TOD		6,000	
GS AF		1,032	
MGS TOD		1,704	
GS LMTOD		780	
Standard	\$28.00	x	359,040 Bills = \$10,053,120
GS Non-Metered	\$15.00	x	15,089 Bills = \$226,335

IV. Energy Charges

Revenue Requirement	\$92,618,017		
Less: Standard Customer Revenue	10,053,120		
Less: Non-Metered Customer Revenue	226,335		
Energy Rate Target	\$82,338,562		
GS Sec Standard Energy	594,536,462		
SGS TOD	7,995,316		
GS AF	1,415,369	8,519,716	
MGS TOD	8,519,716	1,798,726	
GS LMTOD	1,798,726	1,415,369	
GS NM	3,136,289		
Total GS Sec Energy	617,401,878		
Recreational Lighting (AF) Energy R	\$82,338,562	/	617,401,878 = \$0.13336

V. Revenue Verification

	<u>Units</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Energy	617,401,878 kWh	\$0.13336 /kWh	\$82,336,714	
Standard Customer	359,040 Bills	\$28.00 /mo	10,053,120	
Non-Metered Customer	15,089 Bills	\$15.00 /mo	226,335	
Total Base Revenue			\$92,616,169	(\$1,848)

* Revised after revenue verification

VI.

Off-Peak Energy Charge

Energy Revenue Requirement	\$21,969,214 /	617,401,878 kwh =	\$0.03558
Fixed Cost Adder			<u>0.05000</u>
Calculated Off-Peak Energy Charge			\$0.08558
Use			\$0.08558
Off-Peak % Usage			52.26%
Off-Peak kWh			322,654,221
Off-Peak Revenue			\$27,612,748

VII.

On-Peak Energy Charge

Total GS Sec Base Revenue	\$92,618,017
Less: Standard Customer Revenue	10,053,120
Non-Metered Customer Revenue	226,335
Time-of-Day Off-Peak Revenue	<u>27,612,748</u>
On-Peak Revenue	\$54,725,814
On-Peak kWh Energy	<u>294,747,657</u>
Proposed On-Peak Energy Charge	\$0.18567 /kWh

VIII.

Secondary Revenue Verification

	<u>Units</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Difference</u>
On-Peak	294,747,657 kWh	\$0.18567	\$54,725,797	
Off-Peak	322,654,221 kWh	\$0.08558	27,612,748	
Standard Customer	359,040 Bills	\$28.00	10,053,120	
Non-Metered Customer	15,089 Bills	\$15.00	226,335	
Total Base Revenue			\$92,618,000	(\$17)

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IX.

Revenue From Existing TOD Customers

	<u>Units</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Revenue</u>	<u>Current Rates</u>
GS-LM TOD				
On-Peak Energy	706,425	\$0.18567	131,162	0.15908
Off-Peak Energy	1,092,300	\$0.08558	93,479	0.07915
Customer	780	\$28.00	21,840	25
Total			<u>\$246,481</u>	
MGS TOD				
On-Peak Energy	3,346,418	\$0.18567	621,329	0.15908
Off-Peak Energy	5,173,298	\$0.08558	442,731	0.07915
Customer	1,704	\$28.00	47,712	25
Total			<u>\$1,111,772</u>	

General Service (GS)

I.	Proposed Revenue		Secondary	Primary	Subtran	Trans	Total	
	Proposed Base Revenue							
	Demand	\$44,670,987		\$522,640	\$19,430			
	Energy	\$21,969,214		\$266,811	\$13,641			
	Customer	\$25,977,816		\$278,732	\$17,932			
		\$92,618,017		\$1,068,183	\$51,002		\$93,737,202	
	Fuel Revenue	\$0		\$0	\$0		\$0	
	Total Base Revenue	\$92,618,017		\$1,068,183	\$51,002		\$93,737,202	
	Secondary Tariff Provisions Base Rev							
	Less SGS TOD	\$1,210,455						
	Less MGS TOD	\$1,111,772						
	Less GS LMTOD	\$246,481						
	Less Rec Lighting	\$217,650						
		\$2,786,358						
	Standard GS Base Revenue Targets							
	Demand	\$43,327,087		\$522,640	\$19,430			
	Energy	\$21,308,283		\$266,811	\$13,641			
	Customer	\$25,196,289		\$278,732	\$17,932			
		\$89,831,659		\$1,068,183	\$51,002			
II.	Billing Determinant Summary							
	Standard Service Charge	349,524		864	36			
	Non-Metered Service Charge	15,089						
	First 4450 kWh	360,614,297		2,505,570	103,920			
	Over 4450 kWh	233,922,165		5,549,355	310,274			
	Total kWh	594,536,462		8,054,925	414,195			
	Billing Demand Greater Than 10 kW	1,152,821		23,015	611			
III.	GS LMTOD		Revenue	Units	Rates			
	On Peak	\$131,162		706,425	0.18567			
	Off Peak	\$93,479		1,092,300	0.08558			
	Customer	\$21,840		780	28.00			
		\$246,481						
IV.	Recreational Lighting		Units	Rates	Revenue			
	Service Charge	1,032		28.00	\$28,896			
	Energy Charge	1,415,369		\$0.13336 *	\$188,754			
					\$217,650			
	* Limited after Revenue Verification							
V.	Service Charge Revenue		Customer Revenue	Bills	Full Cost Rate	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	
	Secondary	\$25,196,289		349,524	\$72.09	\$25.00	\$28.00	
	Primary	\$278,732		864	\$322.61	\$100.00	\$120.00	
	Subtransmission	\$17,932		36	\$498.11	\$400.00	\$460.00	
	Proposed Customer Revenue		Proposed Rate	Bills	Revenue			
	Secondary	\$	28.00	349,524	\$9,786,672			
	Primary	\$	120.00	864	\$103,680			
	Subtransmission	\$	460.00	36	\$16,560			
	Non-Metered	\$	15.00	15,089	\$226,335			
					\$10,133,247			
VI.	Proposed Energy Charges and Revenue		Units	Proposed Charges	Proposed Energy Revenue	current	class avg inc	
	Proposed Energy Charges							
	Secondary							
	First 4450 kWh	360,614,297	0.12292	\$	44,326,709	0.10907	12.7%	
	Over 4450 kWh	233,922,165	0.10813	\$	25,294,004	0.10201	6%	
	Primary							
	First 4450 kWh	2,505,570	0.10790	\$	270,351	0.09574		
	Over 4450 kWh	5,549,355	0.09533	\$	529,020	0.08993		
	Subtransmission							
	First 4450 kWh	103,920	0.09763	\$	10,146	0.08663		
	Over 4450 kWh	310,274	0.08629	\$	26,774	0.08141		
	Total Energy Revenue			\$	70,457,003			
VII.	Proposed Demand Charges and Revenue		Billing Demand	Loss Factor	Loss Adjusted Demand			
	Total Base Revenue	\$93,737,202						
	less Secondary Tariff Provisions (TOI)	\$2,786,358						
	less Service Charge Revenue	\$10,133,247						
	less Energy Charge Revenue	\$70,457,003						
	less Equipment Credit Revenue	-\$12,532						
	Proposed Demand Revenue	\$10,373,126						
	Loss Adjusted Billing Demand	1,175,641						
	Residual Demand Charge	8.82						
	Secondary	1,152,821	1.000	1,152,821				
	Primary	23,015	0.966	22,238				
	Subtransmission	611	0.954	583				
	Total	1,176,447		1,175,641				
	Equipment Credit Revenue	Billing Demand	Equipment Credit	Revenue				
	Secondary	1,152,821	\$	-				
	Primary	23,015	\$(0.49)	\$(11,289)				
	Subtransmission	611	\$(2.03)	\$(1,243)				
	Total	1,176,447		\$(12,532)				
	Demand Rates	Secondary Rate	Loss Factor	Demand Rate	Equipment Credit	Proposed Rate	Proposed Revenue	Current Rates
	Secondary	8.82	1.000	8.82	\$-	8.82	\$10,167,881	\$6.61
	Primary	8.82	0.966	8.52	\$(0.49)	8.03	\$184,810	\$6.01
	Subtransmission	8.82	0.954	8.41	\$(2.03)	6.38	\$3,898	\$4.68
	Transmission	8.82	0.940	8.29	\$(2.03)	6.26		
							\$10,356,590	
VIII.	Revenue Verification		Units	Rates	Revenue	Target	Difference	
	Secondary							
	First 4450 kWh	360,614,297	0.12292	\$	44,326,709			
	Over 4450 kWh	233,922,165	0.10813	\$	25,294,004			
	Billing Demand	1,152,821	8.82	\$	10,167,881			
	Customer - Standard	349,524	28.00	\$	9,786,672			
	Customer - Non-Metered	15,089	15.00	\$	226,335			
	Primary			\$		\$89,801,601		
	First 4450 kWh	2,505,570	0.10790	\$	270,351			
	Over 4450 kWh	5,549,355	0.09533	\$	529,020			
	Billing Demand	23,015	8.03	\$	184,810			
	Customer	864	120.00	\$	103,680			
	Subtransmission			\$		\$1,087,861		
	First 4450 kWh	103,920	0.09763	\$	10,146			
	Over 4450 kWh	310,274	0.08629	\$	26,774			
	Billing Demand	611	6.38	\$	3,898			
	Customer	36	460.00	\$	16,560			
				\$		\$57,377		
				\$	90,946,840	\$90,950,845	\$(4,004)	

Large General Service (LGS)
I.

Proposed Revenue	Billed and Accrued Revenue	Fuel Revenue	Base Revenue
Includes Schools again			
Secondary			
Demand	\$32,799,296	\$0	\$32,799,296
Energy	14,716,726	0	14,716,726
Customer	814,961	0	814,961
Total	\$48,330,983	\$0	\$48,330,983
Secondary LM-TOD & TOD	\$1,085,532	\$0	\$1,085,532
Secondary Excl. LM-TOD			
Demand	\$32,062,610	\$0	\$32,062,610
Energy	14,386,183	0	14,386,183
Customer	796,657	0	796,657
Total	\$47,245,450	\$0	\$47,245,450
Includes Schools again			
Primary			
Demand	\$6,589,030	\$0	\$6,589,030
Energy	3,163,475	0	3,163,475
Customer	191,572	0	191,572
Total	\$9,944,076	\$0	\$9,944,076
Subtransmission			
Demand	\$873,107	\$0	\$873,107
Energy	485,635	0	485,635
Customer	75,332	0	75,332
Total	\$1,434,073	\$0	\$1,434,073
Transmission			
Demand	\$0	\$0	\$0
Energy	0	0	0
Customer	0	0	0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total LGS Excl LMTOD			
Demand	\$39,524,747	\$0	\$39,524,747
Energy	18,035,292	0	18,035,292
Customer	1,063,561	0	1,063,561
Total	\$58,623,600	\$0	\$58,623,600

II.

Billing Determinant Summary	Secondary	Primary	Subtransmission	Transmission
Total LGS with Schools				
Billing Demand	1,168,110	335,730	31,523	0
Billing Reactive	60,009	77,761	2,930	0
Billing kWh	390,579,985	87,633,137	13,944,800	0
Bills	6,024	840	84	0
Schools				
Billing Demand	336,931	6,357		
Billing Reactive	9,875	136		
Billing kWh	87,428,913	1,737,216		
Bills	1,656	12		
Standard LGS				
Billing Demand	831,179	329,373	31,523	0
Billing Reactive	50,134	77,625	2,930	0
Billing kWh	303,151,072	85,895,921	13,944,800	0
Bills	4,368	828	84	0
avg kWh	64,837	104,325	166,010	-
avg kW	194	400	375	-

III.	Proposed Customer Charges & Revenue					
	Proposed Customer Charge	Customer Revenue	Bills	Full Cost Rate	Proposed Rate	Overall % increase
	Secondary	\$796,657	6,024	\$132.25	\$0.00	13.50%
	Primary	191,572	840	\$228.06	\$0.00	13.50%
	Subtransmission	75,332	84	\$896.80	\$0.00	13.50%
	Transmission	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	13.50%
	Total	\$1,063,561	6,948			
	Proposed Customer Revenue	Proposed Rate	Bills	Customer Revenue		
	Secondary	\$0.00	6,024	\$0		
	Primary	\$0.00	840	0		
	Subtransmission	\$0.00	84	0		
	Transmission	\$0.00	0	0		
	Total		6,948	\$0		
IV.	Proposed Excess KVA Charges & Revenue					
	Proposed KVA Revenue	Proposed Current Rate	Excess KVA	Revenue		
	Secondary	\$3.46	60,009	\$207,631		
	Primary	\$3.46	77,761	269,053		
	Subtransmission	\$3.46	2,930	10,138		
	Transmission	\$3.46	0	0		
	Total		140,700	\$486,822		
V.	Proposed Demand Charge and Revenue					
	Calculation of Loss Adj Demand	Maximum Demand	Loss Factor	Loss Adj Demand		
	Secondary	1,168,110	1.000	1,168,110		
	Primary	335,730	0.966	324,391		
	Subtransmission	31,523	0.954	30,062		
	Transmission	0	0.940	0		
	Demand	1,535,363		1,522,563		
			% of Demand EQ Credit			
	Equipment Credit Revenue	Maximum Demand	Equipment Credit	Credit Revenue		
	Secondary	1,168,110	0.00	\$0		
	Primary	335,730	(1.09)	(\$365,946)		
	Subtransmission	31,523	(4.52)	(\$142,484)		
	Transmission	0	(4.52)	\$0		
	Loss Adjusted Demand	1,535,363		(\$508,430)		
	Total Required Demand Revenue	\$39,037,925				
	Less: Equipment Credit Revenue	(508,430)				
	Demand Revenue	\$39,546,355				
	Loss Adjusted Maximum Demand	1,522,563				
	Full Cost Demand Charge	\$25.97				
	Mitigated % of Demand in Demand Rate	\$10.39 *	40% % Demand			
	Demand Charges	Secondary Rate	Loss Factor	Demand Rate	Equipment Credit	Proposed Demand Rate
	Secondary	\$10.39	1.000	\$10.39	0.000	10.39
	Primary	\$10.39	0.966	\$10.04	-1.090	8.95
	Subtransmission	\$10.39	0.954	\$9.91	-4.520	5.39
	Transmission	\$10.39	0.940	\$9.77	-4.520	5.25
	Proposed Demand Revenue	Billing Demand	Proposed Rate	Demand Revenue		
	Secondary	1,168,110	\$10.39	\$12,136,663		
	Primary	335,730	\$8.95	3,004,784		
	Subtransmission	31,523	\$5.39	169,909		
	Transmission	0	\$5.25	-		
	Total	1,535,363		\$15,311,356		

VI.

Proposed Energy Charges and Revenue

	<u>Billing Energy</u>	<u>Loss Factor</u>	<u>Loss Adj Energy</u>
Loss Adjusted Energy			
Secondary	390,579,985	1.000	390,579,985
Primary	87,633,137	0.953	83,508,430
Subtransmission	13,944,800	0.939	13,095,827
Transmission	<u>0</u>	0.928	<u>0</u>
Total	492,157,922		487,184,242
Equipment Credit Revenue		60% of Equipment Credit	Equipment Credit Revenue
Secondary	390,579,985	--	0
Primary	87,633,137	(0.00212)	(185,782)
Subtransmission	13,944,800	(0.00856)	(119,367)
Transmission	<u>0</u>	(0.00856)	<u>0</u>
Total	492,157,922		(\$305,149)
Total Revenue	\$58,623,600		
Less: Customer Revenue	0		
Excess KVA Revenue	486,822		
Demand Revenue	15,311,356		
EDR Credit	-35,483		
Equipment Credit Revenue	<u>(305,149)</u>		
Energy Revenue	\$43,166,054		
Loss Adjusted Billing Energy	<u>487,184,242</u>		
Secondary Energy Charge	\$0.08860	Energy Rate Mitigation	0

	<u>Secondary Rate</u>	<u>Loss Factor</u>	<u>Energy Rate</u>	<u>Equipment Credit</u>	<u>Mitigation</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
Secondary	\$0.08860	1.000	\$0.08860	0.00000	0.00095	\$0.08955
Primary	0.08860	0.953	\$0.08443	(0.00212)	(0.00212)	\$0.08019
Subtransmission	0.08860	0.939	\$0.08321	(0.00856)	(0.01340)	\$0.06125
Transmission	0.08860	0.928	\$0.08218	(0.00856)	(0.01340)	\$0.06022

VII.

<u>LGS Total Revenue Verification</u>		<u>Units</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	
Secondary	Demand	1,168,110 kW	\$10.39 /kW	\$12,136,663	
	Excess KVA	60,009 KVA	3.46 /KVA	207,631	
	Energy	390,579,985 kWh	0.08955 /kWh	34,976,438	
	Customer	6,024 Bills	0.00 /Mo	0	
	Total Billed			\$47,320,732	
Primary	Demand	335,730 kW	\$8.95 /kW	\$3,004,784	
	Excess KVA	77,761 KVA	3.46 /KVA	269,053	
	Energy	87,633,137 kWh	0.08019 /kWh	7,027,301	
	EDR Credit			-35,483	
	Customer	840 Bills	0.00 /Mo	0	
Total Billed			\$10,265,655		
Subtran	Demand	31,523 kW	\$5.39 /kW	\$169,909	
	Excess KVA	2,930 KVA	3.46 /KVA	10,138	
	Energy	13,944,800 kWh	0.06125 /kWh	854,119	
	Customer	84 Bills	0.00 /Mo	0	
	Total Billed			\$1,034,166	
Tran	Demand	0 kW	\$5.25 /kW	\$0	
	Excess KVA	0 KVA	3.46 /KVA	0	
	Energy	0 kWh	0.06022 /kWh	0	
	Customer	0 Bills	0.00 /Mo	0	
	Total Billed			\$0	
Total Tariff LGS				\$58,620,553	
Target				\$58,623,600	
Difference				(\$3,047)	(\$0.000008)
* Revised after revenue verification					

VIII.

<u>Off-Peak Energy Charge For LM-TOD</u>			
Secondary Energy Revenue Req	\$14,716,726 /	398,339,975 kwh =	\$0.03695
Fixed Cost Adder			0.05000
Calculated Off-Peak Energy Charge			\$0.08695
Use:			\$0.08695
Off-Peak % Usage - secondary			47.30%
Off-Peak kWh			188,414,808
Off-Peak Revenue			\$16,382,668

<u>IX. On-Peak Energy Charge</u>	
Total LGS Secondary Base Revenue	\$48,330,983
Less: Customer Revenue	0
Time-of-Day Customer Revenue	0
Off-Peak Energy Revenue	<u>16,382,668</u>
On-Peak Revenue	\$31,948,315
On-Peak kWh Energy	<u>209,925,167</u>
Proposed On-Peak Energy Charge	\$0.15219 /kWh

<u>X. Revenue Verification</u>				
	<u>Units</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Difference</u>
On-Peak	209,925,167 kWh	\$0.15219 /kWh	\$31,948,511	
Off-Peak	188,414,808 kWh	\$0.08695 /kWh	16,382,668	
Customer - Standard	6,024 Bills	\$0.00 /Mo	0	
- Time-of-Day	144 Bills	\$0.00 /Mo	0	
Total Base Revenue			\$48,331,179	\$196
*Revised after revenue verification				

<u>XI. Revenue From Existing TOD Customers</u>				
	<u>Units</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Revenue</u>	
<u>LGS-LM-TOD</u>				
On-Peak Energy	729,517 kWh	\$0.15219 /kWh	\$111,025	
Off-Peak Energy	1,017,455 kWh	\$0.08695 /kWh	88,468	
Customer	84 Bills	\$0.00 /Mo *	0	
			<u>\$199,493</u>	
<u>LGS TOD SEC</u>				
On-Peak Energy	2,468,161 kWh	\$0.12090	\$ 298,401	
Off-Peak Energy	3,544,856 kWh	\$0.06194	\$ 219,568	
Billing demand	11,058 kW	\$9.13	\$ 100,960	
Excess kVa	5,304 kVa	\$3.46	\$ 18,352	
Customer	60 Bills	\$0.00	\$ -	
			<u>\$ 637,280</u>	
<u>LGS TOD Primary</u>				
On-Peak Energy	1,028,280 kWh	\$0.11521	\$ 118,468	
Off-Peak Energy	1,257,784 kWh	\$0.06021	\$ 75,731	
Billing demand	6,346 kW	\$7.76	\$ 49,245	
Excess kVa	1,536 kVa	\$3.46	\$ 5,315	
Customer	24 Bills	\$0.00	\$ -	
Total			<u>\$ 248,759</u>	
*Use same as standard and TOD			\$1,085,532	

LGS TOD

		<u>Secondary</u>		<u>Primary</u>		<u>Subtran</u>		<u>Trans</u>	
I.	<u>Proposed Revenue</u>								
	<u>Proposed Base Revenue</u>								
	Demand	\$32,799,296		\$6,589,030		\$873,107		\$0	
	Energy	14,716,726		3,163,475		485,635		0	
	Customer	814,961		191,572		75,332		0	
	Total Base Revenue	\$48,330,983		\$9,944,076		\$1,434,073		\$0	
II.	<u>Customer Revenue</u>								
	Full Cost Customer Revenue	\$814,961		\$191,572		\$75,332		\$0	
	All Bills	6,108		840		84		0	
	Calculated Customer Charge	\$133.43		\$228.06		\$896.80		\$0.00	
	Proposed Customer Charge	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	
	All Bills	6,108		840		84		0	
	Proposed Customer Revenue	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
III.	<u>Off-Peak Energy Charge</u>								
	Energy Revenue Requirement	\$14,716,726		\$3,163,475		\$485,635		\$0	\$18,365,836
	Total Billing kWh	398,339,975		89,919,201		13,944,800		0	
	Loss Factor	1.000		0.953		0.939		0.928	
	Loss Adjusted Energy	398,339,975		85,686,894		13,095,827		0	497,122,696
	Total Energy Charge	\$0.03694		\$0.03521		\$0.03470		\$0.03427	\$0.03694
	Fixed Cost Adder	\$0.02500		\$0.02500		\$0.02500		\$0.02500	
	Calculated Off-Peak Energy Charge	\$0.06194		\$0.06021		\$0.05970		\$0.05927	
	Proposed Off-Peak Energy Charge	\$0.06194		\$0.06021		\$0.05970		\$0.05927	
	Off-Peak % Usage	47.30%		47.28%		47.08%		47.08%	
	Off-Peak kWh	188,414,808		42,513,798		6,565,212		0	
	Proposed Off-Peak Charge	\$0.06194		\$0.06021		\$0.05970		\$0.05927	
	Off-Peak Revenue	\$11,670,413		\$2,559,756		\$391,943		\$0	

IV.	<u>Demand Charge</u>					
		<u>Billing Demand</u>	<u>Proposed Rate *</u>	<u>Demand Revenue</u>		
	LGS - Secondary	1,168,110	9.13	\$10,664,844		
	- Primary	335,730	7.76	2,605,265		
	- Subtransmission	31,523	4.40	138,701		
	- Transmission	0	4.33	<u>0</u>		
	Total			\$13,408,810		
	* Full cost off-peak rates					
V.	<u>On-Peak Energy Charge</u>					
		<u>Secondary</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Subtran</u>	<u>Trans</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Total Revenue	\$48,330,983	\$9,944,076	\$1,434,073		\$0
	Less: Customer Revenue	0	0	0		0
	Demand Revenue	10,664,844	2,605,265	138,701		0
	Off-Peak Energy Revenue	<u>11,670,413</u>	<u>2,559,756</u>	<u>391,943</u>		<u>0</u>
	On-Peak Revenue	\$25,995,725	\$4,779,056	\$903,429		\$0
	On-Peak kWh	209,925,167	47,405,403	7,379,588		\$31,678,210
	Loss Factor	1,000	0.953	0.939	0.928	
	Loss Adjusted Energy	209,925,167	45,174,131	6,930,311	0	262,029,609
	Calculated On-Peak Energy Charge	\$0.12090	\$0.11521	\$0.11354	\$0.11213	\$0.12090
	Proposed On-Peak Energy Charge	\$0.12090	\$0.11521	\$0.11354	\$0.11213	
	On-Peak kWh	<u>209,925,167</u>	<u>47,405,403</u>	<u>7,379,588</u>	<u>0</u>	
	On-Peak Revenue	\$25,379,953	\$5,461,576	\$837,878	\$0	\$31,679,407

Industrial General Service (IGS)

I.	Proposed Revenue				
					<u>Base Revenue</u>
	Demand				\$72,481,883
	Energy				76,389,851
	Customer				<u>308,177</u>
	Total				\$149,179,911

II.	Billing Determinant Summary				
	Billing Data	<u>Secondary</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Subtransmission</u>	<u>Transmission</u>
	On-Peak Billing Demand	14,382	611,130	2,546,312	424,787
	Off-Peak Billing Demand	13,558	552,170	2,532,489	417,408
	Minimum Billing Demand	18,368	202,839	187,481	11,524
	Maximum Monthly Demand kW	32,750	813,969	2,733,793	436,311
	Billing Reactive	94	150,031	182,470	47,214
	Billing kWh	15,643,440	325,487,812	1,600,613,142	245,809,083
	Bills	48	504	264	36

III.	Proposed Customer Charges & Revenue				
	Proposed Customer Charge	<u>Customer Revenue</u>	<u>Bills</u>	<u>Full Cost Rate</u>	<u>Use: Current Rate</u>
	Secondary	3,808	48	\$79.32	\$276
	Primary	97,129	504	\$192.72	\$276
	Subtransmission	173,661	264	\$657.81	\$794
	Transmission	<u>33,580</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>\$932.77</u>	<u>\$1,353</u>
	Total	\$308,177	852		

	Proposed Customer Revenue		<u>Proposed Rate</u>	<u>Bills</u>	<u>Customer Revenue</u>
	Secondary		\$276	48	13,248
	Primary		\$276	504	139,104
	Subtransmission		\$794	264	209,616
	Transmission		<u>\$1,353</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>48,708</u>
	Total		852		\$410,676

IV.	Proposed Excess KVAR Charges & Revenue				
	Proposed KVAR Revenue	<u>Use: Current Excess KVAR Rate</u>	<u>Excess KVAR</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	
	Secondary	\$0.69	94	65	
	Primary	\$0.69	150,031	103,521	
	Subtransmission	\$0.69	182,470	125,904	
	Transmission	<u>\$0.69</u>	<u>47,214</u>	<u>32,578</u>	
	Total		379,809	\$262,068	

V.	Proposed Off-Peak Demand Charges and Revenue		<u>linked</u>		
		<u>Off-peak Demand</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	
	Secondary	13,558	\$1.84	24,947	
	Primary	552,170	\$1.78	982,863	
	Subtransmission	2,532,489	\$1.75	4,431,856	
	Transmission	<u>417,408</u>	<u>\$1.73</u>	<u>722,116</u>	
	Total	3,515,625		\$6,161,782	

VI.	Proposed Energy Charges and Revenue				
	Loss Adjusted Energy	<u>Billing Energy</u>	<u>Loss Factor</u>	<u>Loss Adj Energy</u>	
	Secondary	15,643,440	1.000	15,643,440	
	Primary	325,487,812	0.953	310,167,788	
	Subtransmission	1,600,613,142	0.939	1,503,166,224	
	Transmission	<u>245,809,083</u>	<u>0.928</u>	<u>227,992,213</u>	
	Total	2,187,553,477		2,056,969,665	
	Energy Revenue	\$76,389,851			
	Loss Adjusted Billing Energy	<u>2,056,969,665</u>			
	Secondary Energy Charge	\$0.03714			
	Impact mitigation	-0.00500			
	Adjusted Secondary Energy Charge	\$0.03214			

		<u>Secondary Rate</u>	<u>Loss Factor</u>	<u>Calculated Energy Rate</u>	<u>Current Base Fuel Rate</u>
	Secondary	\$0.03214	1.000	\$0.03214	0.02612
	Primary	0.03214	0.953	\$0.03063	0.02612
	Subtransmission	0.03214	0.939	\$0.03018	0.02612
	Transmission	0.03214	0.928	\$0.02981	0.02612

	Proposed Energy Revenue	<u>Billing Energy</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
	Secondary	15,643,440	\$0.03214	502,780
	Primary	325,487,812	\$0.03063	9,969,692
	Subtransmission	1,600,613,142	\$0.03018	48,306,505
	Transmission	<u>245,809,083</u>	<u>\$0.02981</u>	<u>7,327,569</u>
	Total	2,187,553,477		\$66,106,546

VII.	Proposed Minimum Demand Charges and Revenue				
	Calculation of Loss Adj Demand	<u>Maximum Demand</u>	<u>Loss Factor</u>	<u>Loss Adj Demand</u>	
	Secondary	32,750	1.000	32,750	
	Primary	813,969	0.966	786,478	
	Subtransmission	2,733,793	0.954	2,607,059	
	Transmission	<u>436,311</u>	<u>0.940</u>	<u>410,176</u>	
	Total	4,016,823		3,836,463	

	Equipment Credit Revenue	<u>Maximum Demand</u>	<u>Equipment Credit</u>	<u>Credit Revenue</u>
	Secondary	32,750	0.00	\$0
	Primary	813,969	(1.09)	(\$887,226)

Subtransmission	2,733,793	(4.52)	(\$12,356,744)
Transmission	436,311	(4.52)	(\$1,972,126)
Total	4,016,823		(\$15,216,096)

Total Required Demand Revenue	\$72,481,883
Less: Equipment Credit Revenue	(15,216,096)

Demand Revenue	\$87,697,979
Loss Adjusted Maximum Demand	3,836,463

Full Cost Demand Charge	\$22.86
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Demand Charges	Secondary Rate	Loss Factor	Demand Rate	Equipment Credit	Proposed Rate	Mitigation After Rate Calculation
Secondary	\$22.86	1.000	\$22.86	0.00	\$22.86	\$3.15
Primary	\$22.86	0.966	\$22.09	(1.09)	\$21.00	\$3.05
Subtransmission	\$22.86	0.954	\$21.80	(4.52)	\$17.28	-\$0.64
Transmission	\$22.86	0.940	\$21.49	(4.52)	\$16.97	-\$0.68

Proposed Minimum Demand Revenue	Minimum Demand	Proposed Rate	Revenue
Secondary	18,368	\$26.01	477,752
Primary	202,839	\$24.05	4,878,278
Subtransmission	187,481	\$16.64	3,119,684
Transmission	11,524	\$16.29	187,726
Total	420,212		\$8,663,440

VII.

Proposed On-Peak Demand Charges and Revenue

Calculation of Loss Adj Demand	Billing Demand	Loss Factor	Loss Adj Demand
Secondary	14,382	1.000	14,382
Primary	611,130	0.966	590,490
Subtransmission	2,546,312	0.954	2,428,269
Transmission	424,787	0.940	399,342
Total	3,596,611		3,432,483

Equipment Credit Revenue	Billing Demand	Equipment Credit	Credit Revenue
Secondary	14,382	0.00	\$0
Primary	611,130	(1.09)	(\$666,132)
Subtransmission	2,546,312	(4.52)	(\$11,509,330)
Transmission	424,787	(4.52)	(\$1,920,037)
Total	3,596,611		(\$14,095,499)

Total Required Base Revenue	\$149,179,911
Less: Customer Revenue	\$410,676
Excess KVAR Revenue	262,068
Off-peak Revenue	6,161,782
CS-IRP Credit Revenue	-1,042,967
EDR/DRS Credit Revenue	-2,930,265
Energy Revenue	66,106,546
Minimum Demand Revenue	8,663,440
Special Contract Billing	2,692,730
Equipment Credit Revenue	(14,095,499)

Demand Revenue	\$82,951,400
Loss Adjusted Billing Demand	3,432,483

Full Cost Demand Charge	\$24.17
% of Full Cost	100%

Demand Charges	Secondary Rate	Loss Factor	Demand Rate	Equipment Credit	Proposed Rate	Mitigation After Rate Calculation	Current Rate
Secondary	\$24.17	1.000	\$24.17	0.00	\$24.17	3.15	25.88
Primary	\$24.17	0.966	\$23.35	(1.09)	\$22.26	3.05	22.96
Subtransmission	\$24.17	0.954	\$23.05	(4.52)	\$18.53	-0.64	16.33
Transmission	\$24.17	0.940	\$22.72	(4.52)	\$18.20	-0.68	16.08

Proposed On-Peak Demand Revenue	On-Peak Demand	Proposed Rate	Revenue
Secondary	14,382	\$27.32	392,916
Primary	611,130	\$25.31	15,467,700
Subtransmission	2,546,312	\$17.89	45,553,522
Transmission	424,787	\$17.52	7,442,268
Total	3,596,611		\$68,856,406

VIII.	Revenue Verification	Units	Rate	Revenue	Target	Difference
	Secondary	On-Peak Demand	14,382 kW	\$27.32 /kW	\$392,916	
		Off-peak Demand	13,558 kW	1.84 /kW	24,947	
		Minimum Demand	18,368 kW	26.01 /kW	477,752	
		Excess KVAR	94 KVAR	0.69 /KVAR	65	
		Energy	15,643,440 kWh	0.03214 /kWh	502,780	
		Customer	48 Bills	276.00 /Mo	13,248	
		Total Billed		\$1,411,708	\$ 1,252,040.71	11%
	Primary	On-Peak Demand	611,130 kW	\$25.31 /kW	\$15,467,700	
		Off-peak Demand	552,170 kW	1.78 /kW	982,863	
		Minimum Demand	202,839 kW	24.05 /kW	4,878,278	
		CS-IRP Demand Credit	85,248	-3.68 /kW	-313,713	
		EDR			-158,082	
		Excess KVAR	150,031 KVAR	0.69 /KVAR	103,521	
		Energy	325,487,812 kWh	0.03063 /kWh	9,969,692	
		Customer	504 Bills	276.00 /Mo	139,104	
		Total Billed		\$31,069,363	\$ 24,107,783.22	22%
	Subtran	On-Peak Demand	2,546,312 kW	\$17.89 /kW	\$45,553,522	
		Off-peak Demand	2,532,489 kW	1.75 /kW	4,431,856	
		Minimum Demand	187,481 kW	16.64 /kW	3,119,684	
		CS-IRP Demand Credit	164,009	-3.68 /kW	-603,553	
		EDR/DRS/Special Billing			-79,453	
		Excess KVAR	182,470 KVAR	0.69 /KVAR	125,904	
		Energy	1,600,613,142 kWh	0.03018 /kWh	48,306,505	
		Customer	264 Bills	794.00 /Mo	209,616	
		Total Billed		\$101,064,081	\$ 109,433,234.14	-8%
	Tran	On-Peak Demand	424,787 kW	\$17.52 /kW	\$7,442,268	
		Off-peak Demand	417,408 kW	1.73 /kW	722,116	
		Minimum Demand	11,524 kW	16.29 /kW	187,726	
		CS-IRP Demand Credit	34,158	-3.68 /kW	-125,701	
		Excess KVAR	47,214 KVAR	0.69 /KVAR	32,578	
		Energy	245,809,083 kWh	0.02981 /kWh	7,327,569	
		Customer	36 Bills	1,353.00 /Mo	48,708	
		Total Billed		\$15,635,264	\$ 14,386,853.29	8%
	Total Tariff IGS		Base	\$149,180,416	\$ 149,179,911.37	0%
	* Revised after revenue verification					
	revenue target			\$149,179,911	\$504	\$0.00

Kentucky Power Company
MW Rate Design
Twelve Months Ended March 31, 2023

I.	Revenue	Billed & Accrued Revenue	Fuel	Base Revenue		
	Demand	114,337	0	114,337		
	Energy	56,543	0	56,543		
	Customer	15,393	0	15,393		
	Total	186,273	0	186,273		
II.	Customer Charge					
	Full Cost Customer Charge	\$ 15,393	/	96	bills	\$ 160.34 /mo.
	Customer Revenue	96 Bills	X	\$25.00	Current:	\$ 25.00 /mo.
					Proposed	\$ 25.00 /mo.
						\$ 2,400
III.	Demand Charge					
	Demand Revenue Requirement	\$ 114,337				
	Monthly Demand (SNCP)	3,302				
	Full Cost Demand Charge	34.63				
	Current Minimum Demand Charges	8.89				
	Class Increase	7.40%				
	Proposed Minimum Demand Charge	9.55				
	Minimum kW	1,106				
	Minimum Demand Charge Revenue	\$ 10,565				
IV.	Energy Charge					
	Energy Revenue Requirement					
	Total MW Revenue Requirement	\$ 186,273				
	Less: Customer Revenue	2,400				
	Less: Minimum Demand Revenue	10,565				
	Energy Charge Revenue	\$ 173,308				
	Billing kWh	1,646,859				
	Proposed Energy Charge	0.10524				
V.	Revenue Verification	Units	Proposed Charges	Revenue	Target Revenue	Difference
	Energy	1,646,859	\$0.10524	173,315		
	Demand	1,106	\$9.55	10,565		
	Customer	96	\$25.00	2,400		
	Total MW Verified Revenues			186,280	186,273	7

OL

Lamp Type & Size (1)	Annual Number of Lamps (2)	Present		Cost Based Rate (5)	Proposed		Annual Increase (8)	Percent Increase (9)=(8)/(4)	Monthly kWh	Base Fuel Revenue (10)=(8)*(4)	Non-Fuel Base Rate
		Rate (3)	Revenue (4)=(2)*(3)		Rate (6)	Revenue (7)=(2)*(6)					
High Pressure Sodium											
94	100 Wat	195,888	\$1,774,744	\$11.11	\$10.53	\$2,062,701	\$287,056	16.23%	40.3	\$ 1.05	\$10.53
113	150 Wat	185,952	\$1,920,884	\$13.12	\$12.01	\$2,233,284	\$312,400	16.20%	58.7	\$ 1.53	\$12.01
97	200 Wat	18,240	\$228,365	\$16.60	\$14.55	\$265,392	\$37,027	16.21%	84.3	\$ 2.20	\$14.55
103	250 Wat	26,000	\$642	\$21.68	\$20.74	\$747	\$105	16.20%	103	\$ 2.69	\$20.74
98	400 Wat	2,964	\$58,628	\$27.15	\$22.99	\$68,142	\$9,514	16.23%	166.7	\$ 4.35	\$22.99
111	100 Wat Post Top	8,364	\$17,337	\$29.48	\$19.09	\$159,669	\$22,332	16.20%	40.3	\$ 1.05	\$19.09
122	150 Wat Post Top	844	\$21,697	\$31.60	\$30.03	\$25,225	\$3,528	16.20%	58.7	\$ 1.53	\$30.03
107	200 Wat Floodlight	19,284	\$277,304	\$18.74	\$16.72	\$322,428	\$45,124	16.27%	84.3	\$ 2.20	\$16.72
109	400 Wat Floodlight	45,552	\$956,392	\$28.54	\$24.41	\$1,111,924	\$155,332	16.24%	166.7	\$ 4.35	\$24.41
121	100 Wat Shoebox	24	\$0.00	\$31.71	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0	\$ -	\$0.00
120	250 Wat Shoebox	24	\$30.07	\$722	\$34.96	\$839	\$117	16.26%	103	\$ 2.69	\$34.96
126	400 Wat Shoebox	48.00	\$39.47	\$46.63	\$45.88	\$2,202	\$307	16.24%	166.7	\$ 4.35	\$45.88
Metal Halide											
110	250 Wat Floodlight	1,044	\$32,923	\$21.99	\$20.29	\$39,444	\$5,521	16.28%	100.3	\$ 2.62	\$20.29
116	400 Wat Floodlight	10,488	\$230,576	\$28.41	\$25.55	\$267,968	\$37,442	16.24%	158	\$ 4.13	\$25.55
131	1000 Wat Floodlight	924	\$40,011	\$46.51	\$46.51	\$42,975	\$6,006	16.25%	378.3	\$ 9.88	\$46.51
130	250 Wat Mangoose	120.00	\$2,731	\$26.93	\$26.46	\$3,175	\$444	16.20%	100.3	\$ 2.62	\$26.46
136	400 Wat Mangoose	144.00	\$4,000	\$33.78	\$32.29	\$4,650	\$650	16.23%	158	\$ 4.13	\$32.29
Mercury Vapor *											
93	175 Wat	5,880	\$67,914	\$11.55	\$13.43	\$78,968	\$11,054	16.28%	72.0	\$ 1.88	\$13.43
95	400 Wat	852	\$16,938	\$23.11	\$23.11	\$19,690	\$2,752	16.25%	158	\$ 4.13	\$23.11
99	175 Post Top	60	\$795	\$13.25	\$15.40	\$924	\$129	16.23%	72.0	\$ 1.88	\$15.40
Light Emitting Diode (LED)											
150,151,152,153	55W LED OH	153,420	\$1,015,640	\$8.38	\$7.70	\$1,181,334	\$165,694	16.31%	15.8	\$ 0.41	\$7.70
160	55W LED LG	120	\$19,285	\$8.38	\$22.15	\$2,658	\$372	16.27%	26.4	\$ 0.69	\$22.15
165	100W LED OH	2,556	\$62,261	\$6.94	\$28.77	\$73,536	\$10,275	16.24%	99.7	\$ 1.56	\$28.77
166	100W LED LG	984	\$29,914	\$6.94	\$35.34	\$34,775	\$4,861	16.25%	121.4	\$ 3.17	\$35.34
Facilities Charge											
Pole	50,339	\$1.61	\$181,724	\$10.03	\$4.20	\$211,424	\$29,700	16.54%			
Span	53,732	\$1.00	\$107,463	\$2.15	\$2.13	\$125,195	\$17,732	16.50%			
Lateral	558	\$6.77	\$3,776	\$7.51	\$7.87	\$4,390	\$614	16.25%			
Base Revenue			\$7,176,672			\$8,343,659	\$1,166,988				
Base Fuel						\$987,781					
Total						\$9,331,443					
Revenue Target						\$9,335,506					
Difference						-\$4,062					
Class Increase	16.25%										
Maximum Increase (1.5 x class increase)	24.38%										
Scale Factor	0.9250										
* In process of elimination (Overall Increase)											

OL Lamp Type & Size (1)	Estimated Installed Cost (2)	Monthly Facility Cost (3)=2/FCCR	Annual Maintenance Cost (4)	Consumption in kWh		Energy Cost as Fuel @ \$0.08698 per kWh (7)=6/5*EC	Estimated Monthly Maintenance (8)	Lighting Cost Estimate (9)=(3+7+8)
				Annual (5)	Monthly (6)			
High Pressure Sodium (HPS)								
100 Watt	\$283.12	\$4.05	\$30.01	484	40.3	\$4.56	\$2.50	\$11.11
150 Watt	\$280.86	\$4.02	\$29.55	704	58.7	\$6.64	\$2.46	\$13.12
200 Watt	\$321.65	\$4.60	\$29.65	1,012	84.3	\$9.53	\$2.47	\$16.60
250 Watt	\$529.31	\$7.57	\$29.53	1,236	103.0	\$11.65	\$2.46	\$21.68
400 Watt	\$495.61	\$5.80	\$29.96	2,000	166.7	\$18.85	\$2.50	\$27.15
100 Watt Post Top	\$1,572.06	\$22.48	\$29.24	484	40.3	\$4.56	\$2.44	\$29.48
150 Watt Post Top	\$1,573.64	\$22.50	\$29.55	704	58.7	\$6.64	\$2.46	\$31.60
200 Watt Floodlight	\$471.29	\$6.74	\$29.65	1,012	84.3	\$9.53	\$2.47	\$18.74
400 Watt Floodlight	\$503.05	\$7.19	\$29.96	2,000	166.7	\$18.85	\$2.50	\$28.54
100 Watt Shoebox	\$1,728.32	\$24.71	\$29.24	484	40.3	\$4.56	\$2.44	\$31.71
250 Watt Shoebox	\$1,751.27	\$25.04	\$29.53	1,236	103.0	\$11.65	\$2.46	\$39.15
400 Watt Shoebox	\$1,767.70	\$25.28	\$29.96	2,000	166.7	\$18.85	\$2.50	\$46.63
Metal Halide								
250 Watt Floodlight	\$530.46	\$7.59	\$31.88	1,204	100.3	\$11.34	\$2.66	\$31.59
400 Watt Floodlight	\$547.40	\$7.83	\$32.48	1,896	158.0	\$17.87	\$2.71	\$28.41
1000 Watt Floodlight	\$696.51	\$9.96	\$31.75	4,540	378.3	\$42.79	\$2.65	\$55.40
250 Watt Mongoose	\$903.89	\$12.93	\$31.88	1,204	100.3	\$11.34	\$2.66	\$26.93
400 Watt Mongoose	\$922.89	\$13.20	\$32.48	1,896	158.0	\$17.87	\$2.71	\$33.78
Fixed Cost CC Rate Using 10-Yr. Inv. Life								
Return	6.93%							
Depreciation	8.21%							
F.I.F.	0.00%							
Prop. Taxes, Adm & Gen'l	1.49%							
Annual Total	17.14%							
Monthly Total FCCRR	1.43%							
Outdoor Lighting (OL) Cost of Service								
							\$770,854	
							\$1,253,808	
							\$1,520,098	
							\$384,596	
							\$137,227	
							\$0	
							\$4,965,583	
							\$5,957,675	
							\$0.11310	

SL	Lamp Type & Size (1)	Annual Number of Lamps (2)	Present		Cost Based Lamp w/pole (5) (6)		scaled Proposed		Annual Increase (9)	Percent Increase (10)=(8/4)	Monthly kWh	Base Fuel Revenue 0.02612	Non-Fuel Base Rate	
			Rate (3)	Revenue (4)=(2*3)	Lamp (5)	w/pole (6)	Rate (7)	Revenue (8)=(2*7)						
Service on Existing Wood Poles														
	9,500 Lumen HPS		90,085	\$7.61	685,547	8.28	n.a.	\$8.49	764,821	79,274	11.56%	40.3	1.05	\$8.49
	16,000 Lumen HPS		1,201	\$8.36	10,040	9.31	n.a.	\$9.32	11,193	1,153	11.48%	58.7	1.53	\$9.32
	22,000 Lumen HPS		26,674	\$9.90	264,069	11.16	n.a.	\$11.04	294,477	30,408	11.52%	84.3	2.2	\$11.04
	50,000 Lumen HPS		6,257	\$13.00	81,342	15.85	n.a.	\$14.50	90,727	9,385	11.54%	166.7	4.35	\$14.50
	LED - 7,900-9,900 Lumens		3,507	\$8.71	30,545			\$9.71	34,051	3,506	11.48%	27.75	0.72	\$9.71
	LED - 10,500-12,500 Lumens		132	\$11.19	1,478			\$12.48	1,649	171	11.53%	38.17	1	\$12.48
	LED - 24,000-26,000 Lumens		120	\$13.34	1,602			\$14.87	1,786	184	11.47%	77.92	2.04	\$14.87
	Post Top 4,300-6,300 Lumens		1,105	\$9.05	9,999			\$10.09	11,148	1,149	11.49%	26.42	0.69	\$10.09
	Post Top 7,300-9,300 Lumens			\$20.07	0			\$22.38	0	0	11.51%	38.167	1	\$22.38
	Flood 19,500-21,500 Lumens			\$14.69	0			\$16.38	0	0	11.50%	59.667	1.56	\$16.38
Service on New Wood Poles														
	9,500 Lumen HPS		5,320	\$11.90	63,312	8.28	14.21	\$13.27	70,600	7,288	11.51%	40.3	1.05	\$13.27
	16,000 Lumen HPS		312	\$12.75	3,981	9.31	15.20	\$14.22	4,440	459	11.53%	58.7	1.53	\$14.22
	22,000 Lumen HPS		6,305	\$14.30	90,163	11.16	16.98	\$15.94	100,503	10,340	11.47%	84.3	2.2	\$15.94
	50,000 Lumen HPS		1,549	\$18.35	28,429	15.85	21.48	\$20.46	31,698	3,269	11.50%	166.7	4.35	\$20.46
	LED - 7,900-9,900 Lumens		72	\$14.36	1,045			\$16.01	1,154	1,154	11.49%	27.75	0.72	\$16.01
	LED - 10,500-12,500 Lumens			\$16.85	2,181			\$18.79	0	0	11.51%	38.17	1	\$18.79
	LED - 24,000-26,000 Lumens			\$19.00	2,280			\$21.19	0	0	11.53%	77.92	2.04	\$21.19
	Post Top 4,300-6,300 Lumens			\$14.70	16,200			\$16.39	0	0	11.50%	26.42	0.69	\$16.39
	Post Top 7,300-9,300 Lumens			\$25.73	0			\$28.69	0	0	11.50%	38.17	1	\$28.69
	Flood 19,500-21,500 Lumens			\$20.35	0			\$22.69	0	0	11.50%	59.67	1.56	\$22.69
Service on New Metal or Concrete Poles														
	9,500 Lumen HPS		-	\$24.80	0	8.28	26.71	\$27.65	0	0	11.49%	40.3	1.05	\$27.65
	16,000 Lumen HPS		-	\$25.70	0	9.31	27.70	\$28.66	0	0	11.52%	58.7	1.53	\$28.66
	22,000 Lumen HPS		1,069	\$27.25	29,127	11.16	29.48	\$30.38	32,472	3,345	11.49%	84.3	2.2	\$30.38
	50,000 Lumen HPS		853	\$30.35	25,879	15.85	33.98	\$33.84	28,855	2,976	11.50%	166.7	4.35	\$33.84
	LED - 7,900-9,900 Lumens			\$25.10	0			\$27.99	0	0	11.51%	27.75	0.72	\$27.99
	LED - 10,500-12,500 Lumens		12	\$26.78	322			\$29.86	359	37	11.50%	38.17	1	\$29.86
	LED - 24,000-26,000 Lumens		24	\$28.11	675			\$31.34	753	78	11.49%	77.92	2.04	\$31.34
	Post Top 4,300-6,300 Lumens			\$28.85	0			\$28.82	0	0	11.49%	26.42	0.69	\$28.82
	Post Top 7,300-9,300 Lumens			\$36.74	0			\$40.97	0	0	11.51%	38.17	1	\$40.97
	Flood 19,500-21,500 Lumens			\$29.42	0			\$32.80	0	0	11.49%	59.67	1.56	\$32.80
												0		\$0.00
Subtotal									\$1,480,686	\$154,176				
Base Fuel									\$220,099					
Total									\$1,700,785					
Revenue Target									\$1,701,465					
Difference									-681					
Maximum Increase (1.5 x class increase)		11.50%												
Scale Factor		1.0000												

SL

Lamp Type & Size (1)	Estimated Installed Cost (2)	Monthly Facility Cost (3)=(2)*FCCRR	Annual Maintenance Cost (4)	Consumption in kWh		Energy Cost No Fuel @ \$0.05261 per kWh (7)=(6)*EC	Estimated Monthly Maintenance (8)	Lighting Cost Estimate (9)=(3+7+8)				
				Annual (5)	Monthly (6)							
Service on Existing Wood Poles												
High Pressure Sodium (HPS)												
9,500 Lumen	\$359.58	\$3.72	\$29.24	484		\$2.12	\$2.44	\$8.28				
16,000 Lumen	\$363.00	\$3.76	\$29.55	704		\$3.09	\$2.46	\$9.31				
22,000 Lumen	\$410.81	\$4.25	\$29.65	1,012		\$4.44	\$2.47	\$11.16				
50,000 Lumen	\$442.78	\$4.58	\$29.96	2,000		\$8.77	\$2.50	\$15.85				
LED												
55 Watt OH	5400	\$6.43				\$0.83	\$1.28	\$8.55				
100 Watt OH	10500	\$7.64				\$3.14	\$1.76	\$12.54				
175 Watt OH	18430	\$8.21				\$0.00	\$1.99	\$10.20				
65 Watt Post Top	7230	\$5.53				\$0.00	\$2.36	\$7.89				
90 Watt Dec Post Top	7038	\$13.20				\$1.58	\$5.55	\$20.33				
175 Watt Flood	21962	\$9.39				\$0.00	\$2.16	\$11.55				
Service on New Wood Poles												
High Pressure Sodium (HPS)												
9,500 Lumen	\$359.58		\$82.53	\$942.11		\$9.75	\$29.24	\$484	\$40.3	\$2.02	\$2.44	\$14.21
16,000 Lumen	\$363.00		\$82.53	\$945.53		\$9.79	\$29.55	704	58.7	\$2.95	\$2.46	\$15.20
22,000 Lumen	\$410.81		\$82.53	\$993.34		\$10.28	\$29.65	1,012	84.3	\$4.23	\$2.47	\$16.98
50,000 Lumen	\$442.78		\$82.53	\$1,025.31		\$10.61	\$29.96	2,000	166.7	\$8.37	\$2.50	\$21.48
LED												
55 Watt OH	5,400	\$6.43		\$		12.46		16	\$0.83	\$1.28		\$14.58
100 Watt OH	10,500	\$7.64		\$		13.67		60	\$3.14	\$1.76		\$18.57
175 Watt OH	18,430	\$8.21		\$		14.24		0	\$0.00	\$1.99		\$16.23
65 Watt Post Top	7,230	\$5.53		\$		11.56		0	\$0.00	\$2.36		\$13.92
90 Watt Dec Post Top	7,038	\$13.20		\$		19.23		30	\$1.58	\$5.55		\$26.36
175 Watt Flood	21,962	\$9.39		\$		15.42		0	\$0.00	\$2.16		\$17.58
Service on New Metal or Concrete Poles												
High Pressure Sodium (HPS)												
9,500 Lumen	\$359.58		1,790.13	\$2,149.71		\$22.25	\$29.24	484	40.3	\$2.02	\$2.44	\$26.71
16,000 Lumen	\$363.00		1,790.13	\$2,153.13		\$22.28	\$29.55	704	58.7	\$2.95	\$2.46	\$27.70
22,000 Lumen	\$410.81		1,790.13	\$2,200.94		\$22.78	\$29.65	1,012	84.3	\$4.23	\$2.47	\$29.48
50,000 Lumen	\$442.78		1,790.13	\$2,232.91		\$23.11	\$29.96	2,000	166.7	\$8.37	\$2.50	\$33.98
LED												
55 Watt OH	5400	\$6.43		\$		24.96		0	\$0.00	\$1.28		\$26.25
100 Watt OH	10500	\$7.64		\$		26.17		0	\$0.00	\$1.76		\$27.93
175 Watt OH	18430	\$8.21		\$		26.74		12	\$0.66	\$1.99		\$29.39
65 Watt Post Top	7230	\$5.53		\$		24.06		14	\$0.72	\$2.36		\$27.14
90 Watt Dec Post Top	7038	\$13.20		\$		31.73		14	\$0.75	\$5.55		\$38.03
175 Watt Flood	21962	\$9.39		\$		27.92		12	\$0.61	\$2.16		\$30.69

FCCRR	
20-Yr Inv Life	
Return	6.93%
Depreciation	3.36%
F.I.T.	0.73%
Prop Taxes, Adm & Gen'l	1.40%
Annual Total	12.42%
Monthly Total FCCRR	1.04%

Street Lighting (SL) Cost of Service

Demand-Related Revenue Reqmt	\$221,970
Energy-Related Revenue Reqmt	309,848
Customer-Related Revenue Requirement	
O&M Expenses	216,967
Taxes Other	44,659
State Income Tax	20,010
Less: Account 585	85,965
Account 596	61,349
B&A Rev Excl Direct Ltg Cost	\$666,140
Class Metered Energy	8,461,026
Energy Rate (\$/kWh)	\$0.07873

KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
Alternate Feed Service (AFS) Rate Design
Twelve Months Ended February 28, 2023

AFS Monthly Cost / Reservation Demand Charge

Primary Demand & Customer Revenue Requirement			\$15,394,146
<u>Functional Demand kW @ Secondary</u>	<u>/</u>		<u>\$4,491,888</u>
Monthly Cost @ Secondary	=		\$3.43
 <u>Loss Factor Secondary to Primary</u>	 <u>x</u>		 <u>0.966225897</u>
AFS Monthly Cost @ Primary	=		\$3.31
Proposed Rate (same as current)	=		\$6.38 \$/kW

AFS Transfer Switch Monthly Testing Rate

Total Annual AFS Transfer Switch Testing Cost			\$189.00
<u>Divided by 12</u>	<u>/</u>		<u>12</u>
Total Monthly AFS Transfer Switch Testing Rate	=		\$15.75 \$/bill

KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
Full Cost Off-Peak Demand Charges
Twelve Months Ended March 31, 2023

	<u>Demand Loss Factors</u>	<u>Production</u>	<u>Full Cost Charges</u>
Functional Demand Cost		18.42	
Off-Peak Recovery %		10%	
Off Peak Demand Cost		1.84	
Secondary Charge	1.000	1.84	\$1.84
Primary Charge	0.966	1.78	\$1.78
Subtran Charge	0.954	1.75	\$1.75
Transmission Charge	0.940	1.73	\$1.73

KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
Equipment Credits Relative to Secondary
Twelve Months Ended March 31, 2023

Current Energy Summary

	Secondary	Primary	Subtran	Bulk Tran	Production
GS	617,401,878	8,054,925	414,195		
LGS and PS	398,339,975	89,919,201	13,944,800	0	
IGS	15,643,440	325,487,812	1,736,165,142	245,809,083	
Total	1,031,385,292	423,461,938	1,750,524,137	245,809,083	
Relative Loss Factor	1.00000	0.95293	0.93912	0.92752	
Loss Adj Energy	1,031,385,292	403,530,479	1,643,950,488	227,992,213	
	77.1%	77.1%			
Energy Served by Subtran System	794,865,939	310,992,057	1,643,950,488		
Functional Demand Rev	3,639,848	15,394,146	0	0	138,922,378
Functional Energy	1,031,385,292	1,434,915,771	2,749,808,484	3,306,858,472	3,306,858,472
Functional Cost	0.00353	0.01073	0.00000	0.00000	0.04201

Full Cost Equipment Credits

	Secondary	Primary	Subtran	Total	
Primary	0.00353			0.00353	-0.00353
Subtransmission	0.00353	0.01073		0.01426	-0.01426
Transmission	0.00353	0.01073	0.00000	0.01426	-0.01426

TOD and AF Energy

	Metered kWh
LGS-Sec and PS-Sec	390,579,985
LGS-LM-TOD	1,746,972
LGS-TOD	6,013,018
Total LGS-Sec	398,339,975

KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
Equipment Credits Relative to Secondary
Twelve Months Ended March 31, 2023

Current Billing Demand Summary

	Secondary	Primary	Subtran	Bulk Tran	Production
GS	2,130,005	28,709	793		
LGS and PS	1,184,393	342,076	31,523	0	
IGS	32,750	813,969	2,733,793	436,311	
Total	3,347,148	1,184,754	2,766,109	436,311	
Relative Loss Factor	1.00000	0.96623	0.95364	0.94010	
Loss Adj Demand	3,347,148	1,144,740	2,637,876	410,176	
	77.07%	77.07%			
Demand Served by Subtran System	2,579,573	882,226	2,637,876		
Functional Demand Rev	3,639,848	15,394,146	0	0	138,922,378
Functional Demand	3,347,148	4,491,888	6,099,675	7,539,940	7,539,940
Functional Cost	1.09	3.43	0.00	0.00	18.42

Full Cost Equipment Credits (Relative to Secondary)

	Secondary	Primary	Subtran	Total	
Primary	1.09			1.09	-1.09
Subtransmission	1.09	3.43		4.52	-4.52
Transmission	1.09	3.43	0.00	4.52	-4.52

TOD and AF Demands

	Standard		Other	
	Metered kWh	Billing Demand	Metered kWh	Billing Demand
GS-Sec (211,215, 218)	594,536,462	2,051,120		
SGS TOD (227)			7,995,316	27,583
GS AF (214)			1,415,369	4,883
MGS TOD (229)			8,519,716	29,393
GS LMTOD (223,225)			1,798,726	6,206
GS NM (213)			3,136,289	10,820
LGS-Sec	390,579,985	1,168,110		
LGS-LM-TOD			1,746,972	5,225
LGS TOD	6,013,018	11,058		

KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
Full Cost Off-Peak Excess
Twelve Months Ended March 31, 2023

	Demand Loss Factors	Distribution		Subtran	Bulk Tran	Production	Full Cost Charges
		Secondary	Primary				
Functional Demand Cost		1.09	3.43	0.00	0.00	18.42	
Off-Peak Recovery %		100%	100%	25%	25%	25%	
Off Peak Demand Cost		1.09	3.43	0.00	0.00	4.61	
Secondary Charge	1.000	1.09	3.43	0.00	0.00	4.61	\$9.13
Primary Charge	0.966		3.31	0.00	0.00	4.45	\$7.76
Subtran Charge	0.954			0.00	0.00	4.40	\$4.40
Transmission Charge	0.940				0.00	4.33	\$4.33

Kentucky Power
Annual Investment Carrying Charges
For Economic Analyses

	Investment Life (Years)													
	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	25	30	33	40	50		
Return (1)	6.93	6.93	6.93	6.93	6.93	6.93	6.93	6.93	6.93	6.93	6.93	6.93	6.93	
Depreciation (2)	49.11	32.04	23.49	18.37	8.21	4.93	3.36	2.46	1.89	1.65	1.24	0.90		
FIT (3) (4)	0.99	0.72	0.76	0.64	0.60	0.71	0.73	0.63	0.56	0.53	0.48	0.44		
Property Taxes, General & Admin Expenses	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	
	58.43	41.09	32.58	27.34	17.14	13.97	12.42	11.42	10.78	10.51	10.05	9.67		

(1) Company Proposed Rate of Return

(2) Sinking Fund annuity with R1 Dispersion of Retirements

(3) Assuming MACRS Tax Depreciation

(4) @ 21% Federal Income Tax Rate

COGEN
I.

Capacity Credit Calculation

$$C = \frac{\text{Net CONE} \times \text{Days in Year}}{\text{Months in Year} \times 1,000 \text{ kw}}$$

TOD Measurement

C= 2023/2024	\$8.36 kw/month
2024/2025	\$8.92 kw/month
2025/2026	\$7.79 kw/month

Standard Measurement

2023/2024	\$3.48 kw/month
2024/2025	\$3.72 kw/month
2025/2026	\$3.25 kw/month

Non-Time-of-Day Energy Payment

Hours per Year	x	On-Peak	Off-Peak	hours
Hours Per Year		3,650	5,110	8,760

II.	<u>Annual Carrying Charge Rates</u>	<u>Variable</u>	<u>Value</u>
	Fixed Costs		10.8%
	O&M		4.8%
	Carrying Costs	CC	15.5%

III.	<u>Charges</u>		
	Contingencies		5%
	Stores Expense		26%
	Total Charges on Material	MC	31%
	Labor		56%
	Transportation Expense		22%
	Total Charges on Labor	LC	78%

IV.	<u>Overheads</u>		
	Company Construction Overheads	OC	23%

V. Monthly Charge on Incremental Material
 IM = Incremental Material Cost
 IL = Incremental Labor Cost (50% of Material) = 0.5 x IM

$$\text{Monthly Charge on IM} = (1 + OC) \times [(1 + MC) \times IM + (1 + LC) \times IL] \times \frac{CC}{12}$$

Monthly Charge on IM = 3.50% of Incremental Material Cost

VI.

Monthly Meter Charges

Standard Measurement

		Incremental Material (IM)	Monthly Charge 3.50%	Average Charge
Single Phase	Option 2 - Primary - Transformer Rated	391	\$13.69	
	Option 2 - Secondary - Self-Contained	38	1.33	
	Option 3 - Primary - Transformer Rated	391	13.69	
	Option 3 - Secondary - Transformer Rated	391	13.69	
	Option 3 - Secondary - Self Contained	38	1.33	
Total		\$ 43.73	/ 5 =	\$8.75
			Use:	\$9.25
			current	9.25

Polyphase	Option 2 - Primary - Transformer Rated	391	\$13.69	
	Option 2 - Secondary - Self-Contained	230	8.05	
	Option 3 - Primary - Transformer Rated (or Sec. >200 Amps)	391	13.69	
	Option 3 - Secondary - Transformer Rated (Below 200 Amps)	391	13.69	
	Option 3 - Secondary - Self Contained (Below 200 Amps)	230	8.05	
Total		\$ 57.17	/ 5 =	\$11.43
			Use:	\$12.10
			current	12.1

Time-of-Day Measurement

Single Phase	Option 2 - Primary - Transformer Rated	400	\$14.00	
	Option 2 - Secondary - Self-Contained	96	3.36	
	Option 3 - Primary - Transformer Rated	400	14	
	Option 3 - Secondary - Transformer Rated	400	14	
	Option 3 - Secondary - Self Contained	38	1.33	
Total		\$ 46.69	/ 5 =	\$9.34
			Use:	\$9.85
			Current	9.85

Polyphase	Option 2 - Primary - Transformer Rated	400	\$14.00	
	Option 2 - Secondary - Self-Contained	239	8.37	
	Option 3 - Primary - Transformer Rated	400	14	
	Option 3 - Secondary - Transformer Rated	400	14	
	Option 3 - Secondary - Self Contained	239	8.37	
Total		\$58.74	/ 5 =	\$11.75
			Use:	#REF!

Calculation of Meter O&M Expense as a % of Original Cost (Per Books Total Company Values)

Account 586 - Operation	1,178,553
Account 597 - Maintenance	30,845
Total O&M	1,209,398
Account 370 - Meter Plant	25,427,337
O&M Percentage	4.8%

**Federal Tax ~~Cut-Change~~ Tariff
(F.T.C.)**

Applicable

To Tariffs R.S., R.S.D., R.S.-L.M.-T.O.D., R.S.-T.O.D., Experimental R.S.-T.O.D.2, G.S., S.G.S.-T.O.D., M.G.S.-T.O.D., L.G.S., L.G.S.-T.O.D., I.G.S., C.S.- I.R.P., ~~C.S. Coal~~, M.W., O.L., and S.L.

Rate

1. Pursuant to the final order of the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Case No. 2023~~0~~-001~~5974~~, Kentucky Power Company is to credit to retail ratepayers the approved annual amount of excess accumulated deferred federal income taxes (ADIT) beginning January ~~XX14~~, 202~~4~~~~1~~ ~~at the rates set forth below and continue to do so until the Company's base rates are re-set in a future base rate proceeding.~~
2. The Company shall amortize the— calendar year retail Generation and Distribution related ~~ARAM of Protected Excess ADIT of \$1,678,164 and the amount of retail Generation and Distribution related Unprotected Excess ADIT needed to support the remainder of the actual calendar year rate credits provided to customers through this rider tariff.~~
3. ~~Beginning with the October 2024 Federal Tax Change Tariff adjustment filing, the actual Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax (CAMT) expense and credits for the prior calendar/tax year shall be included in the Annual Revenue Requirement based on the Company's actual 2023 federal income tax return. This methodology will continue on a year to year basis.~~
4. ~~For purposes of computing over or under-recovery under this tariff, the Company shall include the actual CAMT expense and the actual CAMT credits at the time that the credits can be used.~~
5. ~~The Company shall include a final reconciliation of the retail Generation and Distribution related Unprotected Excess ADIT as part of the over or under-recovery computation in the October 2024 Federal Tax Change Tariff adjustment filing.~~
- 2.—
- 3-6. ~~The applicable rates Residential rate credits and All Other rate credits shall be credited to customers~~ on a kWh basis are as follows:

	Residential (\$/kWh)	All Other (\$/kWh)
January-March and December	\$(0.00053)2187	\$(0.00037)672
April-November	\$0.00010	\$0.00672

~~The Residential rate credit will end the earlier of December 31, 2023 or the billing month when the \$30 million credit for Residential customers is calculated to be distributed in full. The All Other rate credit will end the earlier of December 31, 2023 or the billing month when the \$10 million credit for All Other customers is calculated to be distributed in full. The rates set forth above may be adjusted in their final billing month to reconcile the amounts distributed to the \$30 million credit available for distribution to Residential customers and the \$10 million credit available for distribution to All Other customers.~~

- 4-7. The allocation of the Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) which consists of the actual retail Generation and Distribution related ARAM of Protected Excess ADIT, the actual CAMT expenses and credits and any over or under-recovery based upon actual information for prior periods ~~Commission authorized amount of Unprotected Excess ADIT,~~ between residential and all other customers shall be based upon their respective contribution to total retail revenues, according to the following formula:

$$\text{Residential Allocation RA}(y) = \text{AC}(y) \times \frac{\text{KY Residential Retail Revenue RR}}{\text{KY Retail Revenue R}}$$

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$$\text{All Other Allocation OA}(y) = \text{AC}(y) \times \frac{\text{KY All Other Classes Retail Revenue OR}}{\text{KY Retail Revenue R}}$$

Where:

- (y) = the credit year;
- RR = ~~\$301,523,011~~248,770,246;
- OR = ~~\$392,479,515~~279,559,942; and
- R = ~~\$694,002,526~~528,330,188.

- 8. The annual Federal Tax Change Tariff adjustments shall be filed with the Commission no later than October 15th of each year before it is scheduled to go into effect on Cycle 1 of the December billing cycle, along with all the necessary supporting data to justify the amount of the adjustments, which shall include data, and information as may be required by the Commission.
- 9. Copies of all documents required to be filed with the Commission shall be open and made available for public inspection at the office of the Public Service Commission pursuant to the provisions of KRS 61.870 to 61.884.

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Distribution Reliability Rider
(D.R.R.)

Applicable

To Tariffs R.S., R.S.D., R.S.-L.M.-T.O.D., R.S.-T.O.D., Experimental R.S.-T.O.D.2, G.S. Secondary and Primary, S.G.S.-T.O.D., M.G.S.-T.O.D., L.G.S. Secondary and Primary, L.G.S.-T.O.D. Secondary and Primary, I.G.S. Secondary and Primary, C.S. – I.R.P. Secondary and Primary, and M.W.

Rate

The Distribution Reliability Rider will apply to all customers served at secondary and primary voltages excluding customers receiving service under Tariffs O.L. and S.L. The Annual Distribution Reliability Net Costs to be recovered through this rider will be calculated on a per bill basis using the following formula:

1. Annual Distribution Reliability Net Costs (ADRNC)

$$\text{ADRNC} = \text{ERW} + \text{ATL} + \text{DACRR} + \text{ANDSS} + \text{ARSHR}$$

Where:

- a. ERW ≡ targeted widening of primary distribution circuits.
- b. ATL ≡ the cost of constructing primary lines to tie two circuits together to permit electrical load to be transferred.
- c. DACRR ≡ the costs of installing automation equipment to allow for the isolation of a fault and reconfiguration of the circuit to close other devices to re-energize the non-impacted areas of original circuit impacted by the initial fault and the recloser devices upgrade from three-phase to single-phase to allow for future DACR implementation, closure via electronics, event recordings and power quality investigations, and more precise coordination with other devices.
- d. ANDSS ≡ the costs of new distribution substations in remote areas with associated transmission lines in and out to reduce the number of radial distribution circuits and reduce outage times.
- e. ARSHR ≡ the costs of targeted facilities projects to renew and improve cable, conductor, hardware, and equipment to reduce feeder-level outages.
- f. Subparts a through e include the capital expenditure and operations and maintenance to support that capital to enhance customer reliability.

2. Pursuant to the final order of the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Case No. 2021-00159 dated _____ as filed and approved by the Commission, Kentucky Power Company is to recover from its retail customers the costs associated with the Distribution Reliability Work Plan including vegetation management and other targeted investments to maintain and improve reliability.

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Distribution Reliability Rider Continued
(D.R.R.)

3. The allocation of the ADRNC between residential and all other customers shall be based upon their respective contribution to total non-fuel retail revenues for the most recent twelve-month period, ending December 31 according to the following formula:

$$\text{Residential Allocation(y)} = \frac{\text{KY Residential Retail Revenue RR(b)}}{\text{KY Retail Revenue R(b)}}$$

$$\text{All Other Classes Allocation(y)} = \frac{\text{KY All Other Classes Non-Fuel Retail Revenue OR(b)}}{\text{KY Retail Revenue R(b)}}$$

Where:

- (y) = the expense year;
- (b) = most recent available twelve month period ended December 31.;
- RR = \$XXX;
- OR = \$XXX; and
- R = \$XXX.

4. The rate will be calculated according to the following formula:

$$\text{Residential Factor} = \frac{\text{Residential Allocation x ADRNC}}{\text{Number of Residential Bills}}$$

$$\text{All Other Classes Factor} = \frac{\text{All Other Classes Allocation x ADRNC}}{\text{Number of All Other Classes Bills}}$$

5. The applicable rates for service rendered on and after _____, calculated in accordance with the above, is:

$$\text{Residential Factor} = \frac{\text{\$XXX}}{\text{XXX}} = \text{\$X/bill}$$

$$\text{All Other Classes Factor} = \frac{\text{\$XXX}}{\text{XXX}} = \text{\$X/bill}$$

All Other Classes excludes Tariffs O.L. and S.L. and all customers receiving service at subtransmission and transmission voltage levels.

6. The annual Distribution Reliability Rider adjustments shall be filed with the Commission no later than February 15th of each year before it is scheduled to go into effect Cycle 1 of April billing, along with all the necessary supporting data to justify the amount of the adjustments, which shall include data, and information as may be required by the Commission.

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KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY

P.S.C. KY. NO. 13 ORIGINAL SHEET NO. 34-2

CANCELLING P.S.C. KY. NO. SHEET NO. XX-X

7. Copies of all documents required to be filed with the Commission shall be open and made available for public inspection at the office of the Public Service Commission pursuant to the provisions of KRS 61.870 to 61.884.

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Securitization Financing Rider
(S.F.R.)

Applicable

To Tariffs R.S., R.S.D., R.S.-L.M.-T.O.D., R.S.-T.O.D., Experimental R.S.-T.O.D.2, G.S., S.G.S.-T.O.D., M.G.S.-T.O.D., L.G.S., L.G.S.-T.O.D., I.G.S., C.S.- I.R.P., M.W., O.L., and S.L.

Rate

1. Pursuant to the final order of the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Case No. 2023-00159, Kentucky Power Company is to recover from retail ratepayers the costs approved for securitization by the Commission.

This rider is designed to recover from customers the amounts necessary to service, repay and administer customer-backed bonds associated with the approved securitized costs pursuant to the terms of the financing order of the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Case No. 202#-#####.

This rider shall remain in effect until the complete repayment and retirement of any customer-backed bonds, or refunding bonds, associated with the approved securitized costs. This schedule is irrevocable and nonbypassable for the full term during which it applies.

The applicable rates for service rendered on and after XXXXXXXXX ##, 202# to be applied to the revenues described in paragraph 5 of this tariff are:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{Residential Adjustment} & = & \frac{\$X}{\$X} = X.X\% \\ \text{Factor} & & \\ \\ \text{All Other Classes} & = & \frac{\$X}{\$X} = X.X\% \\ \text{Adjustment Factor} & & \end{array}$$

2. The allocation of the actual revenue requirement (ARR) between residential and all other customers shall be based upon their respective contribution to total retail revenues for the most recent twelve-month period ending December 31 or June 30, according to the following formula:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{Residential Allocation RA(y)} & = & \text{ARR(y)} \times \frac{\text{KY Residential Retail Revenue RR(b)}}{\text{KY Retail Revenue R(b)}} \\ \\ \text{All Other Allocation OA(y)} & = & \text{ARR(y)} \times \frac{\text{KY All Other Classes Retail Revenue OR(b)}}{\text{KY Retail Revenue R(b)}} \end{array}$$

Where:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{(y)} & = & \text{the expense year;} \\ \text{(b)} & = & \text{Most recent available twelve month period ended December 31 or June 30.} \end{array}$$

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Securitization Financing Rider Continued
(S.F.R.)

3. The Residential S.F.R. Adjustment shall provide for annual adjustments based on a percent of total revenues, according to the following formula:

$$\text{Residential S.F.R. Adjustment Factor} = \frac{\text{Net Annual Residential Allocation NRA(y)}}{\text{Residential Retail Revenue RR(b)}}$$

Where:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Net Annual Residential Allocation NRA(y)} &= \text{Annual Residential Allocation RA(y), net of} \\ &\quad \text{Over/(Under) Recovery Adjustment;} \\ \text{Residential Retail Revenue RR(b)} &= \text{Annual Retail Revenue for all KY residential classes} \\ &\quad \text{for the year (b).} \end{aligned}$$

4.4. The All Other Classes S.F.R. Adjustment shall provide for annual adjustments based on a percent of non-fuel revenues, according to the following formula:

$$\text{All Other Classes S.F.R. Adjustment Factor} = \frac{\text{Net Annual All Other Allocation NOA(y)}}{\text{All Other Classes Non-Fuel Retail Revenue ONR(b)}}$$

Where:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Net Annual All Other Allocation NOA(y)} &= \text{Annual All Other Allocation OA(y), net of} \\ &\quad \text{Over/(Under) Recovery Adjustment;} \\ \text{All Other Classes Non-Fuel Retail Revenue} &= \text{Annual Non-Fuel Retail Revenue for all classes} \\ \text{ONR(b)} &= \text{other than residential for the year (b).} \end{aligned}$$

5. The Revenues to which the residential Securitization Financing Rider factor are applied is the sum of the customer's Service Charge, Demand Charge, Energy Charge(s), Fuel Adjustment Clause, System Sales Clause, Demand-Side Management Adjustment Clause, Federal Tax Change, Residential Energy Assistance, Purchase Power Adjustment and Distribution Reliability Rider.

The Revenues to which the all other customer Securitization Financing Rider factor are applied is the sum of the customer's Service Charge, Demand Charge, Energy Charge(s) less Base Fuel, Minimum Charge, Reactive Charge, System Sales Clause, Demand-Side Management Adjustment Clause, Federal Tax Change, Kentucky Economic Development Surcharge, Purchase Power Adjustment and Distribution Reliability Rider.

6. The initial Securitization Financing Rider rates shall be file on the day following the pricing of the bonds and shall become effective the first billing cycle following the closing of the bonds. All subsequent Rider rate adjustments shall be semi-annual (every six months).

The semi-annual Securitization Financing Rider adjustments shall be filed with the Commission no later than February 15 and August 15th of each year before it is scheduled to go into effect on Cycle 1 of the April and October billing cycles, respectively, along with all the necessary supporting data to justify the amount of the adjustments, which shall include data, and information as may be required by the Commission.

Interim Securitization Financing Rider adjustments may be filed with the Commission outside of the standard semi-annual timeframe in order to correct for over- or under-collection to be submitted no later than 10 days before the rate is to be effective.

2. Copies of all documents required to be filed with the Commission shall be open and made available for public inspection at the office of the Public Service Commission pursuant to the provisions of KRS 61.870 to 61.884.

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KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY

Securitization Financing Rider

Summary

Year Ended: **Month, Day, Year**

Residential S.F.R. Adjustment Factor	=	<u>\$15,892,408</u> \$272,909,708	=	5.8233%
All Other Classes S.F.R. Adjustment Factor	=	<u>\$21,169,089</u> \$185,044,772	=	11.4400%

Effective Date for Billing Month, Day, Year
(1st Billing Cycle of October)

Submitted by: /s/ Brian K. West
(Signature)

Title: Vice President Regulatory & Finance

Date Submitted: Month, Day, Year

KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY

Securitization Financing Rider

Year Ended: Month, Day, Year

Residential Adjustment Factor

$$A. \quad \text{Base Residential Allocation} = \frac{\$37,061,497}{\$636,432,332.99} \times \frac{\$272,909,708.35}{\$636,432,332.99} * = \$15,892,408$$

$$B. \quad \text{Adjustment Factor} = \frac{\text{NRA (from A above)}}{\text{Residential Retail Revenue}} = \frac{\$15,892,408}{\$272,909,708} = \underline{\underline{5.8233\%}}$$

All Other Adjustment Factor

$$C. \quad \text{Base All Other Allocation} = \frac{\$37,061,497}{\$636,432,333} \times \frac{\$363,522,625}{\$636,432,333} * = \$21,169,089$$

$$D. \quad \text{Adjustment Factor} = \frac{\text{NOA (from A above)}}{\text{All Other Classes, Non-Fuel Retail Revenue}} = \frac{\$21,169,089}{\$185,044,772} = \underline{\underline{11.4400\%}}$$

Big Run Summary of EDR Incremental Costs and Revenues

Ln No.	Marginal Costs - Energy	
(1)	Annual kWh	14,839,200
(2)	DA LMP \$/kWh	0.04473
(3)	Marginal Costs - Energy	\$663,689
=(1)*(2)		

Marginal Costs - Distribution		
(4)	Distribution WO Total	\$267,807
(5)	Levelized Carrying Cost	10.15%
(6)		
=(4)*(5)	Annual Dist Incremental Cost	\$27,177

Summary of Incremental Costs and Revenues		
(7)	Energy	\$663,689
(8)	Distribution	\$27,177
(9)	PJM LSE Transmission	\$233,426
(10)	Generation Capacity	\$0
(11)	Total Incremental Costs	\$924,293
=(7)+(8)+(9)+(10)		
(12)	Incremental Revenue	\$ 1,398,932
(13)	Net Revenue (Cost)	\$ 474,639
=(12)-(11)		

Cyber Innovation - Long Fork Summary of EDR Incremental Costs and Revenues

Ln No.	Marginal Costs - Energy	
(1)	Annual kWh	108,324,000
(2)	DA LMP \$/kWh	0.04473
(3)	Marginal Costs - Energy	\$4,844,836
=(1)*(2)		

Marginal Costs - Distribution		
(4)	Distribution WO Total	\$267,807
(5)	Levelized Carrying Cost	10.15%
(6)		
=(4)*(5)	Annual Dist Incremental Cost	\$27,177

Summary of Incremental Costs and Revenues		
(7)	Energy	\$4,844,836
(8)	Distribution	\$27,177
(9)	PJM LSE Transmission	\$1,595,611
(10)	Generation Capacity	\$0
(11)	Total Incremental Costs	\$6,467,624
=(7)+(8)+(9)+(10)		
(12)	Incremental Revenue	\$ 7,328,081
(13)	Net Revenue (Cost)	\$ 860,457
=(12)-(11)		

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Summary of EDR Incremental Costs and Revenues

Ln No.	Marginal Costs - Energy	
(1)	Annual kWh	4,105,500
(2)	DA LMP \$/kWh	0.04473
(3)	Marginal Costs - Energy	\$183,620
=(1)*(2)		

Marginal Costs - Distribution		
(4)	Distribution WO Total	\$267,807
(5)	Levelized Carrying Cost	10.15%
(6)		
=(4)*(5)	Annual Dist Incremental Cost	\$27,177

Summary of Incremental Costs and Revenues		
(7)	Energy	\$183,620
(8)	Distribution	\$27,177
(9)	PJM LSE Transmission	\$95,024
(10)	Generation Capacity	\$0
(11)	Total Incremental Costs	\$305,821
=(7)+(8)+(9)+(10)		
(12)	<u>Incremental Revenue</u>	<u>\$ 528,042</u>
(13)	Net Revenue (Cost)	\$ 222,220
=(12)-(11)		

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Summary of EDR Incremental Costs and Revenues

Ln No.	Marginal Costs - Energy	
(1)	Annual kWh	94,752,000
(2)	DA LMP \$/kWh	0.04473
(3)	Marginal Costs - Energy	\$4,237,823
=(1)*(2)		

Marginal Costs - Distribution		
(4)	Distribution WO Total	\$267,807
(5)	Levelized Carrying Cost	10.15%
(6)		
=(4)*(5)	Annual Dist Incremental Cost	\$27,177

Summary of Incremental Costs and Revenues		
(7)	Energy	\$4,237,823
(8)	Distribution	\$27,177
(9)	PJM LSE Transmission	\$1,325,536
(10)	Generation Capacity	\$0
(11)	Total Incremental Costs	\$5,590,535
=(7)+(8)+(9)+(10)		
(12)	<u>Incremental Revenue</u>	<u>\$ 6,290,414</u>
(13)	Net Revenue (Cost)	\$ 699,878
=(12)-(11)		

6/2020 - 12/2020
Special Contract
Summary of Incremental Costs and Revenues

Ln No.	Marginal Costs - Energy	
(1)	Annual kWh	53,472,000
(2)	DA LMP \$/kWh	0.02163
(3)	Marginal Costs - Energy	\$1,156,717
=(1)*(2)		

Marginal Costs - Distribution

(4)	Distribution WO Total	\$0
(5)	Levelized Carrying Cost	10.15%
(6)	Annual Dist Incremental Cost	\$0
=(4)*(5)		

Summary of Incremental Costs and Revenues

(7)	Energy	\$1,156,717
(8)	Distribution	\$0
(9)	PJM LSE Transmission	\$800,978
(10)	Generation Capacity	\$0
(11)	Total Incremental Costs	\$1,957,695
=(7)+(8)+(9)+(10)		
(12)	Incremental Revenue	\$ 2,572,214
(13)	Net Revenue (Cost)	\$ 614,519
=(12)-(11)		

1/2021 - 12/2021
Special Contract
Summary of Incremental Costs and Revenues

Ln No.	Marginal Costs - Energy	
(1)	Annual kWh	119,736,000
(2)	DA LMP \$/kWh	0.03989
(3)	Marginal Costs - Energy	\$4,775,850
=(1)*(2)		

Marginal Costs - Distribution

(4)	Distribution WO Total	\$0
(5)	Levelized Carrying Cost	10.15%
(6)	Annual Dist Incremental Cost	\$0
=(4)*(5)		

Summary of Incremental Costs and Revenues

(7)	Energy	\$4,775,850
(8)	Distribution	\$0
(9)	PJM LSE Transmission	\$1,835,766
(10)	Generation Capacity	\$0
(11)	Total Incremental Costs	\$6,611,615
=(7)+(8)+(9)+(10)		
(12)	Incremental Revenue	\$ 5,662,839
(13)	Net Revenue (Cost)	\$ (948,776)
=(12)-(11)		

1/2022 - 12/2022
Special Contract
Summary of Incremental Costs and Revenues

Ln No.	Marginal Costs - Energy	
(1)	Annual kWh	136,536,000
(2)	DA LMP \$/kWh	0.07258
(3)	Marginal Costs - Energy	\$9,909,913
=(1)*(2)		

Marginal Costs - Distribution

(4)	Distribution WO Total	\$0
(5)	Levelized Carrying Cost	10.15%
(6)	Annual Dist Incremental Cost	\$0
=(4)*(5)		

Summary of Incremental Costs and Revenues

(7)	Energy	\$9,909,913
(8)	Distribution	\$0
(9)	PJM LSE Transmission	\$1,930,886
(10)	Generation Capacity	\$0
(11)	Total Incremental Costs	\$11,840,800
=(7)+(8)+(9)+(10)		
(12)	Incremental Revenue	\$ 6,799,518
(13)	Net Revenue (Cost)	\$ (5,041,282)
=(12)-(11)		

1/2023 - 5/2023
Special Contract
Summary of Incremental Costs and Revenues

Ln No.	Marginal Costs - Energy	
(1)	Annual kWh	45,216,000
(2)	DA LMP \$/kWh	0.03186
(3)	Marginal Costs - Energy	\$1,440,432
=(1)*(2)		

Marginal Costs - Distribution

(4)	Distribution WO Total	\$0
(5)	Levelized Carrying Cost	10.15%
(6)	Annual Dist Incremental Cost	\$0
=(4)*(5)		

Summary of Incremental Costs and Revenues

(7)	Energy	\$1,440,432
(8)	Distribution	\$0
(9)	PJM LSE Transmission	\$643,629
(10)	Generation Capacity	\$0
(11)	Total Incremental Costs	\$2,084,061
=(7)+(8)+(9)+(10)		
(12)	Incremental Revenue	\$ 2,187,099
(13)	Net Revenue (Cost)	\$ 103,038
=(12)-(11)		

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 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)

Case No. 2023-00159

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I. INTRODUCTION

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, AND PRESENT**
2 **POSITION.**

3 A. My name is Katharine I. Walsh. My business address is 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus,
4 Ohio 43215. I am employed by American Electric Power Service Corporation
5 (“AEPSC”) as Director, Regulatory Pricing & Analysis. AEPSC is a wholly-owned
6 subsidiary of American Electric Power Company Inc. (“AEP”), the parent Company of
7 Kentucky Power Company (“Kentucky Power” or the “Company”).

II. BACKGROUND

8 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND**
9 **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE.**

10 A. I graduated from Xavier University with a Bachelor of Science degree in economics in
11 2008. In 2008, I joined AEPSC as an Energy Analyst in the Commercial Operations
12 Group. This role included various positions in Commercial Operations. In 2010, I
13 transferred to Regulatory Services as a Regulatory Analyst. In 2019, I was promoted
14 to Manager-Regulated Pricing & Analysis. In 2022, I was promoted to my current
15 position.

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES.**

2 A. My responsibilities include the oversight and preparation of cost-of-service analyses,
3 rate design, special contracts, and other regulatory support as required for the AEP
4 system operating companies.

5 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TESTIMONY IN ANY**
6 **REGULATORY PROCEEDING?**

7 A. Yes. I have presented testimony on behalf of the AEP operating companies numerous
8 times before the regulatory bodies in Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee.
9 In Kentucky, I presented testimony in Case No. 2017-00179 on behalf of the Company.

III. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

10 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY ON THIS PROCEEDING?**

11 A. The purpose of my testimony is to support the Kentucky Power jurisdictional cost-of-
12 service study through which the cost to provide service to the Company's retail
13 customers is developed. A copy of the Kentucky Power jurisdictional cost-of-service
14 study is included in Section V of the Company's application. Additionally, I support
15 certain operation and maintenance expense and operating revenue adjustments detailed
16 in Section V, Exhibit 2.

17 **Q. ARE YOU SPONSORING ANY SCHEDULES?**

18 A. Yes, I am sponsoring the following schedules filed with the Company's Application:

- 19
- Section V, Schedule 3 – Capitalization;

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 - Section V, Schedule 4 – Jurisdictional Cost-of-Service;

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 - Section V, Schedule 5 – Jurisdictional Cost-of-Service Adjustments;

- 1 • Section V, Schedule 6 – Electric Operation & Maintenance Expense;
- 2 • Section V, Schedule 7 – Energy & Capacity Charges;
- 3 • Section V, Schedule 8 – Monthly Book Credits;
- 4 • Section V, Schedule 9 – KPCO Demand Allocation Factors; and
- 5 • Section V, Schedule 10 – KPCO Energy Allocation Factors.

6 I am also sponsoring Section II, Exhibit L of the Application – Reconciliation – Rate
7 Base and Capitalization.

IV. COST-OF-SERVICE STUDY OVERVIEW

8 **Q. WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF THE DATA USED IN THE COMPANY’S**
9 **JURISDICTIONAL COST-OF-SERVICE STUDY?**

10 A. The Company follows the Uniform System of Accounts as prescribed by the Federal
11 Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) and adopted by the Public Service
12 Commission of Kentucky (“Commission”). The Uniform System of Accounts sets the
13 guidelines for recording assets, liabilities, income and expenses into various accounts.
14 The costs recorded in each FERC account are examined to verify compliance with these
15 guidelines and may be adjusted to reflect the Commission’s policies and known and
16 measurable changes to the test year level of expenditures.

17 **Q. HOW IS THE INFORMATION USED TO ALLOCATE COSTS TO**
18 **KENTUCKY POWER’S RETAIL CUSTOMERS?**

19 A. The costs recorded by FERC account are per book amounts pertaining to electric utility
20 operations of the Company for service supplied to all customers, both wholesale and
21 retail. Kentucky Power’s retail revenue is approximately 99% of its total firm sales

1 revenue. The Company's wholesale revenue, which includes sales to the cities of Olive
2 Hill and Vanceburg, is approximately 1% of its total revenue. It is therefore necessary
3 to identify and segregate costs related only to providing service to Kentucky Power's
4 retail customers.

5 **Q. EXPLAIN HOW THE REVENUE REQUIREMENT IS DETERMINED FOR**
6 **KENTUCKY POWER'S RETAIL CUSTOMERS.**

7 A. A three-step process is followed to assign and allocate costs to determine the total
8 revenue requirement for the Company's retail customers. These three steps are (1) the
9 functionalization of costs, (2) the classification of costs, and (3) the allocation of costs.
10 By following this process, the Company is able to identify and segregate the costs
11 related to providing service to Kentucky Power's retail customers.

12 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE FUNCTIONALIZATION PROCESS.**

13 A. Once the data is gathered, the costs are then separated by functional group as follows:

- 14 1) Production and Purchased Power costs;
- 15 2) Transmission costs;
- 16 3) Distribution costs;
- 17 4) Customer Service costs; and
- 18 5) Administrative and General ("A&G") costs.

19 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE EACH OF THESE FUNCTIONAL GROUPS.**

20 A. The Production and Purchased Power functional group consists of the costs associated
21 with power generation and power purchases and their delivery to the bulk transmission
22 system. The Transmission functional group consists of the costs associated with the
23 high-voltage system utilized for the bulk transmission of power from generation

1 sources to the load centers, and to and from interconnected utilities. The Distribution
 2 functional group consists of the radial distribution system that connects the
 3 transmission system and the ultimate customer. The Customer Service functional
 4 group encompasses the costs associated with providing meter reading, billing and
 5 collection, and customer information and services. Finally, the A&G functional group
 6 consists of all costs not directly assignable to other cost functions.

7 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE CLASSIFICATION PROCESS.**

8 A. Once costs have been segregated by functional group, the Company separates the costs
 9 within each functional group into separate classifications. The Company utilized the
 10 following classifications as part of its cost-of-service study: 1) demand costs (costs
 11 associated with the kilowatt demand imposed by the customer), 2) energy costs (costs
 12 that vary with the number of kilowatt hours used by the customer), 3) customer costs
 13 (costs that are directly related to the number of customers served) and 4) labor costs
 14 (costs that are directly related to payroll expenses associated with serving the
 15 customer). The Company classified costs within each functional group as follows:

16	<u>Function</u>	<u>Classification</u>
17	Production and Purchased Power costs	Demand, Energy
18	Transmission costs	Demand
19	Distribution costs	Demand, Customer
20	Customer Service costs	Customer
21	A&G costs	Labor

22 Production plant costs, such as depreciation and return on investment, are considered
 23 to be demand-related costs. Most fuel and production operation and maintenance

1 (“O&M”) expenses are energy-related because they vary with the quantity of energy
2 produced. Transmission costs are demand-related because they are fixed and do not
3 vary with energy usage. Generally, the distribution system costs are affected by either
4 demand or by the number of customers served. Demand-related distribution costs will
5 usually vary with the size of the load served, while customer-related distribution costs
6 vary with the number of customers receiving the service. The classification process
7 provides a basis on which to allocate different categories of costs (demand, energy or
8 customer) to the utility’s jurisdictions.

9 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ALLOCATION PROCESS.**

10 A. Once the costs have been functionalized and classified, the third and final step is for
11 the Company to allocate those costs between retail and wholesale customers based on
12 how the costs are incurred for each. In other words, the allocation process assigns costs
13 to customers subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction (retail customers) or FERC’s
14 jurisdiction (wholesale customers). The allocation process employed by Kentucky
15 Power is a reasonable, appropriate, and understandable method to assign costs as
16 between the Company’s retail and wholesale customer classes.

17 Some costs are directly assignable to a single jurisdiction. For example, costs
18 related to regulatory deferrals are associated with a specific jurisdiction and are directly
19 assigned to that jurisdiction. Most costs, however, are attributable to both jurisdictions.
20 These are joint costs and must be allocated to the jurisdictions by an allocation
21 methodology that is based on the classification described above for that cost.

1 **Q. ARE THE ALLOCATION METHODS EMPLOYED BY THE COMPANY**
2 **CONSISTENT WITH COST-OF-SERVICE PRINCIPLES?**

3 A. Yes. The allocation methodologies utilized in the Company's jurisdictional cost-of-
4 service study were chosen after giving consideration to cost causation principles. The
5 results of the jurisdictional cost-of-service study can be relied upon to determine the
6 appropriate revenue requirement for the Company's retail customers.

7 **Q. ARE YOU RESPONSIBLE FOR THE METHODOLOGY USED IN THE**
8 **PREPARATION OF THE KENTUCKY POWER JURISDICTIONAL COST-**
9 **OF-SERVICE STUDY?**

10 A. Yes. I developed the allocation methodology and the allocation factors used to
11 calculate Kentucky Power's retail jurisdictional cost of service using the same process
12 as in the Company's last rate case.

V. ALLOCATIONS

13 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE ENERGY ALLOCATION FACTOR ("EAF")**
14 **WAS DETERMINED.**

15 A. First, total retail customer test year sales of energy (in kilowatt hours) were
16 accumulated. Next, the total sales of energy were adjusted to the generation level by
17 applying the appropriate transmission and distribution loss factors to obtain the
18 generation-level energy sales to retail customers. Finally, the retail generation-level
19 sales were divided by the net total Company generation-level energy sales to obtain the
20 retail EAF.

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE PRODUCTION DEMAND ALLOCATION**
2 **FACTOR (“PDAF”) WAS DETERMINED.**

3 A. One basis for allocating the elements of the cost of property between retail and
4 wholesale customers is the respective contribution by each of the two classes to the
5 Company’s peak demand. The PDAF reflects the coincident demand of the Company’s
6 retail customers at the time of Kentucky Power’s monthly peak demand (the coincident
7 peak demand). In other words, it represents the kilowatt contribution of retail
8 customers to the Company’s monthly peak demand.

9 The PDAF was calculated by dividing the average of the twelve monthly retail
10 class coincident demands, adjusted for losses to the generation levels, by the average
11 of the twelve monthly total Company internal peak demands. The transmission and
12 sub-transmission demand allocation factors are the same as the PDAF.

13 The remaining allocators are internally calculated within the study and can be
14 found in Section V, Allocation Factors.

15 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY ADJUSTMENTS MADE TO THE PDAF AND EAF**
16 **ALLOCATORS.**

17 A. No changes were made.

18 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ALLOCATION OF KENTUCKY POWER’S**
19 **ELECTRIC PLANT IN SERVICE.**

20 A. Electric Plant in Service was separated into different plant categories by function and
21 then allocated accordingly. Kentucky Power’s production plant was allocated to the
22 two jurisdictions using the PDAF. Transmission plant was allocated using the
23 transmission demand allocation factor (“TDAF”). With the exception of Olive Hill

1 substation and meter costs, which are wholesale costs, distribution plant was directly
2 assigned to Kentucky Power's retail customers. General and intangible plant were
3 allocated using gross plant production, transmission and distribution factor ("GP-
4 PTD").

5 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ALLOCATION OF KENTUCKY POWER'S**
6 **ACCUMULATED PROVISION FOR DEPRECIATION AND**
7 **AMORTIZATION.**

8 A. Kentucky Power's Accumulated Provision for Depreciation and Amortization were
9 functionalized and classified in a fashion similar to Kentucky Power's Electric Plant in
10 Service. Production, transmission, and distribution accumulated depreciation were
11 allocated using the same process as the allocation of the associated plant. General and
12 Intangible plant accumulated depreciation was allocated by GP-PTD factor.

13 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ALLOCATION OF KENTUCKY POWER'S**
14 **OTHER RATE BASE COMPONENTS.**

15 A. Electric Plant held for Future Use, Construction Work in Progress, and Allowance for
16 Funds Used during Construction were booked by functional group and then allocated
17 using the associated plant factors. This is consistent with past treatment of these items.

18 Fuel and Allowance Inventory were allocated using the EAF. Materials and
19 Supplies were separated into functional groups and allocated by associated plant factors
20 accordingly. Materials and Supplies other components, such as lime, limestone, urea,
21 and urea in-transit are allocated using the EAF. Prepayments were allocated using the
22 gross plant total allocation factor ("GP-TOT").

1 Accumulated Deferred Investment Tax amounts were provided by Company
2 Witness Schlessman. Customer Advances and Customer Deposits are a result of the
3 Company's retail operations and, therefore, these amounts are allocated to Kentucky
4 Power's retail cost-of-service. Any prepayments from non-retail customers were
5 excluded from Kentucky Power's retail cost-of-service.

6 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ALLOCATION OF KENTUCKY POWER'S**
7 **OPERATING REVENUES.**

8 A. Sales revenue was directly assigned to each jurisdiction where possible. Demand-
9 related system sales revenue was allocated based on the PDAF. Energy-related system
10 sales revenue was allocated on the EAF.

11 Forfeited Discounts and miscellaneous service revenues were a result of
12 Kentucky Power's retail operations and therefore directly assigned 100% to the
13 Company's retail customers.

14 Rent from electric property, other electric revenue, and various transmission
15 agreement revenues were allocated to jurisdictions based on the corresponding
16 functional allocator or directly assigned to Kentucky Power's retail customers where
17 applicable.

18 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ALLOCATION OF KENTUCKY POWER'S**
19 **OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES.**

20 A. Production-related O&M expenses were classified as either demand- or energy-related.
21 The demand component was allocated using the PDAF and the energy component was
22 allocated using the EAF.

1 Transmission-related O&M was allocated based on the gross plant transmission
2 ("GP-TRANS") allocation factor or directly assigned as applicable.

3 Distribution-related O&M was allocated based on the gross plant distribution
4 ("GP-DIST") allocation factor or directly assigned as applicable.

5 Customer Accounts, Customer Information, and Customer Service expenses
6 were classified as customer-related and allocated on the total number of customers.

7 A&G expenses were allocated consistent with the allocation of non-A&G O&M
8 expenses.

9 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ALLOCATION OF KENTUCKY POWER'S**
10 **DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION EXPENSE.**

11 A. Depreciation and Amortization were booked by functional group then allocated using
12 the associated plant factors.

13 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW KENTUCKY POWER'S TAXES OTHER THAN**
14 **FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAXES WERE ALLOCATED.**

15 A. Taxes Other than Income Taxes were classified as relating to payroll, property,
16 revenue, demand or energy and allocated accordingly or directly assigned. Payroll
17 taxes are related to labor and allocated on the Operations and Maintenance Labor
18 allocation factor ("OML"). Property taxes were allocated using the GP-TOT allocation
19 factor.

20 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW KENTUCKY POWER'S FEDERAL AND STATE**
21 **INCOME TAXES WERE ALLOCATED.**

22 A. For details on Federal and State Income Taxes, please see Company Witness
23 Schlessman's testimony and supporting tax schedules.

1 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW ADJUSTMENTS FOR KENTUCKY POWER'S**
2 **TEST YEAR REVENUES AND OPERATING EXPENSES WERE**
3 **INCORPORATED INTO SECTION V.**

4 A. Adjustments to test year revenues and operating expenses were provided to me by way
5 of individual worksheets compiled and prepared by various Company witnesses based
6 on their expertise. I added the retail adjustments to the Company's retail per books
7 cost-of-service amounts to arrive at the going-level Kentucky Power jurisdictional cost
8 of service.

9 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN ANY DIFFERENCES IN PRESENTATION, FROM PAST**
10 **FILINGS, IN THE FORMAT OF THE COMPANY'S JURISDICTIONAL**
11 **COST OF SERVICE STUDY.**

12 A. There were no differences in the format of the Company's Jurisdictional Cost of
13 Service Study.

14 **Q. WERE THERE ANY DIFFERENCES IN THE METHODOLOGY USED TO**
15 **CALCULATE THE REVENUE REQUIREMENT IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

16 A. Yes, I computed the revenue requirement utilizing Rate Base instead of Capitalization
17 in this proceeding.

18 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE DETERMINATION TO USE RATE BASE INSTEAD**
19 **OF CAPITALIZATION.**

20 A. The Company's base rate revenue requirement has historically been calculated utilizing
21 a return on Capitalization methodology. In this case, the Company calculated the base
22 rate revenue requirement utilizing a return on Rate Base instead of Capitalization
23 consistent with the January 13, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00174.

1 **Q. DESPITE THE CHANGE IN METHODOLOGY, HAVE YOU CONTINUED**
 2 **TO PREPARE AN ADJUSTED LEVEL OF CAPITALIZATION?**

3 A. Yes. Section V, Schedule 3 presents adjusted Capitalization for comparison sake, as
 4 well as to establish the debt to equity ratios as utilized in determining the weighted
 5 average cost of capital (WACC).

VI. REVENUE AND OPERATING EXPENSE ADJUSTMENTS

6 **Q. PLEASE IDENTIFY AND DISCUSS EACH OF THE REVENUE AND**
 7 **OPERATING EXPENSE ADJUSTMENTS THAT YOU ARE SPONSORING.**

8 A. The details of the revenue and operating expense adjustments are set forth on various
 9 pages of Section V, Exhibit 2 to the application. Specifically, I am sponsoring the
 10 following adjustments:

<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Exhibit Page No.</u>
Adjustment to Remove Test Year Capacity Charge Revenues	W1
Adjust Test Year Off System Sales (“OSS”) Margins	W7
Adjust OSS Margins to Exclude Rockport	W8
Year End Number of Customers Annualization	W13
Adjust Firm Sales for Normal Weather	W14
Adjust PJM LSE OATT Expense to Going Level	W23
Adjust KPSC Maintenance Assessment	W37
Surcharge Book to Bill Adjustment	W41
Book to Bill Adjustment	W42
Remove Federal Tax Cut Rider Revenues	W52

Remove Rockport Capacity Charge Revenues
(Section V, Exhibit 2, W1)

1 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT YOU MADE TO THE TEST YEAR**
2 **LEVEL OF SALES REVENUES.**

3 A. In accordance with the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement approved by the
4 Commission in Case No. 2004-00420, revenues associated with its Capacity Charge
5 tariff (“tariff C.C.”) are not to be used when designing rates in a general rate case
6 proceeding. Accordingly, the Company has removed \$4,242,329 in revenues received
7 through tariff C.C. or booked as accounting deferrals from its test year revenue
8 amounts.

Reset Off System Sales (OSS) Margins Baseline
(Section V, Exhibit 2, W7)

9 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT YOU MADE TO TEST YEAR OSS**
10 **MARGINS.**

11 A. The purpose of this adjustment is to include in the base rate cost of service only the test
12 year level of OSS margins. The test year amount of OSS margins is \$10,956,795.

13 **Q. HOW WAS THIS ADJUSTMENT CALCULATED?**

14 A. To adjust the base rate cost of service so that it only reflects the test year amount of
15 OSS margins, two items must be accounted for:

- 16 1. System Sales Clause retail revenues; and
- 17 2. The deferral related to the System Sales Clause.

18 During the test year, the System Sales Clause credited \$1,513,355 to customers because
19 actual OSS margins were more than the amount included in base rates. This \$1.5
20 million credit to retail revenues was removed from the base rate cost of service as part

1 of this adjustment. During the test year, an accounting deferral relating to the System
2 Sales Clause was recorded on the Company's books in the amount of 1,984,216. This
3 amount was reversed as part of this adjustment to remove the test year deferral's effect
4 on the base rate cost of service.

5 The net effect of these two items in Adjustment W7 is a \$3,497,571 increase to
6 the base rate cost of service and re-sets the base rate OSS margin credit level to
7 \$10,956,795.

Adjust OSS Margins to Exclude Rockport
(Section V, Exhibit 2, W8)

8 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE SECOND ADJUSTMENT YOU MADE TO OSS**
9 **MARGINS.**

10 **A.** The purpose of this adjustment is to remove Rockport's contribution to the test year
11 OSS margins as calculated in Adjustment W7.

12 **Q. HOW WAS THIS FURTHER ADJUSTMENT TO OSS MARGINS**
13 **CALCULATED?**

14 **A.** This adjustment started with the test year level of OSS margins as calculated in W7
15 which resulted in a base rate OSS margin credit level of \$10,956,795. This level was
16 further reduced by \$9,021,444 to establish the going forward level of base rate OSS
17 margin credits. The \$9,021,444 million reduction was determined by first evaluating
18 the level of OSS volumes possible without Rockport generation. This analysis
19 determined that only 18% of test year OSS volumes would have resulted if Rockport
20 were no longer available to serve internal load and contribute to OSS. Applying 18%

1 to the test year base amount established in W7 results in the new base rate OSS margin
2 credit level of \$1,935,350.

Year-End Number of Customers Annualization
(Section V, Exhibit 2, W13)

3 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT YOU MADE TO TEST YEAR FIRM**
4 **SALES REVENUE.**

5 A. The purpose of the year-end customer annualization adjustment is to restate test year
6 revenues and expenses to reflect, on an annual basis, changes in customers that
7 occurred during the test year. For example, if the number of residential customers
8 increased during the test year, per books residential kWh sales would have to be
9 increased to reflect the impact of annualizing load growth that occurred within the test
10 year. In addition to the revenue adjustment, test year variable operating expenses would
11 also have to be increased or decreased to reflect the incremental costs associated with
12 annualizing test year load growth or decline.

13 **Q. HOW IS THE YEAR-END CUSTOMER ANNUALIZATION ADJUSTMENT**
14 **CALCULATED?**

15 A. The year-end customer annualization adjustment begins with the number of customers
16 in each tariff class at the end of the historic test year and adds or subtracts usage from
17 the test year amounts by the average amount of usage per customer. These adjusted
18 billing units then calculate the new adjusted firm sales revenues for the various tariffs.

19 In addition to the impact on firm sales revenue, the year-end customer
20 annualization adjustment reflects a change in variable operating expense that would
21 also change based on load growth or decline. The year-end customer annualization

1 adjustment increases firm sales revenues by \$1,882,916 and increases operation and
2 maintenance expense by \$885,912.

Adjust Firm Sales for Normal Weather
(Section V, Exhibit 2, W14)

3 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE WEATHER NORMALIZATION ADJUSTMENT.**

4 A. The purpose of the weather normalization adjustment is to restate test year revenues
5 and expenses to reflect a 30-year average load for weather sensitive customers
6 compared to the weather experienced during the test year. The Company bases its
7 weather normalization on deviations from normal in both heating and cooling degree-
8 days.

9 Using data provided by the Company's Economic Forecasting Group, the
10 adjustment was calculated to increase test year energy usage to the level of the 30-year
11 average. The result of this adjustment was to increase total usage by approximately
12 116.2 million kilowatt-hours and increase revenues by \$12,333,767. The weather
13 normalization adjustment also reflects the change in variable operating expense that the
14 Company would experience based on this positive adjustment to test year load.
15 Accordingly, this adjustment increases operation and maintenance expense by
16 \$5,803,037.

Adjust Test Year PJM LSE OATT Expense to Going Level
(Section V, Exhibit 2, W23)

17 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT YOU MADE TO THE TEST YEAR**
18 **LEVEL OF PJM LSE OATT EXPENSE.**

19 A. The FERC-approved OATT includes rates and billing units that are different in 2023
20 than they were in 2022, and as a result, the test year PJM LSE OATT expense must be

1 revised to account for these differences. This adjustment increases the Kentucky retail
2 jurisdiction base rate cost of service by \$14,214,861 for a total adjusted test year LSE
3 OATT expense level of \$136,358,812.

KPSC Maintenance Fee Adjustment
(Section V, Exhibit 2, W37)

4 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT YOU MADE TO THE TEST YEAR**
5 **LEVEL OF ADMINISTRATIVE & GENERAL EXPENSE.**

6 A. This adjustment simply adjusts the test year amount of KPSC maintenance fee expense
7 in the cost of service to the current assessment amount which is a decrease from the
8 test year level. The result is a \$29,109 decrease to test year expense levels.

Surcharge Book to Bill Adjustment
(Section V, Exhibit 2, W41)

9 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT YOU MADE TO THE TEST YEAR**
10 **LEVEL OF SALES REVENUES.**

11 A. This adjustment accounts for the difference between the cost of service adjustments
12 that remove various surcharges from the test year sales revenues and the billing analysis
13 for the same surcharges. This adjustment reduces firm sales revenues by \$364,641.

Book to Bill Adjustment
(Section V, Exhibit 2, W43)

14 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT YOU MADE TO THE TEST YEAR**
15 **LEVEL OF SALES REVENUES.**

16 A. This adjustment compares the test year billing analysis for firm sales revenue and
17 compares it to the test year income statement (books) level of firm sales revenue and
18 adjusts the cost of service to the level supported by the billing analysis. In the sequence

1 of revenue adjustments related to billing units, the book to bill adjustment is computed
2 first and utilizes unadjusted test year billing units. This adjustment decreases test year
3 firm sales revenue by \$732,523.

Remove Federal Tax Cut Rider Revenues
(Section V, Exhibit 2, W52)

4 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT YOU MADE TO THE TEST YEAR**
5 **LEVEL OF SALES REVENUES.**

6 A. Test year revenue credits resulting from the FTC rider are included in firm sales and
7 need to be removed in order to arrive at the correct level of adjusted base rate revenues
8 which are the subject of this case. The removal of the test year FTC rate credits
9 increases firm sales revenue by \$38,853,304.

VII. SECURITIZATION

10 **Q. DID YOU PREPARE ANY CALCULATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE**
11 **SECURITIZATION PROPOSAL IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

12 A. Yes. I calculated the Net Present Value (“NPV”) of the return on the Accumulated
13 Deferred Income Tax (“ADIT”) liability associated with the Decommissioning Rider
14 Regulatory Asset and the Rockport Deferral Regulatory Asset balances to
15 be securitized and provided the amounts to Company Witness Messner. For
16 this calculation, I utilized the 5.166% estimated securitization rate over a 20 year term
17 which resulted in a NPV of \$26,094,164 and \$4,714,838 for the Decommissioning
18 Rider Regulatory Asset and the Rockport Deferral Regulatory Asset, respectively.

1 **Q. DID YOU ALSO PREPARE A SIMILAR CALCULATION FOR THE**
2 **CONVENTIONAL METHODOLOGY PERFORMED BY COMPANY**
3 **WITNESS MESSNER?**

4 A. Yes. I calculated the NPV of the return on ADIT associated with the Decommissioning
5 Rider Regulatory Asset balance to be \$33,101,692 using the proposed pre-tax WACC
6 of 8.30% over 17 years. This aligns with the current regulatory treatment of providing
7 a credit at the Commission authorized pre-tax WACC return on ADIT in the
8 Decommissioning Rider which would otherwise continue to apply over the next 17
9 years. Similarly, I calculated the NPV of the return on ADIT associated with the
10 Rockport Deferral Regulatory Asset balance to be \$1,946,928 using the proposed pre-
11 tax WACC of 8.30% over 4.5 years. This aligns with the current regulatory treatment
12 of providing a credit at the Commission authorized pre-tax WACC return on ADIT in
13 Tariff P.P.A which would otherwise continue to apply over the next 4.5 years.

VIII. CONCLUSION

14 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

15 A. Yes.

VERIFICATION

The undersigned, Katharine I. Walsh, being duly sworn, deposes and says she is a Director of Regulatory Pricing and Analysis for American Electric Power Service Corporation, that she has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing testimony and the information contained therein is true and correct to the best of her information, knowledge, and belief after reasonable inquiry.

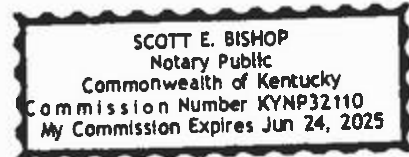
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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said County and State, by Katharine I. Walsh, on June 21, 2023.

Scott E. Bishop
Notary Public



My Commission Expires June 24, 2025

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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 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)

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<u>EXHIBIT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
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**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY**

I. INTRODUCTION

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, POSITION AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 A. My name is Jaclyn N. Cost. My business address is 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, Ohio
3 43215. I am employed by American Electric Power Service Corporation (“AEPSC”)
4 as a Regulatory Consultant Principal. AEPSC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of
5 American Electric Power Company Inc. (“AEP”), the parent Company of Kentucky
6 Power Company (“Kentucky Power” or the “Company”).

II. BACKGROUND

7 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND**
8 **BUSINESS EXPERIENCES.**

9 A. I received my Bachelor of Arts degrees in Accounting and Finance from Walsh
10 University in 2013. I began my career as an Accountant for Innovative Mattress
11 Solutions (“IMS”) where I performed various reconciling duties for each of the
12 company’s retail stores. After IMS, I accepted a position with AEPSC in 2015 as an
13 Accounting Associate within the Fuel department of Utility and Energy Accounting.
14 My responsibilities included month-end accounting close as well as various reporting
15 and contract review duties. I was promoted to Accountant before accepting a position
16 as a Regulatory Consultant within Pricing and Analysis in August 2017. In April 2020

1 I was promoted to Regulatory Consultant Sr. and then promoted again in 2022 to my
 2 current role.

3 **Q. WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS REGULATORY CONSULTANT**
 4 **PRINCIPAL?**

5 A. My responsibilities include preparing cost-of-service studies for regulatory filings and
 6 providing regulatory support and analysis for pricing matters associated with Kentucky
 7 Power and other AEP electric-utility operating companies.

8 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED IN ANY REGULATORY**
 9 **PROCEEDINGS?**

10 A. Yes. I submitted testimony before the Public Service Commission of Kentucky in Case
 11 No. 2020-00174. In addition, I have submitted testimony before the State Corporation
 12 Commission of Virginia on behalf of Appalachian Power Company regarding cost-of-
 13 service.

III. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

14 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

15 A. The purpose of my testimony is to support and describe the development of the
 16 Company’s Class Cost-of-Service Study. In addition, I will address the allocation of
 17 the requested increase to Kentucky Power’s customer classes.

18 **Q. ARE YOU SPONSORING ANY EXHIBITS?**

19 A. I am sponsoring the following exhibits:

- | | | |
|----|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 20 | Exhibit JNC-1 | Class Cost-of-Service Study |
| 21 | Exhibit JNC-2 | Revenue Allocation |

IV. CLASS COST-OF-SERVICE STUDY

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE GENERAL PURPOSE OF A CLASS COST-OF-**
2 **SERVICE STUDY.**

3 A. A class cost-of-service study is a basic analytical tool used in traditional utility rate
4 design to determine the revenue requirement for the services offered by the utility. It
5 analyzes, at a very detailed level, the costs that different classes of customers impose
6 on the utility system. A class cost-of-service study calculates the total functional costs
7 the Company incurs in serving each retail rate class as well as the rate of return on rate
8 base earned from each class during the test year. This is accomplished by classifying
9 and allocating the jurisdictional and functionalized costs of serving Kentucky's retail
10 customers to the various rate classes. When a cost-of-service study is completed and
11 all of the costs are allocated to the customer classes, the Company is able to establish
12 rates based on the costs to serve each customer class. A copy of the class cost-of-
13 service study prepared for this case is included as Exhibit JNC-1.

14 **Q. WHAT DATA SOURCE WAS USED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE**
15 **CLASS COST-OF-SERVICE STUDY?**

16 A. The Company's jurisdictional cost-of-service study, shown in Section V of this
17 application and sponsored by Company Witness Walsh, is the primary data source for
18 the class cost-of-service study. In addition, historic accounting records and Company
19 data were used to derive the various allocators that were applied to the results of the
20 jurisdictional cost-of-service study to classify and allocate costs to the customer
21 classes.

1 **Q. AFTER THE COSTS PRESENTED IN THE JURISDICTIONAL COST-OF-**
2 **SERVICE STUDY ARE EXAMINED, HOW ARE THESE COSTS ASSIGNED**
3 **TO EACH CUSTOMER CLASS?**

4 A. These costs are assigned to the different customer classes in a way that reflects the costs
5 of providing utility service to each class. The Company assigns costs to customer
6 classes using a standard three-step process: functionalization of costs, classification of
7 costs, and allocation of costs.

8 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE FUNCTIONALIZATION PROCESS.**

9 A. Functionalization is the process of separating costs according to electric system
10 functions. Typically, functions in an electric utility include the following:

- 11 1) Production and Purchased Power costs;
- 12 2) Transmission costs;
- 13 3) Distribution costs;
- 14 4) Customer Service costs; and
- 15 5) Administrative and General (“A&G”) costs.

16 The production function includes the costs associated with power generation and power
17 purchases and their delivery to the bulk transmission system. The transmission
18 function consists of costs associated with the high voltage system utilized for the bulk
19 transmission of power to and from interconnected utilities to load centers of the utility's
20 system. The distribution function includes the radial distribution system that connects
21 the transmission system and the ultimate customer. The customer service function
22 encompasses the costs associated with providing meter reading, billing and collection,
23 and customer information and services. The A&G function is comprised of costs that

1 may not be directly assignable to other cost functions. These costs include such items
 2 as management costs and administrative buildings. A&G costs are generally allocated
 3 to the remaining functions based on labor.

4 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE CLASSIFICATION PROCESS.**

5 A. The second step is to separate the functionalized costs into classifications of demand
 6 costs, energy costs, and customer costs.

7 Typical cost classifications used in cost studies include the following:

8	<u>Function</u>	<u>Classification</u>
9	Production	Demand, Energy
10	Transmission	Demand
11	Distribution	Demand, Customer
12	Customer Service	Customer

13 Demand costs are associated with the kilowatt (“kW”) demand imposed by the
 14 customer. These are fixed costs, which are incurred regardless of the level of energy
 15 sales. An example of a demand-related cost is the investment in production,
 16 transmission or distribution facilities, such as a generating unit or transmission and
 17 distribution poles and lines.

18 Energy costs vary with the number of kilowatt-hours (“kWh”) used by the
 19 customer. Production costs such as fuel and certain production operation and
 20 maintenance expenses are energy-related since they vary with the level of sales of
 21 electricity.

22 Customer costs are directly related to the number of customers served. These
 23 are fixed costs which are incurred regardless of the level of energy sales. Meter and

1 customer service costs are examples of costs whose levels are fixed by the number of
2 customers.

3 The classification process provides a basis on which to allocate different
4 categories of costs (demand, energy, or customer) to the Company's classes. A&G
5 costs are not classified but are generally allocated to the remaining functions based on
6 labor.

7 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ALLOCATION PROCESS.**

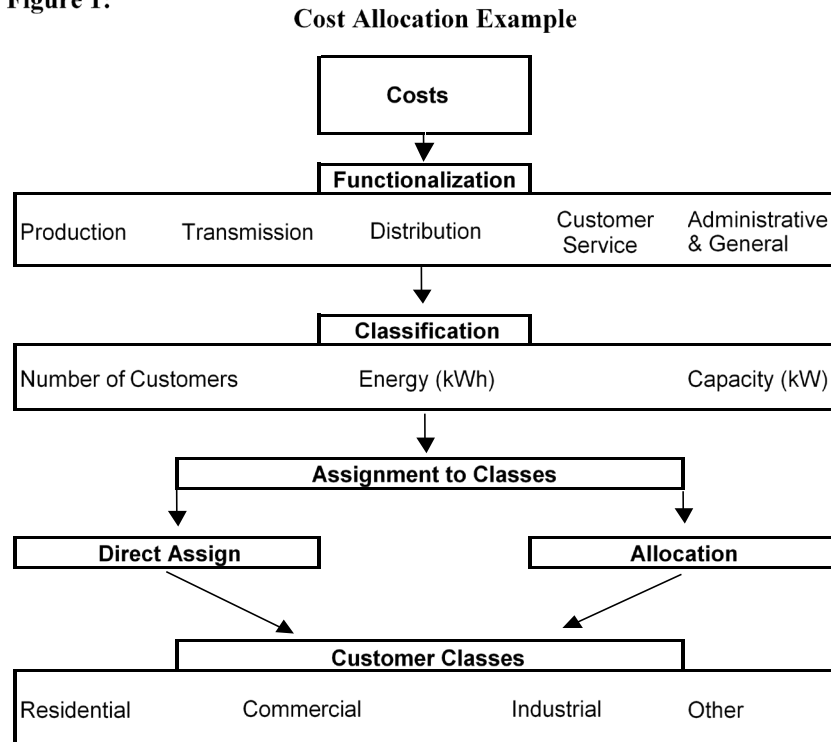
8 A. The third and final step is to allocate the functionalized and classified costs among the
9 classes of customers based on how the costs are incurred to serve each class. Allocation
10 factors are used to assign these costs to the various customer classes. Customer classes
11 are determined and grouped according to the nature of service provided, voltage level,
12 and the load usage characteristics. The three principal customer classes are residential,
13 commercial, and industrial.

14 The allocation process involves multiplying the functionalized and classified
15 costs by allocation factors, which results in costs assigned to each class. The objective
16 in this process is to determine a reasonable, appropriate, and understandable method to
17 assign the costs. Some costs are directly assignable to a single class, or even a single
18 customer. For instance, the costs associated with the poles and luminaries used for
19 street lighting are directly assigned to the street lighting class. Most costs, however,
20 are attributable to more than one type of customer. These are joint costs that are
21 allocated to customers by an allocation methodology that is based on the manner in
22 which the costs are caused by the different customers.

1 The following flowchart (Figure JNC-1) provides an overview of how the
2 allocation of costs to customer classes is determined.

Figure JNC-1

Figure 1:



3 In the illustration above, costs are functionalized into production, transmission,
4 distribution, etc. Some of these costs can be functionalized and classified and directly
5 assigned to a customer class. The remaining functionalized costs are incurred based on
6 the number of customers, the energy used, or by the capacity demanded.

7 After functionalization, the next step is the classification process which leads
8 to an allocation methodology. For example, the cost of billing customers varies with
9 the number of customers as well as the complexity of preparing the customer's bill, so
10 those costs associated with billing are allocated to the customer classes based on a

1 weighted number of customers. An allocation factor using a weighted number of
2 customers is developed by multiplying the number of customers in each class by a
3 factor representing the difference in cost associated with providing that service to each
4 customer class. Similarly, the cost of fuel varies by the number of kWh consumed and,
5 therefore, is allocated based on the proportion of total energy used by a customer class.

6 The final step in the cost assignment process is to allocate the functionalized
7 and classified costs to the customer classes through the use of allocation factors.

8 When this process is completed and all of the costs are allocated to the customer
9 classes, the result is a fully allocated cost study that establishes cost responsibility, by
10 class, and makes it possible to determine rates based on costs that are just and
11 reasonable.

V. ALLOCATION BASIS

12 **Q. WHAT CRITERIA ARE USED WHEN SELECTING ALLOCATION**
13 **FACTORS FOR EACH FUNCTIONALIZED AND CLASSIFIED COST?**

14 A. Generally, the following criteria are used to determine the appropriateness of an
15 allocation methodology:

- 16 1) The method should reflect the planning and operating characteristics of
17 the utility's system.
- 18 2) The method should recognize customer class characteristics such as
19 energy usage, peak demand on the system, diversity characteristics, and
20 number of customers, etc.
- 21 3) The method should produce stable results on a year-to-year basis.

1 4) The method should cause customers who benefit from the use of the
2 system to bear appropriate cost responsibility for the system.

3 **Q. DOES THE ALLOCATION METHOD EMPLOYED BY THE COMPANY**
4 **MEET THESE OBJECTIVES?**

5 A. Yes, it does. The allocation methodology utilized in the Company's class cost-of-
6 service study is generally consistent with prior cases and reflects the consideration of
7 each of the criteria listed above and the zero-intercept study sponsored by Company
8 Witness Steward for allocation of distribution costs. The results of the cost-of-service
9 study can be relied upon to determine the appropriate revenue requirement for the
10 Kentucky Power customer classes. The allocation of specific sections of the class cost-
11 of-service study, as shown on Exhibit JNC-1, follows.

12 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ALLOCATION OF PRODUCTION PLANT.**

13 A. Electric plant-in-service is functionalized into production, transmission, distribution
14 and general plant. Production plant is classified as demand-related and allocated using
15 the production demand allocation factor. The production demand allocation factor
16 assigns costs to the retail classes based on their average contribution to Kentucky
17 Power's 12 coincident peaks ("CPs"). The CPs used in the allocation of Production
18 Plant were the 12 monthly internal peak demands for the test period ended March 31,
19 2023.

1 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW GENERATOR STEP-UP TRANSFORMERS**
2 **WERE ALLOCATED.**

3 A. Generator step-up transformers are included in transmission plant but were allocated
4 using the production demand allocation factor because they are more related to the
5 production function.

6 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ALLOCATION OF TRANSMISSION PLANT.**

7 A. Transmission plant, excluding generator step-up transformers, is classified as demand
8 related and is allocated using the transmission demand allocation factor. The
9 transmission demand allocation factor, similar to the production plant allocation factor,
10 assigns costs based on the class average contribution to Kentucky Power's 12 CPs on
11 the transmission facilities.

12 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ALLOCATION OF DISTRIBUTION PLANT.**

13 A. Distribution plant is classified as demand/customer related and allocated to the
14 customer classes using factors based on demand levels or number of customers.
15 Distribution plant accounts 360 through 363 were classified solely as demand related.
16 Accounts 360, 361, 362, and 363 were allocated to the distribution customer classes
17 based on their contributions to the average of Kentucky Power's 12 monthly CP
18 demands during the test year on the primary distribution system.

19 Accounts 364 through 368 were classified as demand and customer-related per
20 the recommendation of Company Witness Steward following the results of the zero-
21 intercept study as described in her testimony. The demand and customer-related
22 percentages were derived from the results of the zero-intercept study. The demand-
23 related percentages were further split into primary and secondary voltage functions

1 based upon information contained in the zero-intercept study. The demand-related
2 primary portions of accounts 364 through 368 were allocated using the average of 12
3 monthly CP demands on the distribution system. The demand-related secondary
4 component of accounts 364 through 368 were allocated based on a combination of each
5 class's 12-month maximum demand and the summation of individual customers'
6 annual maximum demands in each class served from those facilities. This process
7 reflects the fact that some secondary facilities serve only one customer, while others
8 serve two or more customers.

9 Services, account 369, was classified as customer-related and was allocated
10 using the average number of secondary customers served.

11 Meter plant, account 370, was allocated using the average number of customers
12 weighted by a factor which considers the cost differential of various metering
13 installations. Account 371 was directly assigned to the outdoor lighting class and
14 account 373 was directly assigned to the street lighting class.

15 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW GENERAL AND INTANGIBLE PLANT WAS**
16 **ALLOCATED.**

17 A. General and intangible plant and investment reflects a composite demand, energy, and
18 customer classification. General and intangible plant investment is allocated on the
19 basis of payroll labor.

20 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ALLOCATION OF ACCUMULATED**
21 **PROVISION FOR DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION.**

22 A. The functionalized components of Depreciation and Amortization were obtained
23 directly from the jurisdictional cost-of-service study provided in Section V of the

1 application. Production, transmission, distribution, and general and intangible related
2 amounts were classified and allocated based upon the allocation of the corresponding
3 functional Electric Plant-in-Service costs excluding land and land rights.

4 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ALLOCATION OF WORKING CAPITAL.**

5 A. Working Capital was divided into cash, material and supplies, and prepayments. Cash
6 working capital is related to operation and maintenance (“O&M”) expense and was
7 allocated based upon the allocation of total O&M expense less purchased power and
8 fuel.

9 Materials and supplies were split between fuel stock, production, emissions,
10 and transmission and distribution and were classified and allocated using the
11 corresponding functional plant items. Fuel stock and emissions materials were
12 allocated using the energy allocation factor. Production-related material and supplies
13 were allocated using the production demand allocation factor, and the transmission-
14 and distribution-related materials and supplies were allocated using the allocation of
15 transmission and distribution electric plant-in-service.

16 Prepayments were allocated based upon gross utility plant.

17 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ALLOCATION OF OTHER RATE BASE**
18 **COMPONENTS.**

19 A. Plant Held for Future Use is limited to a distribution component that was allocated
20 using distribution electric plant-in-service. Construction Work-in-Progress was
21 functionalized and allocated by the corresponding functional Electric Plant-in-Service
22 allocators. Accumulated Deferred Federal Income Tax was allocated on gross utility
23 plant. Customer Deposits were directly assigned based on an analysis of accounting

1 records, and Customer Advances were allocated based on transmission and distribution
2 plant-in-service.

3 **Q. HOW WERE REVENUES DEVELOPED FOR EACH CLASS?**

4 A. Sales revenues were directly assigned to each class utilizing the revenue schedules in
5 Section II – Application Filing Requirements Exhibit J, sponsored by Company
6 Witness Spaeth. Energy-related system sales revenue was allocated using the energy
7 allocation factor.

8 Forfeited Discounts and Miscellaneous Service Revenue were directly assigned
9 based on an analysis of accounting records.

10 Rent from Electric Property and Other Electric Revenue were functionalized in
11 the jurisdictional cost-of-service study and allocated to classes based on corresponding
12 functional allocators.

13 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ALLOCATION OF PRODUCTION O&M**
14 **EXPENSE.**

15 A. Production-related O&M was classified as either demand or energy related. The
16 demand component was allocated using the production demand allocation factor and
17 the energy component was allocated using the energy allocation factor. Supervision
18 and Engineering accounts for both O&M were classified and allocated based on
19 functional labor expense. For example, Accounts 500 and 510 for Steam Production
20 accounts were allocated on production labor expense.

21 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ALLOCATION OF TRANSMISSION O&M.**

22 A. Transmission-related O&M was broken down into two pieces: expenses incurred
23 through PJM as a Load Serving Entity (“LSE”), and the traditional transmission cost-

1 of-service expenses recorded in FERC accounts 560 – 575. Most Transmission O&M
2 expenses were allocated based upon the transmission demand allocation factor.
3 Supervision and Engineering accounts for both O&M were classified and allocated
4 based on functional labor expense. For example, Transmission Accounts 560 and 568
5 were allocated on total transmission O&M excluding PJM related costs. Expenses
6 incurred through PJM as an LSE are classified as production expenses as they capture
7 load LSE charges and are allocated using an allocation factor based on production
8 demand.

9 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ALLOCATION OF DISTRIBUTION O&M**
10 **AMONG THE VARIOUS CUSTOMER CLASSES.**

11 A. Distribution O&M expenses were functionalized and classified according to the
12 associated distribution plant accounts and allocated accordingly. Accounts 581 Load
13 Dispatching and 582 Station Expenses were allocated using the distribution demand
14 allocation factor. Account 583 Overhead Line Expense was allocated based upon the
15 same allocation used for plant account 365 Overhead Lines. Account 584 Underground
16 Line Expense was allocated based upon the same allocation used for plant accounts
17 366 Underground Conduit and 367 Underground Lines. Account 585 Street Lighting
18 Operation Expense was classified as customer-related and directly assigned to the
19 Street Lighting class. Meter Operation Expense, account 586, was classified customer-
20 related and allocated in the same manner as account 370 Meter Plant. Account 587
21 Customer Installation Expense was classified as customer-related and allocated based
22 on primary customers. Accounts 588 and 589 were allocated on total distribution plant
23 and classified accordingly. Account 580 was classified and allocated based on the sum

1 of the allocated O&M expense accounts 581 - 589. Accounts 591 and 592 were
2 classified demand-related and allocated on the distribution demand allocation factor.
3 Accounts 593, 594, and 595 were functionalized and classified according to the
4 associated distribution plant accounts and allocated accordingly. Distribution
5 maintenance account 596 was directly assigned to the Street Lighting class. Account
6 597 was classified customer-related and allocated in the same manner as meter plant.
7 Account 598 was classified customer-related and directly assigned to the Outdoor
8 Lighting class. Account 590 was classified and allocated based on the sum of the
9 allocated O&M expense accounts 591 - 598.

10 **Q. CAN YOU EXPLAIN HOW CUSTOMER ACCOUNTING (ACCOUNTS 901-**
11 **905), CUSTOMER SERVICES (ACCOUNTS 907-910), AND SALES EXPENSE**
12 **(ACCOUNTS 911-916) WERE ALLOCATED?**

13 A. Account 902 Meter Reading Expense was allocated to those classes with meter
14 installations based upon an average number of customers weighted to reflect varying
15 levels of difficulty in meter reading. Account 903 Customer Records Expense was
16 divided into two categories of cost; call center and other. Call center costs were first
17 divided into residential and other based on the number of calls received; then, other
18 (non-residential) call center expenses were further allocated to the remaining non-
19 residential classes based on the number of customers in each respective class. Account
20 904 Uncollectibles was allocated based on the number of customers. Accounts 901
21 and 905 were allocated based on the sum of the allocated accounts 902, 903 and 904.

22 Accounts 907 through 916, Customer Service Expenses and Sales Expenses,
23 were allocated based on the number of customers.

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ALLOCATION OF A&G EXPENSE.**

2 A. A&G expenses, excluding Property Insurance, account 924, and Rate Case Expense,
3 account 928, were functionalized, classified, and allocated using O&M labor. Property
4 Insurance was allocated using gross utility plant. Rate Case Expense was allocated to
5 the customer classes based on sales revenue.

6 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ALLOCATION OF DEPRECIATION AND**
7 **AMORTIZATION EXPENSE.**

8 A. The functionalized components of depreciation and amortization expense were
9 allocated using the corresponding functional plant items excluding land and land rights.

10 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW OTHER EXPENSES WERE ALLOCATED.**

11 A. The Gain on Disposition of Utility Plant was allocated based on distribution plant. A/R
12 Factoring was allocated based on gross utility plant. Gain/Loss on Disposition of
13 Allowances was allocated based on the energy allocation factor. Accretion was
14 allocated on production demand. The Interest Income and Interest Expense items were
15 allocated based on gross utility plant. Interest on Customer Deposits was allocated
16 using the customer deposit allocator that was also used for the customer deposit rate
17 base offset.

18 **Q. HOW WERE TAXES ASSIGNED TO THE CUSTOMER CLASSES?**

19 A. Individual tax items other than income taxes were allocated and classified using the
20 appropriate revenue, labor, or plant allocator.

21 Interest Expense was allocated on rate base and individual Schedule M items
22 were allocated using the appropriate allocators. State and current Federal Income
23 Taxes were computed by class. Feedback of prior Investment Tax Credit Normalized

1 was allocated based on gross utility plant and individual Deferred Federal Income Tax
2 items were allocated using the appropriate allocation factors.

3 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ALLOCATION OF THE ALLOWANCE FOR**
4 **FUNDS USED DURING CONSTRUCTION (“AFUDC”) OFFSET.**

5 A. The AFUDC offset was divided into the individual functionalized components in the
6 jurisdictional cost-of-service study. The production component was allocated using the
7 production demand allocator. The transmission and distribution components were
8 allocated using the corresponding plant allocators. The general plant component was
9 allocated using the labor allocation factor.

10 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ALLOCATION OF THE VARIOUS**
11 **JURISDICTIONAL ADJUSTMENTS.**

12 A. The jurisdictional adjustments are identified in the various sections of the cost-of-
13 service study to which they apply. Each adjustment was allocated using a method
14 consistent with both the nature of the adjustment and the underlying line item being
15 adjusted. For example, an adjustment to employee-related expenses is allocated using
16 the labor allocation factor, and an adjustment to the Mitchell Plant coal stock is
17 allocated using the energy allocation factor.

VI. REVENUE ALLOCATION

1 **Q. WHAT IS THE RESULTING GOING-LEVEL AND RELATIVE RATE OF**
2 **RETURN FOR EACH CLASS SHOWN IN THE CLASS COST-OF-SERVICE**
3 **STUDY?**

4 A. The resulting going-level rates of return (“ROR”) and relative rates of return prior to
5 the rate relief requested in this case, for each customer class as shown in the class cost-
6 of-service study, during the test year are presented in the table below. The going-level
7 return is calculated from current income and rate base. The relative return provides a
8 comparison to the total average Kentucky Power jurisdictional return. If the return
9 earned on each class was the same as the average jurisdictional return, each would have
10 a relative return of 1.00. A relative return less than 1.00 shows that the return earned
11 from that class is less than the average return and that class is receiving a subsidy. A
12 relative return greater than 1.00 shows that the return earned from that class is greater
13 than the average and that customer class is paying a subsidy. A relative return of less
14 than 0.00 indicates the customer class is not providing enough revenue to offset the
15 expenses required to serve them and reduces the Company’s overall return.

Figure JNC-2- Class Going-Level Rates of Return and Relative Rates of Return and Current Subsidy

CLASS	Going-Level ROR	Relative ROR	Subsidy (Paid)/ Received (\$ in Millions)
Residential	0.75 %	.25	\$31.9
General Service	6.44 %	2.13	(\$12.0)
Large General Service	12.19 %	4.04	(\$15.1)
IGS	3.42 %	1.13	(\$1.7)
Municipal Waterworks	15.14 %	5.01	(\$0.05)
Outdoor Lighting	9.09 %	3.01	(\$2.4)
Street Lighting	14.10 %	4.67	(\$0.6)
Total Kentucky Power Jurisdiction	3.02 %	1.00	\$0.0

1 **Q. HOW ARE THESE RATES OF RETURN USED IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

2 A. The going-level and relative rates of return for each class form the basis for the
3 allocation of the revenue increase required for each class. This information was
4 provided to Company Witness West to assist in his determination of the allocation of
5 the requested rate increase by class.

6 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE PRINCIPLES OR GUIDELINES USED IN**
7 **ALLOCATING THE PROPOSED REVENUE INCREASE AMONG THE**
8 **TARIFF CLASSES.**

9 A. A key objective of ratemaking is to design rates such that they reflect as nearly as
10 possible the actual costs of serving the customer. To fully meet this objective would
11 require that the rates of return for all tariff classes be equalized. However, as indicated
12 by Company Witness Spaeth, this would result in significant bill impacts to the

1 Residential customer class. As a result, the Company opted not to propose to fully
2 equalize returns across tariff classes at this time, but rather proposes to continue its
3 gradual progress toward cost alignment.

4 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE EXHIBIT JNC-2.**

5 A. Exhibit JNC-2 is the calculation of the allocation of the proposed revenue increase to
6 each class of customers. Page 1 is a summary of the calculation of the required sales
7 revenue per class based upon the Company's proposed subsidy reduction. Page 2 of the
8 exhibit calculates the current subsidies received by each class. Page 3, in Columns 2
9 through 11, shows the calculation of the required sales revenue at an equalized ROR
10 for each class before demonstrating that each class will retain its current subsidy.

11 **Q. WHAT CLASS-BY-CLASS BASE RATE REVENUE INCREASE WILL**
12 **RESULT FROM THE PROPOSED INCREASE?**

13 A. Figure JNC-3 summarizes the Company's proposed revenue allocation, as sponsored
14 by Company Witness West, between the major customer classes and the class rate
15 increases:

Figure JNC-3- Base Rate Increase

CLASS	Proposed Increase (\$ in Millions)	Percent Increase
Residential	\$54.9	24.14%
General Service	\$13.8	17.25%
Large General Service	\$6.4	12.06 %
IGS	\$17	12.87 %
Municipal Waterworks	\$0.02	11.14 %
Outdoor Lighting	\$1.6	19.44 %
Street Lighting	\$0.2	14.75 %
Total Kentucky Power Jurisdiction	\$93.9	18.69 %

VII. CONCLUSION

1 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR TESTIMONY.**

2 A. The class cost-of-service study, Exhibit JNC-1, has been developed in accordance with
3 sound cost-of-service principles. The class cost-of-service study, along with the
4 revenue allocation, submitted as Exhibit JNC-2, provide Company Witness Spaeth with
5 functionalized revenue requirements that he can use to develop rates for the Company's
6 customer classes.

7 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

8 A. Yes, it does.

VERIFICATION

The undersigned, Jaclyn N. Cost, being duly sworn, deposes and says she is a Regulatory Consultant Principle for American Electric Power Service Corporation, that she has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing testimony and the information contained therein is true and correct to the best of her information, knowledge, and belief after reasonable inquiry.

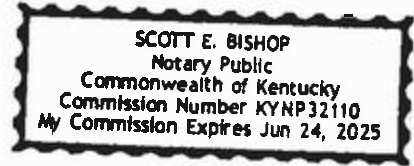
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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said County and State, by Jaclyn N. Cost, on June 21, 2023.

Scott E. Bishop
Notary Public



My Commission Expires June 24, 2025

Notary ID Number KYNP 32110

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Cash Working Capital Adjustments												
-		PROD_ENERGY	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		PROD_ENERGY	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		PROD_ENERGY	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		PROD_DEMAND	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		CUST_TOTAL	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		CUST_TOTAL	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		RB_GUP	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		RB_GUP	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		RB_GUP	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		TDOMX	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		PROD_DEMAND	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		RB_GUP	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		LABOR_M	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		RB_GUP	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		LABOR_M	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		LABOR_M	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		TRAN_LSE	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		CUST_TOTAL	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		LABOR_PROD	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		LABOR_M	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		RB_GUP	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		PROD_DEMAND	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		TOTOHLINES	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		CUST_TOTAL	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		PROD_DEMAND	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		PROD_DEMAND	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		TRANS_TOTAL	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		RB_GUP_EPIS_D	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		LABOR_M	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		CUST_903	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		PROD_ENERGY	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		PROD_ENERGY	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		PROD_ENERGY	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		RB_GUP	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Cash Working Capital Adjustments	-		TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Working Capital - Materials & Supplies												
Fuel / Allowance Inventory	47,825,468	PROD_ENERGY	TOTAL	47,825,468	17,571,969	5,623,614	3,689,172	19,716,530	805,643	14,914	326,971	76,655
Production - Demand Related	8,976,804	PROD_DEMAND	TOTAL	8,976,804	4,450,776	1,127,808	657,980	2,572,299	142,281	2,031	19,085	4,543
Emissions - Energy Related	3,222,565	PROD_ENERGY	TOTAL	3,222,565	1,184,030	378,929	248,583	1,328,535	54,286	1,005	22,032	5,165
Transmission & Distribution	10,392,589	TDPLANT	TOTAL	10,392,589	6,504,098	1,612,950	511,421	1,391,268	114,060	1,866	225,188	31,738
Total Working Cap - Materials & Supplies	70,417,426		TOTAL	70,417,426	29,710,873	8,743,302	5,107,156	25,008,632	1,116,270	19,815	593,277	118,101
Working Capital - Materials & Supplies Adjustments												
Adj 4 - Remove FGD from Base Rates (Mitchell)	(1,844,518)	PROD_ENERGY	TOTAL	(1,844,518)	(677,710)	(216,890)	(142,283)	(760,421)	(31,072)	(575)	(12,611)	(2,956)
Adj 43 - Mitchell Coal Stock Adjustment	(16,290,160)	PROD_ENERGY	TOTAL	(16,290,160)	(5,985,308)	(1,915,498)	(1,256,594)	(6,715,782)	(274,416)	(5,080)	(111,372)	(26,110)
Total Working Cap - Materials & Supplies Adjustments	(18,134,678)		TOTAL	(18,134,678)	(6,663,019)	(2,132,388)	(1,398,877)	(7,476,203)	(305,487)	(5,655)	(123,983)	(29,066)
Working Capital - Prepayments												
Working Capital - Prepayments	42,213,175	RB_GUP_EPIS	TOTAL	42,213,175	24,651,631	6,153,914	2,388,952	7,748,300	525,991	8,203	643,886	92,299
Total Working Capital	102,182,385		TOTAL	102,182,385	51,991,910	13,832,190	6,551,611	26,985,481	1,434,546	23,640	1,173,084	189,922
Construction Work-In-Progress excluding AFUDC												
Production	17,920,164	RB_GUP_EPIS_P	TOTAL	17,920,164	8,884,971	2,251,414	1,313,509	5,135,015	284,032	4,054	38,100	9,069
Transmission	68,804,203	RB_GUP_EPIS_T	TOTAL	68,804,203	33,897,972	8,585,444	5,007,301	20,073,439	1,081,321	15,445	115,733	27,547
Distribution	42,608,696	RB_GUP_EPIS_D	TOTAL	42,608,696	30,857,406	7,570,401	1,355,086	735,222	318,432	6,234	1,552,278	213,637
General	6,420,988	RB_GUP_EPIS_G	TOTAL	6,420,988	3,742,843	945,198	324,031	1,244,483	71,082	1,224	83,377	8,751
Total CWIP	135,754,051		TOTAL	135,754,051	77,383,192	19,352,457	7,999,927	27,188,159	1,754,866	26,957	1,789,488	259,004
Adjustments to CWIP	(11,100,396)	RB_GUP_EPIS_P	TOTAL	(11,100,396)	(5,503,671)	(1,394,607)	(813,635)	(3,180,814)	(175,939)	(2,511)	(23,600)	(5,618)
Total Adjusted CWIP	124,653,655		TOTAL	124,653,655	71,879,521	17,957,850	7,186,292	24,007,346	1,578,927	24,446	1,765,888	253,386

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BIG SANDY RETIRE COSTS RECOV	-	PROD_DEMAND	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BIG SANDY RETIRE RIDER U2 O&M	-	PROD_ENERGY	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UND RECOV-PURCH PWR PPA	-	PROD_ENERGY	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DEFD DEPRE-ENVIRONMENTAL	-	RB_GUP	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NERC COMPL/CYBER SEC-DEF DEPR	-	PROD_DEMAND	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CAPACITY CHARGE TARIFF REV	-	PROD_DEMAND	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
REG ASSET-ROCKPORT CAPACITY DEF-EQ CC	-	PROD_DEMAND	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
REG ASSET-ROCKPORT CAPACITY CC DEFERRAL	-	PROD_DEMAND	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
REG ASSET-ROCKPORT CAPACITY DEFERRAL	-	PROD_DEMAND	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
REG ASSET-KENTUCKY UNDER RECOV-PPA RIDER	-	PROD_ENERGY	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green Hat Settlement & Liability	-	TRANS_TOTAL	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Book Amortization Loss on Reacquired Debt	-	RB_GUP	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accrued SFAS 106 Post Retirement Expense	(412,483)	LABOR_M	TOTAL	(412,483)	(240,439)	(60,719)	(20,816)	(79,945)	(4,566)	(79)	(5,356)	(562)
Accrued OPEB Costs SFAS 158	-	LABOR_M	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accrued SFAS 112 Post Employment Benefits	-	LABOR_M	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accrued Book ARO Expense SFAS 143	-	RB_GUP	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Medicare Subsidy (PPACA) Reg Asset	-	LABOR_M	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Book Operating Lease	(1,995,590)	RB_GUP	TOTAL	(1,995,590)	(1,165,384)	(290,921)	(112,936)	(366,294)	(24,866)	(388)	(30,439)	(4,363)
Gross Receipts - Tax Expense	-	RSAL	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DSIT Entry - WV Pollution Control	(46,870)	RB_GUP	TOTAL	(46,870)	(27,371)	(6,833)	(2,652)	(8,603)	(584)	(9)	(715)	(102)
Accrued Sales & Use Tax Reserve	-	RSAL	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reg Asset - Accrued SFAS 112	-	LABOR_M	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Excess ADFIT 281 Protected	(549,697)	RB_GUP	TOTAL	(549,697)	(321,012)	(80,136)	(31,109)	(100,898)	(6,849)	(107)	(8,385)	(1,202)
Excess ADFIT 282 Protected and Unprotected	(18,002,602)	RB_GUP	TOTAL	(18,002,602)	(10,513,151)	(2,624,452)	(1,018,814)	(3,304,408)	(224,319)	(3,498)	(274,597)	(39,363)
Excess ADFIT 283 Unprotected	(11,114,134)	RB_GUP	TOTAL	(11,114,134)	(6,490,427)	(1,620,239)	(628,978)	(2,040,018)	(138,486)	(2,160)	(169,526)	(24,301)
Restricted Stock Plan & PSI Stock Based Comp	(68,361)	RB_GUP	TOTAL	(68,361)	(39,921)	(9,966)	(3,869)	(12,548)	(852)	(13)	(1,043)	(149)
Capitalized Software Costs Tax	44,301	RB_GUP	TOTAL	44,301	25,871	6,458	2,507	8,132	552	9	676	97
Capitalized Software Costs Book	(929,609)	RB_GUP	TOTAL	(929,609)	(542,873)	(135,520)	(52,609)	(170,631)	(11,583)	(181)	(14,180)	(2,033)
MTM Book Gain Above the Line Tax Deferral	(222,113)	PROD_ENERGY	TOTAL	(222,113)	(81,608)	(26,117)	(17,133)	(91,568)	(3,742)	(69)	(1,519)	(356)
Mark & Spread Deferral - 283 A/L	-	PROD_ENERGY	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prov for Trading Credit Risk - Above the Line	-	PROD_ENERGY	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reg Liability - Unrealized MTM Gain Deferral	-	PROD_ENERGY	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Book > Tax Basis - EMA A/C 283	(15,476)	PROD_ENERGY	TOTAL	(15,476)	(5,686)	(1,820)	(1,194)	(6,380)	(261)	(5)	(106)	(25)
Total Per Books DFIT	(39,785,483)		TOTAL	(39,785,483)	(23,032,821)	(5,769,224)	(2,246,376)	(7,586,558)	(493,849)	(7,788)	(569,745)	(79,122)
DFIT Adjustments												
Adj 2 - Decommissioning Rider Removal	-	PROD_DEMAND	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adj 5 - Environmental Surcharge Revenue Sync	-	PROD_ENERGY	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adj 21 - Pension & OPEB Expense Adjustment	170,478	LABOR_M	TOTAL	170,478	99,373	25,095	8,603	33,041	1,887	32	2,214	232
Adj 25 - NERC Compliance & Cyber Security	-	RB_GUP-Land_P	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adjs 27 - 33 Incentive Compensation & Payroll Adjustments	-	LABOR_M	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adj 38 - ARO Depreciation Expense	(98,962)	RB_GUP-Land_P	TOTAL	(98,962)	(49,066)	(12,433)	(7,254)	(28,358)	(1,569)	(22)	(210)	(50)
Adj XX Cost of Removal	1,667,845	PROD_DEMAND	TOTAL	1,667,845	826,932	209,541	122,249	477,920	26,435	377	3,546	844
Adj 51 - Def and Amortize GreenHat Default Charges	-	TRANS_TOTAL	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adj 58 - Sales and Use Tax	13,800	TDPLANT	TOTAL	13,800	8,637	2,142	679	1,847	151	2	299	42
Adj 36 - Depreciation/Amortization Adjustments - Prod	(91,601)	RB_GUP-Land_P	TOTAL	(91,601)	(45,417)	(11,508)	(6,714)	(26,248)	(1,452)	(21)	(195)	(46)
Adj 36 - Depreciation/Amortization Adjustments - Trans	(87,249)	RB_GUP-Land_T	TOTAL	(87,249)	(42,972)	(10,883)	(6,347)	(25,477)	(1,371)	(20)	(145)	(34)
Adj 36 - Depreciation/Amortization Adjustments - Dist	(160,072)	RB_GUP-Land_D	TOTAL	(160,072)	(116,012)	(28,456)	(5,008)	(2,703)	(1,178)	(23)	(5,882)	(809)
Adj 36 - Depreciation/Amortization Adjustments - Gen & Int	(10,441)	RB_GUP-Land_G	TOTAL	(10,441)	(6,086)	(1,537)	(527)	(2,024)	(118)	(2)	(136)	(14)
Adj 60 - Excess ADFIT 281 Protected	549,697	RB_GUP	TOTAL	549,697	321,012	80,136	31,109	100,898	6,849	107	8,385	1,202
Adj 60 - Excess ADFIT 282 Protected and Unprotected	18,002,602	RB_GUP	TOTAL	18,002,602	10,513,151	2,624,452	1,018,814	3,304,408	224,319	3,498	274,597	39,363
Adj 60 - Excess ADFIT 283 Unprotected	11,114,134	RB_GUP	TOTAL	11,114,134	6,490,427	1,620,239	628,978	2,040,018	138,486	2,160	169,526	24,301
Adj 42 - AFUDC Offset	-	PROD_DEMAND	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Adjustments to DFIT	31,070,231		TOTAL	31,070,231	17,999,979	4,496,787	1,784,581	5,873,323	392,443	6,089	451,999	65,030
Total Deferred FIT	(8,715,252)		TOTAL	(8,715,252)	(5,032,842)	(1,272,437)	(461,794)	(1,713,235)	(101,406)	(1,699)	(117,746)	(14,092)
Feedback Prior ITC Normalization Tax		RB_GUP	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Federal Income Tax	4,035,552		TOTAL	4,035,552	(4,012,414)	2,970,830	2,560,802	1,130,099	715,980	12,266	526,573	131,415
Total Income Tax	6,886,089		TOTAL	6,886,089	(3,960,434)	3,984,806	3,299,601	1,779,533	916,764	15,703	682,947	167,169
Total Expenses	529,722,978		TOTAL	529,722,978	256,062,122	73,620,772	37,127,696	147,958,986	8,260,463	133,446	5,582,455	977,039

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Net Operating Income	45,575,400		TOTAL	45,575,400	3,380,560	15,796,680	11,189,878	8,938,094	3,049,729	51,968	2,588,306	580,183
AFUDC Offset												
Production	534,059	PROD_DEMAND	TOTAL	534,059	264,791	67,097	39,145	153,034	8,465	121	1,135	270
Transmission	2,014,843	RB_GUP_EPIS_T	TOTAL	2,014,843	992,659	251,414	146,632	587,825	31,665	452	3,389	807
Distribution	954,261	RB_GUP_EPIS_D	TOTAL	954,261	691,080	169,546	30,348	16,466	7,132	140	34,765	4,785
General & Intangible	181,783	LABOR_M	TOTAL	181,783	105,963	26,759	9,174	35,232	2,012	35	2,360	248
Total Per Books AFUDC Offset	3,684,946		TOTAL	3,684,946	2,054,492	514,816	225,300	792,558	49,274	747	41,650	6,109
Adj 42 - AFUDC Offset	4,921,688	PROD_DEMAND	TOTAL	4,921,688	2,440,215	618,340	360,749	1,410,308	78,008	1,114	10,464	2,491
Total AFUDC Offset Adjustments	4,921,688		TOTAL	4,921,688	2,440,215	618,340	360,749	1,410,308	78,008	1,114	10,464	2,491
Total Adjusted AFUDC Offsets	8,606,634		TOTAL	8,606,634	4,494,708	1,133,156	586,049	2,202,865	127,282	1,861	52,114	8,600
Adjusted Net Operating Income	54,182,034		TOTAL	54,182,034	7,875,268	16,929,836	11,775,927	11,140,959	3,177,011	53,829	2,640,420	588,784
Current Rate of Return				3.02%	0.75%	6.44%	11.76%	3.42%	14.10%	15.14%	9.09%	14.10%
O&M Labor												
Production Demand	9,581,657	PROD_DEMAND	TOTAL	9,581,657	4,750,668	1,203,799	702,314	2,745,620	151,868	2,168	20,371	4,849
Production Energy	5,601,410	PROD_ENERGY	TOTAL	5,601,410	2,058,062	658,648	432,083	2,309,238	94,358	1,747	38,296	8,978
Transmission	3,508,862	EXP_OM_TRAN	TOTAL	3,508,862	1,728,536	437,788	255,330	1,024,008	55,137	788	5,876	1,399
Distribution	10,176,000	EXP_OM_DIST	TOTAL	10,176,000	7,769,895	1,928,705	216,277	116,115	50,371	1,271	65,784	27,581
Customer Accounts	2,909,767	EXP_OM_CUSTACCT	TOTAL	2,909,767	2,212,162	449,894	6,918	1,125	2,052	112	236,789	715
Customer Service	191,818	EXP_OM_CUSTSERV	TOTAL	191,818	115,949	27,219	400	62	122	7	48,010	48
Total	31,969,514		TOTAL	31,969,514	18,635,273	4,706,054	1,613,322	6,196,168	353,909	6,092	415,127	43,569
Adjusted Fuel & Purchased Power												
Adjusted Purchase Power Demand	9,982,039	PROD_DEMAND	TOTAL	9,982,039	4,949,180	1,254,102	731,662	2,860,349	158,214	2,258	21,223	5,052
Adjusted Purchase Power Energy & Fuel	186,208,329	PROD_ENERGY	TOTAL	186,208,329	68,416,412	21,895,527	14,363,782	76,766,256	3,136,769	58,066	1,273,062	298,455
Calculation of Proposed Revenues												
Proposed Operating Income	124,288,708	RATEBASE	TOTAL	124,288,709	48,864,966	27,200,434	15,691,516	23,878,918	4,057,589	67,729	3,775,503	752,054
Proposed Rate of Return				6.93%	4.66%	10.35%	15.66%	7.33%	18.01%	19.05%	13.00%	18.01%
Income Increase	70,106,674		TOTAL	70,106,675	40,989,698	10,270,598	3,915,589	12,737,959	880,578	13,900	1,135,083	163,270
Gross Revenue Conversion Factor	1.33990											
Revenue Increase	93,935,725		TOTAL	93,935,727	54,921,975	13,761,543	5,246,486	17,067,553	1,179,884	18,625	1,520,894	218,766
Percent Revenue Increase				18.69%	24.14%	17.25%	12.19%	12.87%	11.53%	11.14%	19.44%	14.75%
Proposed Sales Revenue	596,602,363		TOTAL	596,602,365	282,479,538	93,529,669	48,281,642	149,668,670	11,412,403	185,827	9,343,135	1,701,481

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Allocation Factor	Total Retail	RS	GS-SEC	GS-PRI	GS-SUB	LGS-SEC	LGS-PRI	LGS-SUB	LGS-TRA	IGS-SEC	IGS-PRI	IGS-SUB	IGS-TRA	PS-SEC	PS-PRI	MW	OL	SL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
TRANS_TOTAL PRODUCTION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TRANS_TOTAL BULKTRAN	0.75930000	0.37646745	0.09414241	0.00119315	0.00005972	0.04223678	0.01157612	0.00184212	-	0.00182579	0.03322623	0.16189618	0.02062888	0.01181273	0.00022205	0.00017179	0.00161433	0.00038428
TRANS_TOTAL SUBTRAN	0.24070000	0.11615273	0.02897934	0.00036805	0.00002373	0.01286921	0.00353293	0.00071015	-	0.00054536	0.01021736	0.06349503	-	0.00360964	0.00006924	0.00005266	0.00006026	0.00001431
TRANS_TOTAL DISTPRI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TRANS_TOTAL DISTSEC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TRANS_TOTAL ENERGY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TRANS_TOTAL CUSTOMER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TRANS_TOTAL TOTAL	1.00000000	0.49262018	0.12312176	0.00156120	0.00008344	0.05510599	0.01510906	0.00255226	-	0.00237115	0.04344359	0.22539121	0.02062888	0.01542237	0.00029129	0.00022445	0.00167459	0.00039859
WEATHER_FXNL PRODUCTION	0.47643456	0.41837021	0.03400511	0.00018058	-	0.01491427	0.00429176	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00455394	0.00011878	-	-	-
WEATHER_FXNL BULKTRAN	(0.08569465)	(0.08580766)	(0.00137864)	(0.00000280)	-	0.00076720	0.00026901	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00045039	0.00000784	-	-	-
WEATHER_FXNL SUBTRAN	(0.02566556)	(0.02569222)	(0.00041341)	(0.00000086)	-	0.00022594	0.00007930	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00013332	0.00000237	-	-	-
WEATHER_FXNL DISTPRI	0.05185838	0.04143730	0.00560685	0.00003199	-	0.00291888	0.00085908	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00097970	0.00002459	-	-	-
WEATHER_FXNL DISTSEC	0.01964009	0.01677801	0.00177956	-	-	0.00080484	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00027769	-	-	-	-
WEATHER_FXNL ENERGY	0.31712362	0.27547793	0.02416811	0.00012079	-	0.01096983	0.00311007	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00319039	0.00008650	-	-	-
WEATHER_FXNL CUSTOMER	0.24630356	0.22257281	0.02281756	0.00011063	-	0.00046758	0.00015908	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00017317	0.00000275	-	-	-
WEATHER_FXNL TOTAL	1.00000000	0.86313638	0.08658514	0.00044034	-	0.03106853	0.00876829	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00975849	0.00024283	-	-	-
WEATHER_FXNL_OM PRODUCTION	0.30323643	0.26388759	0.02394321	0.00012716	-	0.00950708	0.00272548	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00297153	0.00007438	-	-	-
WEATHER_FXNL_OM BULKTRAN	0.01403620	0.01222995	0.00110162	0.00000584	-	0.00043516	0.00012466	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00013557	0.00000340	-	-	-
WEATHER_FXNL_OM SUBTRAN	0.00432622	0.00377219	0.00033908	0.00000180	-	0.00013260	0.00003805	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00004144	0.00000106	-	-	-
WEATHER_FXNL_OM DISTPRI	0.02375508	0.02072744	0.00186204	0.00000990	-	0.00071809	0.00020651	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00022534	0.00000577	-	-	-
WEATHER_FXNL_OM DISTSEC	0.00964947	0.00872591	0.00063777	-	-	0.00021587	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00006991	-	-	-	-
WEATHER_FXNL_OM ENERGY	0.46181599	0.38556579	0.04420716	0.00023135	-	0.01982819	0.00559522	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00623140	0.00015688	-	-	-
WEATHER_FXNL_OM CUSTOMER	0.18318062	0.16822752	0.01449427	0.00006428	-	0.00023154	0.00007836	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00008331	0.00000134	-	-	-
WEATHER_FXNL_OM TOTAL	1.00000000	0.86313638	0.08658514	0.00044034	-	0.03106853	0.00876829	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00975849	0.00024283	-	-	-

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Table with columns: ALLOCATOR, FUNCTION, Total, RS, GS-SEC, GS-PRI, GS-SUB, LGS-SEC, LGS-PRI, LGS-SUB, LGS-TRA, IGS-SEC, IGS-PRI, IGS-SUB, IGS-TRA, PS-SEC, PS-PRI, MW, OL, SL. It contains detailed cost allocation data for REYVEC_FXNL, FORF_DISC_FXNL, and WEATHER_FXNL.

**Kentucky Power Company
Proposed Revenue Allocation
Twelve Months Ended March 31, 2023**

Current Class (1)	Current Revenue (2)	Rate Base (3)	Current Income (4)	Current ROR % (5)	Proposed Revenue Allocation					
					Income Increase (6)	Income (7)	ROR % (8)	Revenue Increase (9)	Sales Revenue (10)	Percent Increase (11)
RS	227,557,563	1,048,609,520	7,875,268	0.75	40,989,698	48,864,966	4.66	54,921,976	282,479,539	24.14
GS	79,768,125	262,745,215	16,929,836	6.44	10,270,598	27,200,434	10.35	13,761,544	93,529,669	17.25
LGS	53,267,675	122,696,828	14,952,938	12.19	4,796,167	19,749,105	16.10	6,426,370	59,694,045	12.06
IGS	132,601,117	325,865,868	11,140,959	3.42	12,737,959	23,878,918	7.33	17,067,553	149,668,670	12.87
MW	167,202	355,593	53,829	15.14	13,900	67,729	19.05	18,624	185,826	11.14
OL	7,822,241	29,038,015	2,640,420	9.09	1,135,083	3,775,503	13.00	1,520,894	9,343,135	19.44
SL	1,482,715	4,176,817	588,784	14.10	163,270	752,054	18.01	218,765	1,701,480	14.75
Total	502,666,638	1,793,487,856	54,182,034	3.02	70,106,675	124,288,709	6.93	93,935,726	596,602,364	18.69

Gross Rev Conversion Factor:

1.33990

**Kentucky Power Company
Current Equalized Results
Twelve Months Ended March 31, 2023**

<u>Current Class</u> (1)	<u>Current Revenue</u> (2)	<u>Rate Base</u> (3)	<u>Current Income</u> (4)	<u>Current ROR %</u> (5)	<u>Current Equalized Rate of Return</u>						<u>Current Subsidy</u> (12)=(11)-(2)	<u>Relative ROR</u>
					<u>Percent Increase</u> (6)	<u>Revenue Increase</u> (7)	<u>Income Increase</u> (8)	<u>Income</u> (9)	<u>ROR %</u> (10)	<u>Sales Revenue</u> (11)		
RS	227,557,563	1,048,609,520	7,875,268	0.75	14.02	31,894,472	23,803,673	31,678,941	3.02	259,452,035	31,894,472	0.25
GS	79,768,125	262,745,215	16,929,836	6.44	-15.10	(12,048,611)	(8,992,191)	7,937,645	3.02	67,719,514	(12,048,611)	2.13
LGS	53,267,675	122,696,828	14,952,938	12.19	-28.29	(15,068,770)	(11,246,215)	3,706,723	3.02	38,198,905	(15,068,770)	4.04
IGS	132,601,117	325,865,868	11,140,959	3.42	-1.31	(1,737,059)	(1,296,412)	9,844,547	3.02	130,864,058	(1,737,059)	1.13
MW	167,202	355,593	53,829	15.14	-34.53	(57,730)	(43,086)	10,743	3.02	109,472	(57,730)	5.01
OL	7,822,241	29,038,015	2,640,420	9.09	-30.20	(2,362,465)	(1,763,169)	877,251	3.02	5,459,776	(2,362,465)	3.01
SL	1,482,715	4,176,817	588,784	14.10	-41.80	(619,837)	(462,601)	126,183	3.02	862,878	(619,837)	4.67
Total	502,666,638	1,793,487,856	54,182,034	3.02	0.00	0	(1)	54,182,033	3.02	502,666,638	0	1.00

Gross Rev Conversion Factor: 1.339897

**Kentucky Power Company
Proposed Revenue Allocation
Twelve Months Ended March 31, 2023**

Current Class (1)	Current Revenue (2)	Rate Base (3)	Current Income (4)	Current ROR % (5)	Equalized Rate of Return					Sales Revenue (11)	100% of Current Subsidy (12)	Base Proposed Increase (13)=(7)-(12)	Base Percent Increase (14)
					Percent Increase (6)	Revenue Increase (7)	Income Increase (8)	Income (9)	ROR % (10)				
RS	227,557,563	1,048,609,520	7,875,268	0.75	38.15	86,816,448	64,793,372	72,668,640	6.93	314,374,011	31,894,472	54,921,976	24.14
GS	79,768,125	262,745,215	16,929,836	6.44	2.15	1,712,933	1,278,407	18,208,243	6.93	81,481,058	(12,048,611)	13,761,544	17.25
LGS	53,267,675	122,696,828	14,952,938	12.19	-16.22	(8,642,400)	(6,450,048)	8,502,890	6.93	44,625,275	(15,068,770)	6,426,370	12.06
IGS	132,601,117	325,865,868	11,140,959	3.42	11.56	15,330,494	11,441,546	22,582,505	6.93	147,931,611	(1,737,059)	17,067,553	12.87
MW	167,202	355,593	53,829	15.14	-23.39	(39,106)	(29,186)	24,643	6.93	128,096	(57,730)	18,624	11.14
OL	7,822,241	29,038,015	2,640,420	9.09	-10.76	(841,571)	(628,086)	2,012,334	6.93	6,980,670	(2,362,465)	1,520,894	19.44
SL	1,482,715	4,176,817	588,784	14.10	-27.05	(401,072)	(299,331)	289,453	6.93	1,081,643	(619,837)	218,765	14.75
Total	502,666,638	1,793,487,856	54,182,034	3.02	18.69	93,935,726	70,106,674	124,288,708 124,288,708	6.93	596,602,364	0	93,935,726	18.69

Gross Rev Conversion Factor: 1.339897

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 For Electric)
Service; (2) Approval Of Tariffs And Riders; (3))
Approval Of Accounting Practices To Establish) Case No. 2023-00159
Regulatory Assets And Liabilities; (4) A Securitization)
Financing Order; And (5) All Other Required)
Approvals And Relief)

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
HEATHER M. WHITNEY
ON BEHALF OF KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY

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HEATHER M. WHITNEY, ON BEHALF OF
KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY**

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I. INTRODUCTION

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS AND POSITION.**

2 A. My name is Heather M. Whitney. My business address is 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus,
3 Ohio 43215. I am employed by American Electric Power Service Corporation
4 (“AEPSC”) as a Director in Regulatory Accounting Services. AEPSC is a wholly-owned
5 subsidiary of American Electric Power Company, Inc. (“AEP”). AEP is the parent
6 company of Kentucky Power Company (“Kentucky Power” or the “Company”).

II. BACKGROUND

7 **Q. PLEASE DISCUSS YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND**
8 **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS.**

9 A. I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture and a Master of Accounting Degree
10 from The Ohio State University in June 2005. I have been a Certified Public Accountant
11 since 2007, transitioning my Ohio license to inactive status in 2012. I began my career in
12 2005 as an auditor within Ernst & Young’s Columbus, Ohio, Assurance Services practice.
13 I joined AEPSC as an internal auditor in 2008 and held roles of increasing responsibility
14 within the AEPSC Audit Services function through early 2016, when I accepted a role
15 within the AEPSC Accounting function. Since early 2016, I have held roles of increasing
16 responsibility in a diverse set of disciplines within the AEPSC Accounting function,
17 including Manager Derivative Accounting Policy & Research (2016), Director

1 Commercial Accounting (2017), and Director Tax Accounting & Support Services (2018).
2 I assumed my current role of Director Regulatory Accounting Services in 2019.

3 **Q. WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS DIRECTOR IN THE REGULATORY**
4 **ACCOUNTING SERVICES GROUP?**

5 A. My primary responsibilities in Regulatory Accounting Services involve providing AEP
6 operating subsidiaries, including Kentucky Power, with accounting support for regulatory
7 filings. This accounting support includes the preparation of cost of service adjustments,
8 accounting schedules, testimony, and responses to data requests. Also, I monitor regulatory
9 proceedings, settlements, orders, and legislation for accounting implications and
10 participate in determining the appropriate regulatory accounting and financial reporting
11 treatment of regulatory transactions.

12 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED OR SUBMITTED TESTIMONY IN A**
13 **REGULATORY PROCEEDING?**

14 A. Yes, I have testified before the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Case Nos. 2020-
15 00174 and 2022-00283. In addition, I have filed testimony with the Kentucky Public
16 Service Commission in Case No. 2021-00004. I have filed testimony with the Oklahoma
17 Corporation Commission in Cause Nos. 202100055, 202100076, and 2022-000093. I have
18 also filed testimony with the Public Utilities Commission of Texas in Case No. 49494 and
19 with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio in Case No. 05-376-EL-UNC.

III. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

20 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

21 A. The purpose of my testimony is to support certain known and measurable adjustments to
22 the Company's revenues and operating expenses, rate base, and capitalization for the test

1 year ended (twelve months ended) March 31, 2023. I have provided the adjustments to
2 revenues and operating expenses and rate base to Company Witness Walsh to include in
3 the computation of the Company's jurisdictional revenue requirement. I have provided the
4 adjustments to capitalization to Company Witness Walsh to present in Section V, Schedule
5 3.

6 **Q. ARE YOU SPONSORING ANY SCHEDULES?**

7 A. Yes, I am sponsoring Section IV filed with the Company's Application.

IV. SUMMARY OF ADJUSTMENTS

8 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TYPES OF ADJUSTMENTS THAT YOU HAVE**
9 **PREPARED FOR THIS CASE.**

10 A. I have prepared three types of adjustments in this case. First, I have prepared numerous
11 adjustments to test year revenue and operating expense amounts. Second, I have prepared
12 adjustments to the Company's rate base. Third, I have prepared adjustments to the
13 Company's capitalization. The adjustments are described in detail in the Revenue and
14 Operating Expense Adjustments, Rate Base Adjustment, and Capitalization Adjustment
15 sections of my testimony.

16 **Q. HOW DID YOU DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE ALLOCATION FACTORS**
17 **FOR THE ADJUSTMENTS THAT YOU ARE SPONSORING?**

18 A. For all of the adjustments that I sponsor and, in my testimony, below, I calculated the total
19 Company adjustments and applied operations and maintenance ("O&M") and retail
20 allocation factors (as applicable) that were provided to me by Company Witness Walsh.

1 **Q. DOES THE APPLICATION INCLUDE SUPPORT FOR THE ADJUSTMENTS**
 2 **INCLUDED IN YOUR TESTIMONY?**

3 A. Yes. See Section V, Exhibit 2.

V. REVENUE AND OPERATING EXPENSE ADJUSTMENTS

4 **Q. WHAT TYPES OF REVENUE AND OPERATING EXPENSE ADJUSTMENTS DID**
 5 **YOU PREPARE?**

6 A. The adjustments to test year revenue and operating expense that I prepared fall into five
 7 broad categories: (1) rider and surcharge-related adjustments, (2) payroll and benefit-
 8 related adjustments, (3) depreciation and asset retirement obligation-related adjustments,
 9 (4) regulatory asset amortization-related adjustments, and (5) other O&M adjustments.

10 **Q. CAN YOU PROVIDE A LIST OF THE REVENUE AND OPERATING EXPENSE**
 11 **ADJUSTMENTS THAT YOU ARE SPONSORING?**

12 A. Yes. The table below identifies the revenue and operating expense adjustments that I am
 13 sponsoring. The details supporting the calculations of these adjustments are included on
 14 referenced pages of Exhibit 2 to Section V of the Application.

Category	Adjustment Description	Reference in Section V, Exhibit 2
Rider and Surcharge Related Adjustments	Remove Tariff D.R. Revenues and Expenses	W02
	Remove Tariff P.P.A. Revenues and Non-Transmission Expenses Recovered Through Tariff P.P.A.	W09
	Remove Tariff D.S.M.C. Revenues and Expenses	W10
	Remove Tariff R.E.A. Revenues and Expenses	W11
	Remove Tariff K.E.D.S. Revenues and Expenses	W12

Category	Adjustment Description	Reference in Section V, Exhibit 2
Payroll and Benefit Adjustments	Adjust Pension and OPEB Expense	W21
	Adjust Employee Related Group Benefit Expense	W22
	Remove Severance Expense	W25
	KPCo Incentive Compensation Expense Adjustment	W27
	KPCo Annualization of Payroll Expense Adjustment	W28
	KPCo Overtime Related to Employee Merit Increases	W29
	KPCo Medicare Tax Expense Adjustment	W30
	KPCo Social Security Tax Expense Adjustment	W31
Depreciation and Asset Retirement Obligation Expense Adjustments	KPCo Social Security Tax Base Adjustment	W32
	Annualization of Depreciation Expense (Excluding ARO Depreciation) at Existing Rates	W34
	Annualization of ARO Depreciation Expense	W35
Adjustments Related to Amortization of Jurisdictional Deferrals	Annualization of ARO Accretion Expense	W36
	Amortization of Big Sandy Unit 1 Operations Rider Deferral	W17
	Amortization of NERC Compliance and Cybersecurity Cost Deferral	W24
	Amortization of Deferred Plant Maintenance Costs	W48
Other O&M Adjustments	Remove Certain Regulatory Asset Amortizations Not Recovered Through Base Rates	W59
	Adjust Interest on Customer Deposits	W15
	Normalization of Storm Damage Expense	W16
	Annualization of Lease Expense	W20
	Normalize Bad Debt Expense	W26
	AFUDC Offset Adjustment	W38
	Remove Adjustment to Joint Use Pole Rental Revenue and Expense Related to a Prior Period	W44
	Remove Non-Ongoing Expense Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic	W45
	Remove Insurance Proceeds Related to Prior Period	W46
	Remove Rockport UPA Non-Fuel Expense, Net of Deferral	W47
	Normalize Non-F.A.C Eligible Purchased Power Expense	W57
Recover Actual, Incremental Non-F.A.C Eligible Purchased Power Expense Since Last Base Case (Excluding Winter Storm Elliott)	W58	

Rider and Surcharge Related Adjustments

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Q. DID YOU MAKE ANY COST OF SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS FOR RIDERS WITH OVER-/UNDER-RECOVERY ACCOUNTING?

A. Yes. For riders with over-/under-recovery accounting, I made certain adjustments to remove revenue and expense amounts related to the over-/under-recovery in order to avoid including certain rider-related amounts in the determination of the Company's base rates.

Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE BASIS FOR OVER-/UNDER-RECOVERY ACCOUNTING.

A. Financial Accounting Standards Board's ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 980-340-25-1 (regulatory assets) requires deferral accounting based on the existence of a regulatory asset when there is probability of recovery from customers in the future for an under-recovery of costs. ASC 980-405-25-1 (regulatory liabilities) requires deferral accounting based on the existence of a regulatory liability when a true-up to actual costs results in an over-recovery and probability of refund to customers in the future.

Q. FOR WHICH RIDERS DID YOU MAKE TEST YEAR COST OF SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS RELATED TO OVER-/UNDER-RECOVERY?

A. I made adjustments to the test year cost of service for the Decommissioning Rider ("Tariff D.R."), Tariff Purchase Power Adjustment ("Tariff P.P.A."), and Tariff Demand-Side Management Adjustment Clause ("Tariff D.S.M.C.").

Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ADJUSTMENTS THAT YOU ARE SPONSORING RELATED TO TARIFF D.R. IN SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W02.

A. Because the Company recovers the costs associated with the decommissioning of coal-related assets at Big Sandy through Tariff D.R. and not through base rates, any revenues

1 and expenses related to Tariff D.R. must be removed from the Company's cost of service.
2 Accordingly, I made the following adjustments relating to Tariff D.R. revenue and expense
3 for the test year ended March 31, 2023:

- 4 1. A decrease to test year revenue of \$(28,713,724) in Accounts 440-444 to remove Tariff
5 D.R. charges from revenue.
- 6 2. A removal of both test year Big Sandy coal-related O&M expense of \$(3,845) (retail
7 jurisdictional amount) in Accounts 501, 506, and 920 and removal of the corresponding
8 deferral of Big Sandy coal-related O&M expense of \$3,845 (retail jurisdictional
9 amount) in Account 512. This removal of offsetting O&M expense and the deferral of
10 O&M expense had no impact on test year cost of service.
- 11 3. A removal of both test year asset retirement obligation ("ARO") accretion expense of
12 \$(174,650) (retail jurisdictional amount) in Account 411.1 and removal of the
13 corresponding deferral of test year ARO accretion expense of \$174,650 (retail
14 jurisdictional amount) in Account 411.1, both related to Big Sandy coal-related ARO
15 accretion expense. This removal of offsetting ARO accretion expense and the deferral
16 of ARO accretion expense had no impact on test year cost of service.
- 17 4. A decrease in test year amortization expense of \$(13,032,207) (retail jurisdictional
18 amount) in Account 407.3 to remove amortization expense of the net Tariff D.R.
19 regulatory asset.

20 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE GOING-LEVEL ADJUSTMENTS THAT YOU ARE**
21 **SPONSORING RELATED TO TARIFF P.P.A. IN SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W09.**

22 A. Because the Company recovers certain purchased power costs through Tariff P.P.A. and not
23 through base rates, any revenues and expenses related to Tariff P.P.A. must be removed

1 from the Company's cost of service. Refer to the adjustment at Section V, Exhibit 2 W23,
2 sponsored by Company Witness Walsh for the Company's adjustment addressing PJM
3 load-serving entity Open Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT") expense. I made the
4 following adjustments relating to Tariff P.P.A. revenue and non-OATT expenses for the test
5 year ended March 31, 2023 (retail jurisdictional amounts):

- 6 1. An decrease to test year revenue of \$(21,021,955) in Accounts 440-444 to remove
7 Tariff P.P.A. charges from revenue.
- 8 2. A decrease to test year O&M expense of \$(2,631,871) in Account 555 to remove
9 amortization related to recovery of the Rockport Deferral which began on December 9,
10 2022, pursuant to the December 8, 2022 Order in Case No. 2022-00283.
- 11 3. A decrease to test year O&M expense of \$(3,989,249) in Account 555 to remove the
12 net annual cost of credits provided to customers under Tariff Contract Service -
13 Interruptible Power ("C.S.-I.R.P") and Rider Demand Response Service ("D.R.S.").
- 14 4. An increase to test year O&M expense of \$6,727,358 in Account 566 to remove deferral
15 of the net test year under-recovery of expenses related to Tariff P.P.A.

16 Refer to Section V, Exhibit 2 W09, Lines 13 through 25 for a reconciliation of test year
17 Tariff P.P.A. revenues to test year recoverable costs, which supports that appropriate
18 adjustments have been made to remove revenues and expenses related to Tariff P.P.A from
19 the Company's cost of service.

20 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE GOING-LEVEL ADJUSTMENTS THAT YOU ARE**
21 **SPONSORING RELATED TO TARIFF D.S.M.C. IN SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W10.**

22 A. Tariff D.S.M.C. continues to recover lost revenue, incentives and program costs as
23 previously approved by the Commission. This adjustment involves the removal of all

1 Tariff D.S.M.C. revenue and O&M expense. The components of these net adjustments for
2 the test year ended March 31, 2023 are described below:

3 1. Decrease in test year other electric revenues of \$(307,780) in Account 456, composed
4 of the following:

- 5 ◦ Remove Demand Side Management (“DSM”) Revenues of \$(336,159).
- 6 ◦ Remove DSM Over/Under Recovery (Incentives & Lost Revenue) of \$46,762.
- 7 ◦ Remove DSM Incentive Revenue Accrued of \$(2,656).
- 8 ◦ Remove DSM Lost Revenue Accrued of \$(15,727).

9 2. Decrease in test year O&M expense of \$(289,397) in Account 908, composed of the
10 following items related to program costs:

- 11 ◦ Remove DSM Over/Under Recovery (O&M Program Cost) of \$(289,397).
- 12 ◦ Remove DSM O&M Program Cost Expense of \$(349,051).
- 13 ◦ Remove DSM O&M Program Cost Over/under Deferral of \$349,051.

14 The net DSM adjustments result in decreases of \$(307,780) in test year revenue and
15 \$(289,397) in test year expense. These decreases are all directly assigned to the Company’s
16 retail jurisdiction.

17 **Q. DID YOU MAKE ANY COST OF SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS FOR CERTAIN**
18 **RIDERS WITHOUT OVER-/UNDER-RECOVERY ACCOUNTING?**

19 A. Yes. I made adjustments to test year cost of service for Tariff Residential Energy Assistance
20 (“Tariff R.E.A.”) and Tariff Kentucky Economic Development Surcharge (“Tariff
21 K.E.D.S.”).

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE GOING-LEVEL ADJUSTMENTS THAT YOU ARE**
2 **SPONSORING RELATED TO TARIFF R.E.A. IN SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W11.**

3 A. For this adjustment, test year retail Tariff R.E.A. revenue of \$(476,213) recorded to
4 Accounts 440-444 is removed and corresponding expense of \$(476,213) recorded as O&M
5 expense to Account 908 is also removed. These Tariff R.E.A. revenue and expense
6 adjustments are directly assigned to the Company's retail jurisdiction.

7 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE GOING-LEVEL ADJUSTMENTS THAT YOU ARE**
8 **SPONSORING RELATED TO THE COMPANY'S TARIFF K.E.D.S. AS**
9 **DESCRIBED IN SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W12.**

10 A. For this adjustment, test year retail Tariff K.E.D.S. revenue of \$(372,763) in Accounts 440-
11 444 is removed and corresponding expense of \$(372,763) recorded as O&M expense to
12 Account 908 is also removed. These Tariff K.E.D.S. revenue and expense adjustments are
13 directly assigned to the Company's retail jurisdiction.

14 **Payroll and Benefit Adjustments**

15 **Q. ARE SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS NECESSARY WHEN CALCULATING**
16 **GOING LEVEL COST OF SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS FOR PAYROLL AND**
17 **BENEFIT RELATED ISSUES?**

18 A. Yes. All of the payroll and benefit cost of service adjustments discussed below properly
19 are limited to Kentucky Power's ownership share of generation plant-related labor costs
20 and are exclusive of amounts properly billed or allocated to Wheeling Power and AEP
21 Generation Resources for their ownership shares of Mitchell Plant and Kammer Plant,
22 respectively.

1 The Company owns an undivided 50% interest in the Mitchell Plant. Through
2 August 2022, the Company was also the operator of the Mitchell Plant. In September 2022,
3 Wheeling Power Company (“Wheeling Power”), an affiliated AEP subsidiary company
4 and owner of the remaining 50% undivided interest in the Mitchell Plant, became operator
5 of the Mitchell Plant, pursuant to the September 1, 2022 Written Consent Action of the
6 Mitchell Operating Committee. The plant operator initially records 100% of all Mitchell
7 Plant labor costs charged by employees. Then, the plant operator bills the other joint owner
8 of the plant its share of Mitchell Plant labor costs, in accordance with the Mitchell
9 Operating Agreement, including the September 1, 2022 Written Consent Action of the
10 Mitchell Operating Committee. The Mitchell Plant Operating Agreement is included as
11 Exhibit V to Section II of the Company’s Application.

12 In May 2015, AEP Generation Resources Inc. (“AEP Generation Resources”), an
13 affiliated AEP subsidiary company, ceased operations at its Kammer Plant generating
14 facility due to pending environmental regulations. Due to the proximity of Kammer Plant
15 to Mitchell Plant, certain Company employees worked at the Kammer Plant during the
16 ongoing shutdown of the plant facility. Through August 2022, the Company initially
17 recorded 100% of all Kammer Plant retiree pension and other post-retirement benefit costs
18 applicable to these employees and then billed 100% of these retiree costs to AEP
19 Generation Resources. In September 2022, in conjunction with the implementation of the
20 September 1, 2022 Written Consent Action of the Mitchell Operating Committee, these
21 pension and other post-retirement benefit costs were transferred to AGR.

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE COST OF SERVICE ADJUSTMENT FOR PENSION**
2 **AND OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (“OPEB”) (SECTION V,**
3 **EXHIBIT 2 W21).**

4 A. This adjustment accounts for known changes from test year pension and OPEB costs
5 related to both active and inactive Company employees, and the Company’s 50%
6 ownership share of related Mitchell Plant employee costs billed pursuant to the Mitchell
7 Operating Agreement (discussed above). This adjustment is based on 2023 forecasts, as
8 provided by the Company’s actuaries, Willis, Towers and Watson, less actual costs for the
9 test year ended March 31, 2023. After applying corresponding O&M and retail allocation
10 factors, the retail jurisdictional share of the cost of service decrease for pension and OPEB
11 expense is \$(811,799).

12 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE COST OF SERVICE ADJUSTMENT FOR EMPLOYEE**
13 **GROUP BENEFITS (SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W22).**

14 A. This adjustment accounts for known changes from test year values in medical, dental, life
15 and long-term disability coverage for Company employees, and the Company’s 50%
16 ownership share of related Mitchell Plant employee costs billed pursuant to the Mitchell
17 Operating Agreement (discussed above). The adjustment is based on the number of
18 employees enrolled in each plan as of March 31, 2023 and actual cost per employee for
19 2023 compared to actual Company medical, dental, life and long-term disability coverage
20 costs for the test year ended March 31, 2023. After applying corresponding O&M and
21 retail allocation factors, the retail jurisdictional share of the net cost of service increase for
22 group benefit expense is \$77,962.

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE COST OF SERVICE ADJUSTMENT RELATED TO**
2 **SEVERANCE EXPENSE (SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W25).**

3 A. This Company considered a cost of service adjustment related to severance expense;
4 however, there was no severance expense in the test year. Therefore, it was not necessary
5 to adjust the test year cost of service.

6 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE COST OF SERVICE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE**
7 **COMPANY'S INCENTIVE COMPENSATION (SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W27).**

8 A. As described by Company Witness Carlin, the AEP System offers two types of incentive
9 pay to its employees: variable annual (or short-term) incentive compensation ("STI") and
10 long-term incentive compensation ("LTI"). Test year cost of service amounts include
11 expenses for STI, also referred to as Incentive Compensation Plan ("ICP") expense, and
12 LTI, which is composed of expenses related to Performance Share Units ("PSUs"), and
13 Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs").

14 The incentive compensation cost of service adjustment decreases test year ICP and
15 PSU expense to reflect expenses at a level of 1.0 of the incentive target to be paid to
16 employees¹ subject to meeting performance goals. No adjustment to RSU expense is
17 necessary because RSU expense per books is already at a level of 1.0 of the incentive target
18 to be paid to employees¹ subject to meeting performance goals. The retail jurisdictional
19 share of the cost of service decrease for incentive compensation expense is \$(512,807).

¹ Company employees, and the Company's 50% ownership share of related Mitchell Plant employee costs billed pursuant to the Mitchell Operating Agreement (discussed above).

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE COST OF SERVICE ADJUSTMENT FOR**
2 **ANNUALIZATION OF PAYROLL EXPENSE (SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W28).**

3 A. This adjustment increases O&M expenses to reflect the annualized base payroll expense
4 for the Company at the test year-end. Base payroll expense in the test year was updated
5 using the actual employees² on the payroll in the last pay period of March 2023 and their
6 base payroll amounts at that time (“March 2023 Base Payroll”), resulting in a calculated
7 increase in payroll expense of \$1,122,756. Next, annual merit increases and promotions
8 effective in April, May, and June 2023, as approved by the Company and provided by
9 AEPSC’s Human Resources department, were applied to March 2023 Base Payroll,
10 resulting in a calculated increase in payroll expense of \$645,270. Finally, the total payroll
11 expense increase of \$1,768,026 was multiplied by the corresponding retail allocation
12 factor, resulting in a retail jurisdictional O&M expense increase of \$1,752,114. The
13 calculation to annualize payroll expense does not include overtime, severance payments,
14 incentive payments and other remunerations.

15 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE COST OF SERVICE ADJUSTMENT FOR**
16 **ADDITIONAL OVERTIME COSTS RELATED TO MERIT INCREASES**
17 **(SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W29).**

18 A. To account for the impact of increased base pay on the Company’s overtime expense,
19 overtime costs for the test year ended March 31, 2023 were multiplied by the approved
20 average merit increase percentages for 2023. After applying the corresponding retail

² Company employees, and the Company’s 50% ownership share of related Mitchell Plant employee costs billed pursuant to the Mitchell Operating Agreement (discussed above).

1 allocation factor, the retail jurisdictional share of the cost of service increase for overtime
2 expense related to merit increases is \$191,400.

3 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE COST OF SERVICE ADJUSTMENT FOR MEDICARE**
4 **TAX EXPENSE (SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W30).**

5 A. The Company incurs Medicare tax expense for labor costs that include base pay, overtime
6 and incentives. This cost of service adjustment for Medicare tax expense is determined by
7 taking the net increase related to changes in incentives, annualization of base payroll, merit
8 increases, and the impact of merit increases on overtime. This net increase of \$1,443,701
9 is then multiplied by the Medicare tax rate of 1.45%, resulting in a \$20,934 increase in
10 Medicare tax expenses. After applying the corresponding retail allocation factor, the retail
11 jurisdictional share of the Medicare tax expense increase is \$20,745.

12 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE COST OF SERVICE ADJUSTMENT FOR SOCIAL**
13 **SECURITY TAX EXPENSE (SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W31).**

14 A. The Company incurs Social Security tax expense for labor costs that include base pay,
15 overtime and incentives. This cost of service adjustment for Social Security Tax is
16 determined by taking the net increase related to changes in incentives, annualization of
17 base payroll, merit increases, and the impact of merit increases on overtime. This net
18 increase of \$1,443,701 is then multiplied by both the percent of 2022 Company salaries
19 subject to 2022 Social Security tax and the Social Security tax rate of 6.20%, resulting in
20 a \$86,198 increase in Company test year Social Security taxes. After applying the
21 corresponding retail allocation factor, the retail jurisdictional share of the Social Security
22 tax expense increase is \$85,422.

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE COST OF SERVICE ADJUSTMENT FOR SOCIAL**
2 **SECURITY TAX BASE (SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W32).**

3 A. The Company incurs Social Security tax expense of 6.20% on each employee's combined
4 base pay, overtime and incentive compensation up to the annual Social Security tax base.
5 The tax base on which Social Security taxes are imposed increased from \$147,000 in 2022
6 to \$160,200 in 2023. Based on this tax base increase, the number of Company employees
7 who earned more than \$147,000 in 2022 and the Social Security tax rate of 6.20%, a net
8 increase in Company Social Security tax expense of \$39,283 was calculated. After
9 applying corresponding O&M and retail allocation factors, the retail jurisdictional share of
10 the cost of service increase due to the increase in the Social Security tax base is \$22,589.

11 **Depreciation and Asset Retirement Obligation Adjustments**

12 **Q. HOW DID THE COMPANY CALCULATE THE ANNUALIZATION OF**
13 **DEPRECIATION EXPENSE USING COMMISSION-APPROVED**
14 **DEPRECIATION RATES AS OF MARCH 31, 2023 IN SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2**
15 **W34?**

16 A. To properly reflect depreciation expense based on property balances at the end of the test
17 year and to reflect assets placed in service or retired during the test year, I calculated a
18 depreciation annualization adjustment by multiplying the Company's March 31, 2023
19 gross plant balances for each functional class by corresponding depreciation rates used in
20 March 2023. The resulting adjusted Current Annual Depreciation Expense is then
21 compared to the corresponding 12 Month Test Year per Books Depreciation Expense,
22 resulting in a total Company increase in depreciation expense of \$2,127,089. After
23 applying corresponding allocation factors to each functional class's depreciation expense

1 increase, the retail jurisdictional amount of the depreciation expense increase is
2 \$2,109,351.

3 **Q. WHAT ADJUSTMENTS WERE MADE TO ARRIVE AT TEST YEAR PER BOOKS**
4 **DEPRECIATION?**

5 A. Adjustments were made to remove property balances and depreciation expense for the test
6 year ended March 31, 2023 related to the Company's (1) Mitchell Plant Flue Gas
7 Desulfurization ("FGD") investment, (2) North American Electric Reliability Corporation
8 ("NERC") Compliance and Cybersecurity Cost Deferral, and (3) AROs.

9 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ADJUSTMENTS MADE IN THE ANNUALIZATION**
10 **OF DEPRECIATION EXPENSE RELATED TO THE MITCHELL PLANT FGD.**

11 A. For the calculation of the annualization of depreciation in Section V, Exhibit 2 W34,
12 March 31, 2023 property balances are reduced by \$(329,731,526) related to Mitchell Plant
13 FGD plant in service while test year per books depreciation expense is also reduced by
14 \$(9,759,570) for depreciation expense in the test year ended March 31, 2023 related to
15 Mitchell Plant FGD plant in service. These adjustments are sponsored and described by
16 Company Witness Kahn.

17 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ADJUSTMENTS MADE IN THE ANNUALIZATION**
18 **OF DEPRECIATION EXPENSE RELATED TO THE NERC COMPLIANCE AND**
19 **CYBERSECURITY COST DEFERRAL.**

20 A. For the calculation of the annualization of depreciation expense in Section V, Exhibit 2
21 W34, March 31, 2023 property balances are reduced by \$(3,843,227) related to gross plant
22 in service being recovered through the NERC Compliance and Cybersecurity Cost
23 Deferral. Test year per books depreciation expense was increased by \$722,995 to remove

1 deferral of depreciation expense (net of deferral amortization) in the test year ended
2 March 31, 2023 being recovered through the NERC Compliance and Cybersecurity Cost
3 Deferral.

4 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ADJUSTMENTS MADE IN THE ANNUALIZATION**
5 **OF DEPRECIATION EXPENSE RELATED TO ARO.**

6 A. For the calculation of the annualization of depreciation expense in Section V, Exhibit 2
7 W34, March 31, 2023 property balances are decreased by \$(11,395,238) to remove ARO
8 property balances while depreciation expense for the test year ended March 31, 2023 is
9 reduced by \$(62,537) to remove test year ARO depreciation expense on Mitchell Plant.

10 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ANNUALIZATION OF ARO DEPRECIATION**
11 **EXPENSE IN SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W35.**

12 A. The ARO depreciation annualization adjustment increases depreciation expense by
13 \$471,246. The depreciation annualization adjustment is calculated by comparing
14 annualized March 2023 ARO depreciation expense of \$540,960 to per books ARO
15 depreciation expense for the test year ended March 31, 2023 of \$62,537 (related to the
16 Company's share of Mitchell Plant AROs), resulting in a total Company ARO depreciation
17 increase of \$478,422. The retail jurisdictional amount of the ARO depreciation increase is
18 \$471,246.

19 The increase in ARO depreciation expense from the test year per book amount is
20 due to including asbestos ARO costs related to Big Sandy, Unit 1 and General Plant in the
21 cost of service. Currently, these amounts are being deferred to Account 108.0013. Upon
22 inclusion of a level of ARO depreciation expense for asbestos removal costs in base rates,
23 the Company will cease deferral to Account 108.0013 and reclass the cumulative deferral

1 to Account 108.0001. This will complete the Company's expected accounting related to
2 implementation of FASB Interpretation No. 47, Accounting for Conditional Asset
3 Retirement Obligations (as codified in ASC 410, Asset Retirement and Environmental
4 Obligations).

5 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ANNUALIZATION OF ARO ACCRETION EXPENSE**
6 **IN SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W36.**

7 A. This adjustment increases other expense by \$255,569. This increase was calculated by
8 comparing annualized March 2023 ARO accretion expense of \$817,529 to per books ARO
9 accretion expense for the test year ended March 31, 2023 of \$558,068 (related to the
10 Company's share of Mitchell Plant AROs), resulting in a total Company increase of
11 \$259,461. The retail jurisdictional amount of the ARO accretion expense increase is
12 \$255,569.

13 The increase in ARO accretion expense from the test year per book amount is due
14 to including (1) Big Sandy coal-related ARO costs and (2) asbestos ARO costs related to
15 Big Sandy, Unit 1 and General Plant in the cost of service.

16 Currently, Big Sandy coal-related ARO costs are being recovered through Tariff
17 D.R.; however, given the Company's proposal to securitize the regulatory assets
18 recoverable through Tariff D.R., the Company is proposing to recover remaining Big
19 Sandy coal-related ARO accretion expense through base rates going forward.

20 Currently, asbestos removal costs related to Big Sandy, Unit 1 and General Plant
21 are being deferred to Account 108.0013. Upon inclusion of a level of ARO accretion
22 expense for asbestos removal costs in base rates, the Company will cease deferral to
23 Account 108.0013 and reclass the cumulative deferral to Account 108.0001. This will

1 complete the Company's expected accounting related to implementation of FASB
2 Interpretation No. 47, Accounting for Conditional Asset Retirement Obligations (as
3 codified in ASC 410, Asset Retirement and Environmental Obligations).

4 **Regulatory Accounting Treatment and Amortization of Jurisdictional Deferrals**

5 **Q. HOW DOES THE COMPANY ACCOUNT FOR SIGNIFICANT REGULATORY**
6 **DEFERRALS?**

7 A. FASB ASC 980 requires deferral accounting when certain conditions are met. FASB ASC
8 980-340 requires that when incurred costs are probable of future recovery, the unrecovered
9 costs should be capitalized (deferred) as a regulatory asset and amortized to expense when
10 recovered in revenues. Conversely, FASB ASC 980-405 requires the recognition of a
11 regulatory liability/provision for refund when it becomes probable that a utility will be
12 required by a regulator to provide a refund to customers. FASB ASC 980 recognizes that
13 a regulator can provide reasonable assurance of the existence of an asset if the regulator
14 provides for the future recovery through cost-based rates of a currently incurred cost that
15 would otherwise have been charged to expense. When that occurs, the regulator-created
16 asset, or regulatory asset, must be recorded by deferring the incurred cost to be recovered
17 in the future. The deferral as a regulatory asset of unrecovered incurred costs to be
18 recovered in the future allows the Company to properly match such costs with the revenues,
19 allowing recovery of such costs in the same accounting period. The matching of cost and
20 revenue is a long-standing utility accounting concept, which produces meaningful financial
21 statements especially for cost-based regulated operations. The Federal Energy Regulatory
22 Commission ("FERC") amended its Uniform System of Accounts ("USofA"),
23 incorporating FASB ASC 980 in the USofA, in its Order 390 effective January 1, 1984. As

1 such, the Company's proposed deferral accounting is consistent with both Generally
2 Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") codified in FASB ASC 980 and the FERC
3 USofA.

4 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT TO AMORTIZE THE BIG SANDY UNIT**
5 **1 OPERATIONS RIDER DEFERRAL (SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W17).**

6 A. The January 18, 2018 Order in Case No. 2017-00179 approved recovery of Big Sandy Unit
7 1 costs in base rates effective January 19, 2018. At the time new base rates were
8 implemented, the Company stopped recording under-/over-recovery adjustments to the Big
9 Sandy Unit 1 Operations Rider ("BS1OR") regulatory asset/regulatory liability balance.
10 The final BS1OR regulatory asset balance was \$2,832,717. In Case No. 2020-00174, the
11 Company requested and was authorized to amortize \$1,083,438 over 3 years (a portion of
12 the final BS1OR regulatory asset balance), which represented a \$361,146 annual expense
13 in the cost of service. In the current case, the Company is requesting to amortize the
14 remaining BS1OR regulatory asset balance as of December 31, 2023 of \$1,749,279 over 3
15 years, which represents a \$583,093 annual expense in the cost of service. The cost of
16 service adjustment at Section V, Exhibit 2 W17 is increasing expense in the test year by
17 \$221,947 to adjust the test year per book expense amount of \$361,146 to the requested
18 annual expense amount of \$583,093. The BS1OR regulatory asset balance and related
19 proposed amortization expense is directly assigned to the Company's retail jurisdiction.
20 The 3-year amortization period proposed in this case is consistent with the amortization
21 period authorized in the prior case.

1 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT TO AMORTIZE THE NERC**
2 **COMPLIANCE AND CYBERSECURITY COST DEFERRAL (SECTION V,**
3 **EXHIBIT 2 W24).**

4 A. The Company is requesting to amortize the NERC Compliance and Cybersecurity cost
5 deferral post March 31, 2020, authorized by the final order in Case No. 2020-00174, of
6 \$2,157,525 over 5 years, which represents a \$431,505 annual expense in the cost of service.
7 In addition, for the NERC Compliance and Cybersecurity cost deferral related to the period
8 March 1, 2017 through March 31, 2020, the Company is requesting to continue the level
9 of annual amortization expense authorized in Case No. 2020-00174 of \$88,868. The cost
10 of service adjustment at Section V, Exhibit 2 W24 is increasing expense in the test year by
11 \$444,168 to adjust the test year per book expense amount of \$76,205 to the requested
12 annual expense amount of \$520,373 (composed of \$431,505 related to amortization of the
13 deferral post March 31, 2020 and \$88,868 related to the amortization of the deferral for the
14 period March 1, 2017 through March 31, 2020). The NERC Compliance and Cybersecurity
15 cost deferral regulatory asset balance and related amortization expense is directly assigned
16 to the Company's retail jurisdiction. The 5-year amortization period proposed in this case
17 is consistent with the amortization period authorized in the prior cases, and it aligns with
18 the five-year depreciable life of underlying projects.

1 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT TO AMORTIZE THE FINAL**
2 **DEFERRED PLANT MAINTENANCE REGULATORY LIABILITY (SECTION V,**
3 **EXHIBIT 2 W48).**

4 A. The plant maintenance cost deferral was authorized by the order dated January 18, 2018 in
5 Case No. 2017-00179 and ceased as a result of the order dated January 13, 2021 in Case
6 No. 2020-00174.

7 The cumulative plant maintenance cost deferral through March 31, 2020 was a
8 regulatory asset of \$696,194, and was authorized for recovery over a 3-year period by
9 including an annual expense of \$232,065 in the cost of service in Case No. 2020-00174.
10 This regulatory asset will be fully collected at the approximate time new base rates are
11 implemented as a result of this proceeding.

12 The plant maintenance cost deferral related to the period April 1, 2020 through
13 January 13, 2021 is a regulatory liability of \$(2,097,760). The Company is requesting to
14 amortize this regulatory liability over 3 years, which represents a \$(699,253) annual
15 reduction (credit) in the cost of service.

16 The cost of service adjustment at Section V, Exhibit 2 W48 is decreasing expense
17 in the test year by \$(931,318) to adjust the test year per book expense amount of \$232,065
18 to the requested annual expense reduction (credit) amount of \$(699,253). The plant
19 maintenance cost deferral and related proposed amortization expense is directly assigned
20 to the Company's retail jurisdiction. The 3-year amortization period proposed in this case
21 is consistent with the amortization period authorized in the prior case.

1 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT TO CERTAIN REGULATORY ASSET**
2 **AMORTIZATIONS NOT RECOVERED THROUGH BASE RATES (SECTION V,**
3 **EXHIBIT 2 W59).**

4 A. This adjustment removes certain regulatory asset amortizations from the cost of service
5 that should not be recovered through base rates going forward, decreasing test year expense
6 by \$(2,542,980). These regulatory assets and related amortization expenses are directly
7 assigned to the Company's retail jurisdiction.

8 **Other O&M Adjustments**

9 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT FOR INTEREST EXPENSE**
10 **ASSOCIATED WITH CUSTOMER DEPOSITS (SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W15).**

11 A. During 2022, the interest rate paid by Kentucky Power pursuant to KRS 278.460 on
12 customer deposits was 0.12%. Test year customer deposit interest expense was \$452,405.
13 On December 9, 2022, the Commission announced that the 2023 interest rate applicable to
14 customer deposits would be increased to 4.34%. Consistent with the treatment of customer
15 deposit interest expense in prior rate cases, Kentucky Power proposes to increase test year
16 customer deposit interest expense by \$1,258,220 to \$1,710,625 in order to reflect the
17 increase in the applicable rate from 0.12% to 4.34%.

18 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT TO NORMALIZE STORM DAMAGE**
19 **EXPENSE (SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W16).**

20 A. This adjustment decreases test year distribution and transmission major and non-major
21 storm project expense by \$(6,319,995) to establish a total level of major and non-major
22 storm project expense in base rates of \$1,013,489 for distribution (Kentucky retail
23 jurisdictional amount of \$1,012,476) and \$89,872 for transmission (Kentucky retail

1 jurisdictional amount of \$88,524). As discussed by Company Witness West, the Company
2 has determined to request a level of storm expense in base rates similar to what was
3 approved in its last base case (Case No. 2020-00174) in lieu of requesting an updated level
4 of expense reflective of recent storm experience (i.e., current 3-year average).

5 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT TO ANNUALIZE LEASE EXPENSE**
6 **(SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W20).**

7 A. This adjustment decreases O&M expense to reflect the annualized lease expense for the
8 Company at the test year-end. Specifically, annualized March 2023 lease expenses of
9 \$33,897 were compared to test year lease expenses of \$443,758, resulting in a calculated
10 decrease of \$(409,861). After applying the corresponding retail allocation factors, the retail
11 jurisdictional share of the cost of service decrease for lease expenses is \$(406,497). Please
12 refer to the testimony of Company Witness Phillips for discussion of the Company's
13 decisions to buyout certain leases.

14 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT TO NORMALIZE BAD DEBT EXPENSE**
15 **(SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W26).**

16 A. This adjustment normalizes bad debt expense related to customer accounts receivable
17 (Kentucky retail jurisdiction O&M increase of \$630,228) and miscellaneous accounts
18 receivable (Kentucky retail jurisdiction O&M decrease of \$(482,437)), resulting in a net
19 Kentucky retail jurisdiction O&M increase of \$147,791.

20 Customer Accounts Receivable

21 Prior to the first quarter of 2022, the Company sold, without recourse, certain of its
22 customer accounts receivable and accrued unbilled revenue balances to AEP Credit under
23 an affiliated receivables sales arrangement. Under the arrangement, the Company was

1 charged a fee for each sale based on AEP Credit's financing costs, administrative costs and
2 uncollectible accounts experience from previous purchases of the Company's customer
3 accounts receivable. The Company recorded these expenses in FERC Accounts 426.5009
4 and 426.5010 and included them in the Kentucky retail jurisdiction revenue requirement.
5 As discussed by Company Witness West, the Company terminated selling accounts
6 receivable to AEP Credit in the first quarter of 2022.

7 As a result of the termination, KPCo recorded an allowance for uncollectible
8 accounts on its balance sheet and recognized corresponding bad debt expense in FERC
9 Account 904.0000, for those receivables no longer sold to AEP Credit. The Company's bad
10 debt reserve is calculated based on a rolling two-year average write-off in proportion to
11 gross accounts receivable.

12 Therefore, in order to calculate a normalized level of test year bad debt expense to
13 include in the Kentucky retail jurisdiction revenue requirement, I am supporting an
14 adjustment to remove test year activity in FERC Accounts 426.5009 and 426.5010
15 (Kentucky retail jurisdiction O&M increase of \$232,198) and annualize the activity in
16 FERC Account 904.0000 based on the average of actual monthly activity for June 2022 -
17 March 2023 (Kentucky retail jurisdiction O&M increase of \$398,030). Together, these two
18 items result in a total Kentucky retail jurisdiction O&M increase of \$630,228 to normalize
19 bad debt expense related to customer accounts receivable.

20 Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable

21 A non-recurring bad debt expense of \$472,081 was removed from the test year. In
22 addition, bad debt expense related to the Company's home warranty program of \$10,363
23 was removed from the test year. Together, these two items result in a total Kentucky retail

1 jurisdiction O&M decrease of \$(482,437) to normalize bad debt expense related to
2 miscellaneous accounts receivable.

3 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE AFUDC OFFSET ADJUSTMENT (SECTION V,**
4 **EXHIBIT 2 W38).**

5 A. The March 31, 2023 balance of Construction Work In Progress (“CWIP”) was used in the
6 determination of rate base. Consistent with prior Commission practice for the Company,
7 an Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (“AFUDC”) “offset” adjustment is
8 being made to record AFUDC above the line. The CWIP balance was \$144,447,404 on
9 March 31, 2023, of which \$18,634,010 is not subject to AFUDC. The remaining balance
10 of \$125,813,394 is subject to AFUDC. Using the requested overall return of 6.930%,
11 annualized AFUDC is \$8,718,868. The AFUDC booked during the test year was
12 \$3,727,299 requiring an adjustment to increase the AFUDC offset by \$4,991,569. The
13 retail jurisdictional amount of the AFUDC offset increase is \$4,921,688.

14 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT TO REMOVE JOINT USE POLE**
15 **RENTAL REVENUE AND O&M EXPENSE ACTIVITY RELATED TO A PRIOR**
16 **PERIOD (SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W44).**

17 A. An adjustment to joint use pole rental revenue and expense was recorded in the test year
18 that relates to a prior period. This cost of service adjustment increases test year revenue
19 and expense to remove this prior period adjustment from the test year. The retail
20 jurisdictional shares of the revenue (Account 454) and O&M expense (Account 589)
21 increases are \$4,266 and \$9,065, respectively.

1 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT TO REMOVE NON-ONGOING O&M**
2 **EXPENSE RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC (SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2**
3 **W45).**

4 A. The Company established a project in its general ledger system to track expenses related
5 to its response to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the test year, \$84,376 was recorded to
6 this project. This cost of service adjustment decreases test year O&M expense by
7 \$(84,376), removing this expense from the test year. The retail jurisdictional share of the
8 expense reduction is \$(83,222).

9 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT TO REMOVE INSURANCE PROCEEDS**
10 **RELATED TO A PRIOR PERIOD (SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W46).**

11 A. During the test year, the Company recorded insurance proceeds from an insurance claim
12 related to a prior period, resulting in decreased O&M expense. This cost of service
13 adjustment removes the insurance proceeds (net of expense related to the insured loss
14 recorded during the test year) to reflect O&M expense at a going level. The retail
15 jurisdictional share of the resulting expense increase is \$50,544 in Account 5130.

16 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT TO REMOVE ROCKPORT UNIT**
17 **POWER AGREEMENT NON-FUEL EXPENSE, NET OF TEST YEAR DEFERRAL**
18 **(SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W47).**

19 A. The Company's Rockport Unit Power Agreement ("UPA"), and corresponding deferral of
20 related non-fuel, non-environmental expenses authorized in Case No. 2017-00179, ended
21 in December 2022. This adjustment removes test year Rockport UPA non-fuel, non-
22 environmental expenses of \$(46,035,951), and related test year expense deferral of
23 \$10,322,581, as these expenses are not ongoing, resulting in a net \$(35,713,370) reduction

1 in the cost of service. This adjustment is directly assigned to the Company's retail
2 jurisdiction.

3 Once new base rates are established that exclude Rockport UPA non-fuel, non-
4 environmental expense, the Company will cease crediting customers through Tariff P.P.A.,
5 in accordance with Case Nos. 2017-00179 and 2022-00283.

6 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT TO NORMALIZE NON-F.A.C.**
7 **ELIGIBLE PURCHASED POWER EXPENSE (SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W57).**

8 A. The purpose of this adjustment is to reflect a normalized level of Non-F.A.C. eligible
9 purchased power expense in the test year. Within the Company's Tariff Fuel Adjustment
10 Clause ("F.A.C."), the F.A.C. Purchase Power Limitation caps the amount of purchased
11 power expense to be recovered in the Company's monthly F.A.C. surcharge. Total Non-
12 F.A.C. eligible purchased power expense recorded in the test year ended March 31, 2023
13 was \$14,720,086, and is composed of \$11,519,695 related to Winter Storm Elliott incurred
14 in December 2022 and \$3,200,390 in other test year expenses. Non-F.A.C. eligible
15 purchased power expense recorded in the twelve months ended March 31, 2022 and March
16 31, 2021 was \$1,656,284 and \$99,134, respectively.

17 This adjustment decreases test year expense by \$(13,068,150) to establish a
18 normalized level of Non-F.A.C. eligible purchased power expense in the test year of
19 \$1,651,936, based on a three-year average of actual Non-F.A.C. eligible purchased power
20 expense, excluding expense related to Winter Storm Elliott. This adjustment is directly
21 assigned to the Company's retail jurisdiction. Company Witness Vaughan supports the
22 prudence of the Company's Non-F.A.C. eligible purchased power expenses.

1 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT TO RECOVER ACTUAL,**
2 **INCREMENTAL NON-F.A.C. ELIGIBLE PURCHASED POWER COSTS SINCE**
3 **THE COMPANY’S LAST BASE CASE, EXCLUDING COSTS RELATED TO**
4 **WINTER STORM ELLIOTT (SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W58).**

5 A. I have been advised that purchased power costs that exceed the amount allowed for
6 recovery through the F.A.C. are recoverable in base rates³. Excluding expense related to
7 Winter Storm Elliott , the Company’s actual Non-F.A.C. eligible purchased power expenses
8 from the test year end in the Company’s last base case (March 31, 2020) to the test year
9 end in this case (March 31, 2023), in excess of the level of Non-F.A.C. eligible purchased
10 power expenses included in base rates, was \$4,020,055. This adjustment proposes to
11 recover these costs over a 3-year period (the same period over which these costs were
12 incurred) by including an expense of \$1,340,018 in the annual base rate revenue
13 requirement. This adjustment is directly assigned to the Company’s retail jurisdiction.
14 Company Witness Vaughan supports the prudence of the Company’s Non-F.A.C. eligible
15 purchased power expenses. Company Witness West addresses the Company’s request
16 regarding Non-F.A.C. eligible purchased power expense related to Winter Storm Elliott.

³ Order at 5, *An Examination By The Public Service Commission Of The Fuel Adjustment Clause Of American Electric Power Company From May 1, 2001 To October 31, 2001*, Case No. 2000-00495-B (Ky. P.S.C. May 2, 2002).

VI. RATE BASE ADJUSTMENTS

1 **Q. ARE YOU SPONSORING ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO RATE BASE?**

2 A. Yes. The table below identifies the adjustments to rate base that I am sponsoring. The
3 details supporting the calculations of these adjustments are included on the referenced
4 pages of Exhibit 2 to Section V of the Application.

Adjustment Description	Reference in Section V, Exhibit 2
Mitchell Coal Stock Adjustment (Coal Inventory Adjustment)	W39
Remove NERC Compliance and Cybersecurity Net Plant from Rate Base	W53 Pg. 1 of 2
Cash Working Capital	W61

5 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE MITCHELL PLANT COAL STOCK ADJUSTMENT TO**
6 **RATE BASE (SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W39).**

7 A. The coal inventory targets at the Mitchell Plant are separately developed for the low and
8 high sulfur coal piles.

9 At March 31, 2023, the Mitchell Plant had 183,777 tons (Kentucky Power's 50%
10 share) of low sulfur coal on hand at an average cost of \$132.52 per ton, and a total value
11 of \$24,353,263. The target low sulfur coal inventory is 93,905 tons (Kentucky Power's
12 50% share). Thus, the difference between the March 31, 2023 low sulfur coal inventory
13 and the target low sulfur coal inventory yields a downward adjustment of (89,872) tons at
14 a March 31, 2023 value of \$(11,909,402).

1 At March 31, 2023, the Mitchell Plant had 257,556 tons (Kentucky Power’s 50%
2 share) of high sulfur coal on hand at an average cost of \$55.75 per ton and a total value of
3 \$14,358,133. The target inventory level for high sulfur coal is 174,825 tons (Kentucky
4 Power’s 50% share). Thus, the difference between the March 31, 2023 high sulfur coal
5 inventory and the target high sulfur coal inventory yields a downward adjustment of
6 (82,731) tons at a March 31, 2023 value of \$(4,612,059).

7 The total adjustment (of both low and high sulfur coal), on a jurisdictional basis, is
8 a reduction to rate base of \$(16,290,160) based upon the March 31, 2023 value.

9 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT TO REMOVE NERC COMPLIANCE**
10 **AND CYBERSECURITY INVESTMENT FROM RATE BASE (SECTION V,**
11 **EXHIBIT 2 W53 PG. 1 of 2).**

12 A. Beginning with Case No. 2014-00589, the Commission approved the deferral of certain
13 NERC Compliance and Cybersecurity costs. Because the related intangible plant
14 investment is earning a Weighted Average Cost of Capital (“WACC”) return through the
15 approved deferral mechanism, the Company is removing the related net intangible plant
16 balance of \$1,868,501 as of March 31, 2023 from rate base⁴. This rate base adjustment is
17 directly assigned to the Company’s retail jurisdiction.

18 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ALLOWANCE FOR CASH WORKING CAPITAL**
19 **INCLUDED IN THE COMPANY’S RATE BASE (SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W61).**

20 A. This adjustment calculates a Cash Working Capital (“CWC”) allowance of \$7,686,462
21 for the test year ended March 31, 2023, which increases the Company’s rate base and

⁴ The related NERC Compliance and Cybersecurity Regulatory Assets were excluded from per books rate base; therefore, it was not necessary to propose a proforma adjustment to remove these regulatory assets from rate base.

1 resulting revenue requirement. The expense lead and revenue lag days used in the
2 computation of this adjustment were provided to me by Company Witness Adams,
3 sponsor of Kentucky Power’s lead-lag study. The net lead-lag days from the lead-lag
4 study are multiplied by the proforma average daily expenses associated with the
5 Kentucky retail jurisdiction cost-of-service components that require cash payments. The
6 “Working Funds and Other” line item included in the adjustment is composed of the test
7 year average cash-in-bank balance and expense leads related to pass-through taxes, as
8 recommended by Company Witness Adams. The result is the Kentucky retail jurisdiction
9 CWC allowance reflected by the Company in this filing.

VII. CAPITALIZATION ADJUSTMENTS

10 **Q. ARE YOU SPONSORING ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE COMPANY’S**
11 **CAPITALIZATION CALCULATION?**

12 A. Yes. The table below identifies the adjustments to the Company’s capitalization calculation
13 that I am sponsoring. The details supporting the calculations of these adjustments are
14 included on the referenced pages of Exhibit 2 to Section V of the Application. I provided
15 these adjustments to Company Witness Walsh to incorporate in Section V, Schedule 3,
16 Kentucky Power Company Capitalization for the test year ended March 31, 2023. As
17 discussed by Company Witness Walsh, capitalization is being presented on Section V,
18 Schedule 3 for informational purposes only, as rate base is being used to compute the
19 Company’s revenue requirement pursuant to the Commission’s orders in Case No. 2020-
20 00174.

Adjustment Description	Reference in Section V, Exhibit 2
Mitchell Coal Stock Adjustment (Coal Inventory Adjustment)	W39
Remove Big Sandy Unit 2 from Capitalization	W40
Remove NERC Compliance and Cybersecurity Investment from Capitalization	W53 Pg. 2 of 2
Remove Rockport Deferral from Capitalization	W60

1 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE MITCHELL PLANT COAL STOCK ADJUSTMENT TO**
2 **CAPITALIZATION (SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W39 AND SCHEDULE 3,**
3 **COLUMN 11).**

4 A. As discussed in the context of adjustments to rate base above, the coal inventory targets at
5 the Mitchell Plant are separately developed for the low and high sulfur coal piles. The total
6 adjustment (of both low and high sulfur coal), on a jurisdictional basis, is a reduction to
7 capitalization of \$(16,290,160) based upon the March 31, 2023 value.

8 I have been advised that the AEP System Money Pool borrows large sums of money
9 through the issuance of short-term commercial paper in order to meet the working capital
10 needs of AEP System Money Pool members, including Kentucky Power. Variation of the
11 Company's actual coal inventory balance from its target coal inventory balance is a
12 component of the Company's working capital and as such is initially financed with short-
13 term debt; therefore, the adjustment to reduce coal inventory reflected in capitalization was
14 applied to the short-term debt balance. I provided this adjustment to Company Witness
15 Walsh.

1 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT TO REMOVE BIG SANDY UNIT 2**
2 **FROM CAPITALIZATION (SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W40 AND SCHEDULE 3,**
3 **COLUMN 5).**

4 A. Big Sandy Unit 2 coal assets are recovered exclusively through the Company's Tariff D.R.
5 and therefore should be removed from capitalization⁵. In addition, Tariff D.R. rate base
6 reflects the amortization of related unprotected accumulated deferred income taxes, as
7 ordered by the Commission in Case Nos. 2018-00035 and 2020-00174.

8 As shown in Section V, Exhibit 2 W40, I provided Company Witness Walsh with a
9 capitalization adjustment of \$(222,464,455), which removes the total Company Big Sandy
10 Unit 2 regulatory asset balance of \$290,356,472, net of related accumulated deferred
11 income taxes and unprotected excess deferred income taxes of \$(67,892,018). After
12 applying corresponding retail allocation factors to this adjustment, the retail jurisdictional
13 amount of the capitalization adjustment is \$(218,361,636).

14 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT TO REMOVE NERC COMPLIANCE**
15 **AND CYBERSECURITY INVESTMENT FROM CAPITALIZATION (SECTION**
16 **V, EXHIBIT 2 W53 Pg. 2 of 2 AND SCHEDULE 3, COLUMN 9).**

17 A. As discussed in the context of adjustments to rate base above, beginning with Case No.
18 2014-00589, the Commission approved the deferral of certain NERC Compliance and
19 Cybersecurity costs. Because the related intangible plant investment is earning a WACC
20 return through the approved deferral mechanism, the Company is removing the related
21 intangible plant and regulatory asset balances from capitalization. As shown in Section V,

⁵ These regulatory assets were excluded from per books rate base; therefore, it was not necessary to propose a proforma adjustment to rate base.

1 Exhibit 2 W53 Pg. 2 of 2, I provided Company Witness Walsh with an adjustment to
2 capitalization of \$(3,161,736) to reflect the Company's related net intangible plant
3 investment balance of \$1,868,501 and regulatory asset balance of \$2,133,697 as of
4 March 31, 2023, net of related accumulated deferred income taxes of \$(840,462). The
5 NERC Compliance and Cybersecurity capitalization adjustment is directly assigned to the
6 Company's retail jurisdiction.

7 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT TO REMOVE THE ROCKPORT**
8 **DEFERRAL FROM CAPITALIZATION (SECTION V, EXHIBIT 2 W60 AND**
9 **SCHEDULE 3, COLUMN 10).**

10 A. In Case No. 2017-00179, the Commission authorized the deferral of \$50 million of
11 Rockport Plant UPA non-fuel, non-environmental expenses. Because the Rockport deferral
12 is earning a WACC return through the approved deferral mechanism, the Company is
13 removing the total deferral from capitalization.

14 As shown in Section V, Exhibit 2 W60, I provided Company Witness Walsh with a
15 capitalization adjustment of \$(40,020,354), which removes the total Company Rockport
16 deferral regulatory asset balance of \$50,658,676⁶, net of related accumulated deferred
17 income taxes of \$(10,638,322). The Rockport deferral is directly assigned to the
18 Company's retail jurisdiction.

⁶ These regulatory assets were excluded from per books rate base; therefore, it was not necessary to propose a proforma adjustment to rate base.

1 **Q. ARE YOU SPONSORING ANY OTHER ADJUSTMENTS TO CAPITALIZATION**
2 **PRESENTED ON SECTION V, SCHEDULE 3?**

3 A. Yes, consistent with prior practice, the Franklin Realty Company investment, recorded in
4 FERC Account 124.0029, was removed from the Company's capitalization (Section V,
5 Schedule 3, Column 12). In addition, consistent with prior practice, the non-utility property
6 investment recorded in FERC Account 121 was removed from the Company's
7 capitalization (Section V, Schedule 3, Column 13).

VIII. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL ACCOUNTING AUTHORITY RELATED TO
PROPOSED RIDERS

8 **Q. IF THE PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION RELIABILITY RIDER ("DRR") IS**
9 **APPROVED, WOULD A REGULATORY ASSET OR REGULATORY LIABILITY**
10 **BE CREATED TO ACCOUNT FOR TEMPORARY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN**
11 **DRR REVENUES AND ACTUAL DRR PROJECT COSTS ELIGIBLE FOR**
12 **RECOVERY THROUGH THE DRR?**

13 A. Yes. The Company would defer the cumulative monthly difference between DRR revenues
14 and actual incurred DRR project costs eligible for recovery through the DRR, as a
15 regulatory asset or regulatory liability on the books and records of the Company. This
16 deferral -- a regulatory liability or regulatory asset which represents "over-under"
17 recoveries -- is a timing difference between eligible costs incurred for DRR projects and
18 DRR revenues and is intended to be zero as of the end of the DRR. The Company requests
19 specific provisions in the final order in this proceeding authorizing the creation of this
20 regulatory asset or regulatory liability for DRR over-under recoveries.

1 **Q. IF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE FEDERAL TAX CHANGE (“FTC”)**
2 **RIDER ARE APPROVED, WOULD A REGULATORY ASSET OR REGULATORY**
3 **LIABILITY BE CREATED TO ACCOUNT FOR TEMPORARY DIFFERENCES**
4 **BETWEEN FTC REVENUES/(REFUNDS) AND ACTUAL COSTS/(BENEFITS)**
5 **ELIGIBLE FOR TRACKING THROUGH THE FTC RIDER?**

6 A. Yes. The Company would defer the cumulative monthly difference between FTC
7 revenues/(refunds) and actual incurred FTC costs/(benefits), as a regulatory asset or
8 regulatory liability on the books and records of the Company. This deferral -- a regulatory
9 liability or regulatory asset which represents “over-under” recoveries -- is a timing
10 difference between eligible tax costs/(benefits) incurred and FTC revenues/(refunds) and
11 is intended to be zero as of the end of the FTC. The Company requests specific provisions
12 in the final order in this proceeding authorizing the creation of this regulatory asset or
13 regulatory liability for FTC over-under recoveries.

14 **Q. ONCE AGAIN, CAN YOU PLEASE DESCRIBE THE BASIS FOR OVER-/UNDER-**
15 **RECOVERY ACCOUNTING.**

16 A. As discussed in Section V of my testimony, Financial Accounting Standards Board’s
17 (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 980-340-25-1 (regulatory assets)
18 requires deferral accounting based on the existence of a regulatory asset when there is
19 probability of recovery from customers in the future for an under-recovery of costs. ASC
20 980-405-25-1 (regulatory liabilities) requires deferral accounting based on the existence of
21 a regulatory liability when a true-up to actual costs results in an over-recovery and
22 probability of refund to customers in the future.

IX. CONCLUSION

1 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR PRE-FILED TESTIMONY?**

2 **A. Yes.**

VERIFICATION

The undersigned, Heather M. Whitney, being duly sworn, deposes and says she is Director, Regulatory Accounting Services that she has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing testimony and the information contained therein is true and correct to the best of her information, knowledge, and belief after reasonable inquiry.



Heather M. Whitney

State of Ohio)
)
County of Franklin) Case No. 2023-00159

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said County and State, by Heather M. Whitney, on 8/27/23.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires Never

Notary ID Number None



Paul D. Flory
Attorney At Law
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My commission has no expiration date
Sec. 147.03 R.C.

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 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)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, POSITION AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 A. My name is Linda M. Schlessman. I am a Tax Accounting & Regulatory Support
3 Manager for American Electric Power Service Corporation (“AEPSC”), a wholly
4 owned subsidiary of American Electric Power Company, Inc. (“AEP”). AEP is
5 the parent company of Kentucky Power Company (“Kentucky Power” or the
6 “Company”). My business address is 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

II. BACKGROUND

7 **Q. PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**
8 **AND BUSINESS EXPERIENCE.**

9 A. I have a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Accounting from Miami
10 University and am a Certified Public Accountant in the State of Ohio. I have over
11 15 years of tax experience. I joined AEPSC in October of 2018 as a Tax Manager
12 and was promoted to my current role in November of 2021. Prior to that time, I
13 held positions in both public accounting and the private sector. My previous
14 employers include GBQ Partners LLC, HBD Industries Inc., and L Brands Inc.

1 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY FILED TESTIMONY IN ANY**
2 **REGULATORY PROCEEDINGS?**

3 A. Yes. I filed testimony in rate proceedings before the Oklahoma Corporation
4 Commission in Case No. PUD 2022-000093 and before the Arkansas Public
5 Service Commission in Case No. 23-012-FR.

III. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

6 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS**
7 **PROCEEDING?**

8 A. The purpose of my testimony in this proceeding is to calculate the Gross Revenue
9 Conversion Factor (“GRCF”); to present and support certain adjustments to the
10 jurisdictional federal, state, and local income taxes to which Kentucky Power is
11 subject; to support the tax effects of certain fixed, known, and measurable
12 ratemaking adjustments for the test year ended March 31, 2023; and to support
13 certain modifications to the Company’s existing Federal Tax Cut Tariff (“Tariff
14 F.T.C.”).

15 **Q. WHAT ARE THE IMPACTS OF THE COMPANY’S TAX**
16 **ADJUSTMENTS IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

17 A. Figure LMS-1 below summarizes the proposed impacts addressed in my
18 testimony.

Figure LMS-1

<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Expense or Rate Base</u>	<u>Rate Base Gross Amount Increase/ (Decrease)</u>	<u>After Tax Rate of Return</u>	<u>Amount Increase/ (Decrease) in Net Income</u>	<u>Section V Reference</u>
Annualization of Property Taxes	Expense	N/A	N/A	2,587,239	Exhibit 2, #49
Sales and Use Tax	Expense	N/A	N/A	(65,715)	Exhibit 2, #50
State Business and Occupation Tax	Expense	N/A	N/A	4,231	Exhibit 2, #51
Interest Synchronization Adjustment	Expense	N/A	N/A	1,839,129	Exhibit 2, #54
Cost of Removal Regulatory Asset Amortization	Expense	N/A	N/A	1,667,845	Exhibit 2, #55
Net Operating Loss Carryforward - Deferred Tax Asset	Rate Base	41,506,654	6.93%	2,876,411	Exhibit 3, #63
Net Operating Loss Carryforward - Regulatory Liability	Rate Base	10,300,444	6.93%	713,821	Exhibit 3, #63
Excess Unprotected Amortization	Rate Base	19,673,877	6.93%	1,363,400	Exhibit 3, #63

1 **Q. WHAT ARE THE INITIAL AMOUNTS PROPOSED TO BE INCLUDED**
2 **IN THE REVISED TARIFF F.T.C.?**

3 A. Figure LMS-2 below summarizes the proposals that will be included in the Tariff
4 F.T.C., which I will discuss further below.

Figure LMS-2

<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Expense or Rate Base</u>	<u>Rate Base Gross Amount Increase/ (Decrease)</u>	<u>After Tax Rate of Return</u>	<u>Amount Increase/ (Decrease) in Net Income</u>
Excess Protected Amortization	Expense	N/A	N/A	(1,678,164)
Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax	Expense	N/A	N/A	-

IV. GROSS REVENUE CONVERSION FACTOR

5 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE GROSS REVENUE CONVERSION FACTOR.**

6 A. The GRCF is the factor necessary to determine the incremental amount of gross
7 revenue required to generate an additional dollar of operating income after
8 accounting for the effects of uncollectible accounts, commission assessment fees,
9 and state and federal income taxes.

1 **Q. HOW WAS THE GRCF RATE DETERMINED?**

2 A. The methodology used in this case was also utilized in the Company's prior base
3 rate cases. The uncollectible accounts rate and the KRS 278.130 assessment rate
4 were provided to me by Kentucky Power; the state and federal income tax rates
5 and apportionment factors are based on the most recent income tax return
6 information that also is currently being used in the monthly closing accrual
7 process. Please see Section V, Exhibit 3, Workpaper S-2, Page 2.

V. JURISDICTIONAL STATE AND FEDERAL INCOME TAXES

8 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE COMPUTATION OF JURISDICTIONAL**
9 **STATE AND CURRENT FEDERAL INCOME TAXES.**

10 A. The computation of jurisdictional Current Federal Income Tax is accomplished by
11 first allocating Pre-Tax Book Income and the various book-to-tax adjustments
12 used in the determination of the Company's total separate federal taxable income
13 to Kentucky Power's retail customers, and applying the statutory federal income
14 tax rate of 21%, as shown in Section V, Exhibit 3. The computation of
15 jurisdictional Deferred Federal income tax is accomplished by applying the
16 appropriate federal income tax rate to the allocated normalized timing differences,
17 as shown in Section V, Exhibit 3, and by amortizing the allocated balances of the
18 embedded Deferred Federal income taxes balances over the appropriate remaining
19 lives. State income tax expense is calculated on the same basis as the federal
20 income tax expense as shown in Section V, Exhibit 3. Company Witness Walsh
21 prepared the jurisdictional allocation factors.

1 **Q. WERE DEFERRED TAXES ALLOCATED TO THE KENTUCKY**
2 **RETAIL JURISDICTION?**

3 A. Yes. Each component was allocated to the Kentucky retail jurisdiction as shown
4 in Section V, Exhibit 3.

VI. RATEMAKING ADJUSTMENTS

5 **Q. WHICH RATEMAKING ADJUSTMENTS ARE YOU SPONSORING?**

6 A. I am sponsoring the ratemaking adjustments in Section V, Exhibit 2 related to the
7 following:

- 8 1. Annualization of Property Taxes
- 9 2. Sales and Use Tax
- 10 3. State Business and Occupation Tax
- 11 4. Interest Synchronization Adjustment
- 12 5. Cost of Removal Regulatory Asset Amortization and Normalization
- 13 6. Net Operating Loss Carryforward Deferred Tax Asset and Adjustment to
14 Excess Protected Amortization
- 15 7. Removing Kentucky Excess Accumulated Deferred Income Tax
16 (“ADFIT”) related to Tariff F.T.C.
- 17 8. Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax Adjustment

18 These adjustments are necessary to reflect an adjusted test year level of tax
19 expense representative of ongoing operations. In addition, I have reviewed each
20 of the ratemaking adjustments proposed by other Company witnesses and
21 determined the proper income tax consequences as shown on Section V, Schedule
22 2.

**VII. NON-INCOME TAX AND INTEREST SYNCHRONIZATION
ADJUSTMENTS**

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ANNUALIZATION OF PROPERTY TAX**
2 **ADJUSTMENT.**

3 A. Adjustment 49 of Section V, Exhibit 2 calculates the difference between the
4 property taxes that were estimated and actually paid.

5 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE SALES AND USE TAX ADJUSTMENT.**

6 A. Adjustment 50 of Section V, Exhibit 2 adjusts the Sales and Use Tax Expense to
7 remove an out-of-period adjustment related to the settlement of a Sales and Use
8 Tax Audit that was recorded during the test period.

9 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE STATE BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAX**
10 **ADJUSTMENT.**

11 A. Adjustment 51 of Section V, Exhibit 2 adjusts the State Business and Occupation
12 Tax Expense to remove an out-of-period adjustment that was recorded during the
13 test period.

14 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE INTEREST SYNCHRONIZATION**
15 **ADJUSTMENT.**

16 A. Adjustment 54 of Section V, Exhibit 2 synchronizes the capital costs and capital
17 structure included by the Company in this filing with the federal and state income
18 taxes included in the test period cost of service and the interest expense tax
19 deduction that will result. The adjustment resulted in an increase to state income
20 tax of \$368,966 and an increase to federal income tax of \$1,470,163 for a total
21 increase to expenses of \$1,839,129.

VIII. COST OF REMOVAL

1 **Q. WHAT ARE REMOVAL COSTS?**

2 A. A removal cost is an amount that a utility expects to incur to remove an asset at
3 the end of its life based on the price levels in effect at the time it is removed.

4 **Q. HOW HAVE REMOVAL COSTS BEEN TREATED FOR RATEMAKING**
5 **PURPOSES?**

6 A. For ratemaking purposes, cost of removal (“COR”) is treated similarly to the
7 overall book depreciation expense in the Company’s cost of service. This cost is
8 recalculated periodically, and recovery is reflected in rates over a period that
9 approximates the life of the plant. While there is not exact matching, this
10 approach seeks to recover the cost of the plant through charges to customers
11 benefitting from the use of an asset.

12 **Q. HOW ARE REMOVAL COSTS ACCOUNTED FOR ON THE**
13 **COMPANY’S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS?**

14 A. As previously discussed, the removal costs are included in the overall book
15 depreciation. On the income statement, the book depreciation for removal costs is
16 recorded to account 403 under FERC’s Uniform System of Accounts (“USoA”).
17 On the balance sheet, the accumulated accrual of removal costs is recorded to
18 account 108 and are included in the accumulated book depreciation.

19 **Q. IS THE TIMING OF THE RECOGNITION OF REMOVAL COSTS THE**
20 **SAME FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT**
21 **PURPOSES?**

22 A. No. For financial statement purposes, removal costs are recognized over the life
23 of an asset while for tax purposes they are recognized at the time costs are

1 actually incurred to remove an asset. COR is defined as an allowable deduction
2 under IRC §162 rather than IRC §168. IRC §162 defines general trade or business
3 expenses while IRC §168 defines the method of depreciation for property.
4 Therefore, rather than recognizing removal costs over the life of an asset, the
5 COR is not recognized for tax purposes until the costs are actually incurred at the
6 end of the asset's life.

7 **Q. HOW IS THIS DIFFERENCE IN THE RECOGNITION OF COR**
8 **EXPENSE ACCOUNTED FOR?**

9 A. Because the financial statements have recognized an expense for COR prior to the
10 allowable recognition for tax purposes, the book depreciation expense is excluded
11 from the calculation of taxable income, and a deferred tax asset ("DTA") is
12 recorded. This DTA represents the future tax benefit that will be received when
13 the asset is retired and COR is incurred.

14 **Q. WHAT IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING REGARDING COR IN THIS**
15 **PROCEEDING?**

16 A. The Company is proposing to treat the timing difference for COR under the
17 normalized method of tax accounting and recover the regulatory asset for COR.
18 Treating the timing difference under the normalized method would align the
19 origin and reversal of the timing difference and provide an equitable recovery to
20 rate payers going forward.

21 Adjustment 55 of Section V, Exhibit 2 amortizes the regulatory asset
22 balance of \$33,356,902 related to COR over a 20-year period and reduces the
23 adjustment to income tax expense for flow-through of COR going forward to zero

1 in order to align the origination and reversal of the timing difference going
2 forward. The annual amount of included in cost of service would be \$1,667,845.

3 **Q. WHAT IS MEANT BY USING A NORMALIZED METHOD OF TAX**
4 **ACCOUNTING?**

5 A. Normalization is a method of tax accounting in which the taxes reflected within
6 an entity's income statement for a given period are matched with the associated
7 revenues and expenses. This methodology, also known as "deferred income tax"
8 accounting, is required for financial reporting under Generally Accepted
9 Accounting Principles ("GAAP") (Financial Accounting Standards Board
10 Accounting Standards Codification Topic 740 (ASC 740), formerly Statement of
11 Financial Accounting Standards No. 109 (SFAS 109)).

12 **Q. CAN YOU PROVIDE AN EXAMPLE OF NORMALIZED TAX**
13 **ACCOUNTING?**

14 A. Yes. As an example, in the early years of an asset's life, accelerated tax
15 depreciation often exceeds depreciation expense reported in the financial
16 statements allowing for the deferral of income taxes due to the taxing authority. In
17 such an instance, the taxes deferred are debited to a deferred tax expense account
18 with a corresponding credit to a deferred tax liability.

19 In later years, when the book-to-tax difference reverses, the increase in tax
20 due is mitigated by also reversing the deferred tax liability through a
21 corresponding credit to deferred income tax expense.

Figure LMS-3

Example of Normalized Accounting

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
Revenues	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	5,000
Operating Expenses	(500)	(500)	(500)	(500)	(500)	(2,500)
Book Depreciation	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(500)
Pre-tax Book Income (PTBI)	400	400	400	400	400	2,000
Tax Depreciation	(250)	(100)	(75)	(50)	(25)	(500)
Federal Taxable Income	250	400	425	450	475	2,000
Federal Current Tax Expense	53	84	89	95	100	420
Federal Deferred Tax Expense	32	-	(5)	(11)	(16)	-
Total Federal Tax Expense	84	84	84	84	84	420
Book/ Tax Depreciation Difference	(150)	-	25	50	75	-
DTA/ (DTL)	(32)	(32)	(26)	(16)	-	

1 **Q. WHAT IS THE ALTERNATIVE TO NORMALIZED ACCOUNTING?**

2 A. The alternative to a normalized method of tax accounting is referred to as “flow-
3 through” accounting. A flow-through approach bases income tax expense reported
4 within the financial statements on the tax liability as reported on the tax return, as
5 opposed to that determined in accordance with ASC 740. The total amount of
6 income tax expense is the same under both normalized and flow-through
7 approaches – the difference is simply timing.

8 The term “normalization” evolved with respect to utilities, because income
9 taxes computed on a normalized basis caused net income to appear “normal”, in
10 contrast to an approach based on the cash liability reported on the tax return.

11 **Q. HAS NORMALIZED TAX ACCOUNTING ALWAYS BEEN THE
12 METHOD OF ACCOUNTING UTILIZED BY THE COMPANY?**

13 A. No. Prior to the issuance of SFAS 109 by the Financial Accounting Standards
14 Board in February 1992, non-property related deferred tax timing differences
15 could be treated as flow-through. Property timing differences have historically

1 been treated as normalized mainly due to the Tax Reform Act of 1969 permitting
2 utilities the right to make an election to abandon flow-through treatment of post
3 1969 utility property.¹

4 **Q. WHAT IS SFAS 109?**

5 A. SFAS 109 required an asset and liability approach for the financial reporting for
6 income taxes, i.e. a normalized method of accounting. One of the objectives of
7 SFAS 109 was to recognize deferred tax liabilities and assets for the future tax
8 consequences of items that have been recognized on a company's financial
9 statements or tax returns.

10 SFAS 109 also provided guidance to utilities for book tax timing
11 differences that were previously treated as flowthrough. Paragraph 29 addressed
12 accounting for income taxes by regulated utilities and specifically required
13 recognition of a deferred tax liability for tax benefits that are flowed through to
14 customers when temporary differences originate. Additionally, if the regulated
15 utility is allowed to recover from or return to customers the future increase or
16 decrease in tax increase payable for tax benefits flowed through to customers, a
17 regulatory asset or liability is recognized for that probable future revenue or
18 reduction in future revenues.

19 **Q. HOW DID THE COMPANY TRANSITION TO A NORMALIZED**
20 **METHOD OF TAX ACCOUNTING AS REQUIRED BY SFAS 109?**

21 A. AEP operating companies, including Kentucky Power Company, adopted SFAS
22 109² effective January 1, 1993. All timing differences treated as flow-through

¹ Tax Reform Act of 1969, §441, 26 U. S. C. §167 (1)

1 before transitioning to normalized treatment continue to unwind utilizing a flow-
2 through methodology as approved by SFAS 109. This results in an increase to tax
3 expense, reflective of tax expense due that a tax benefit was received for
4 previously. All timing differences originating after the transition were accounted
5 for on a normalized basis except for the COR deduction, which continued to be
6 accounted for on a flowthrough basis.

7 **Q. HAS THE COMMISSION ADDRESSED NORMALIZATION IN THE**
8 **RATEMAKING PROCESS?**

9 A. Yes. The Commission has addressed normalization in *Re Louisville Gas and Elec.*
10 *Co.*, 2006-00457, 2006 WL 4590816 (Dec. 11, 2006) noting that the Tax Reform
11 Act of 1986 generally requires tax normalization for deferred income taxes,
12 including those resulting from transactions other than accelerated depreciation
13 and in *Re Union Light, Heat and Power Company*, 134 P.U.R.4th 139 at *3 (May
14 5, 1992) supporting fairness of consistent application of normalization of tax
15 timing differences.

16 **Q. CAN YOU EXPLAIN FLOW-THROUGH TAX ACCOUNTING AND**
17 **HOW THAT DIFFERS FROM NORMALIZED TAX ACCOUNTING?**

18 A. The flow-through method of tax accounting looks only at the amount of taxes that
19 are payable or refundable for the current tax year and does not recognize the
20 future benefit or detriment of temporary differences in income recorded for book
21 purposes and income determined for tax purposes. This method treats any
22 temporary difference as a permanent increase or decrease in the income taxes for

² SFAS 109 replaced with ASC 740 in 2009.

1 the period depending on the direction of the temporary difference. This method
2 results in benefits and detriments being allocated among customers in different
3 periods depending on when a temporary difference originates and reverses. For
4 example, a timing difference that results in a deduction in Year 1 would be
5 enjoyed by the set of customers of the company in Year 1 as a reduction to the
6 current year taxes payable. However, if this timing difference were to reverse in
7 Year 2, the detriment of the increase to the current year taxes payable would be
8 borne by the set of customers of the company in Year 2, which, of course, is not
9 necessarily the same set of customers as in Year 1. As the flow-through method
10 only recognizes the current tax payable or receivable and ignores the impact of
11 future tax impacts from timing differences, there is no deferred tax expense and as
12 a result no ADIT that would be provided as a reduction to rate base.

13 **Q. DISCUSS THE RATEMAKING FOR INCOME TAX EXPENSE**
14 **RELATED TO COR USING A NORMALIZED METHOD OF**
15 **ACCOUNTING.**

16 A. Please see Figure LMS-4 below, which assumes that \$10 of the \$100 book
17 depreciation is related to COR and the asset is retired in year six.

Figure LMS-4**COR: Normalized**

	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	900	5,900
Operating Expenses	(500)	(500)	(500)	(500)	(500)	(500)	(3,000)
Book Depreciation	(90)	(90)	(90)	(90)	(90)	-	(450)
Book Depreciation - COR	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	-	(50)
Pre-Tax Book Income	400	400	400	400	400	400	2,400
Tax Depreciation	(250)	(80)	(60)	(40)	(20)	-	(450)
COR Deduction	-	-	-	-	-	(50)	(50)
Federal Taxable Income	250	420	440	460	480	350	2,400
Federal Current Tax Expense	53	88	92	97	101	74	504
Federal Deferred Tax Expense	32	(4)	(8)	(13)	(17)	11	-
Total Federal Tax Expense	84	84	84	84	84	84	504
Book/Tax Timing - COR	10	10	10	10	10	(50)	-
Book/Tax Timing - Depreciation	(160)	10	30	50	70	-	-
DTA - COR	2	4	6	8	11	-	-
(DTL) - Depreciation	(34)	(32)	(25)	(15)	-	-	-

1 In the example above, the cost of service includes \$84 for both current and
2 deferred tax expense. During the life of the asset, the COR depreciation is not
3 deductible for tax purposes and the future benefit is recorded to deferred tax
4 expense. As such, customers are provided the benefit of the future tax deduction
5 as the removal cost book depreciation is recognized over the life of the asset.

6 **Q. DISCUSS THE RATEMAKING FOR INCOME TAX EXPENSE**
7 **RELATED TO COR USING A FLOW-THROUGH METHOD OF**
8 **ACCOUNTING.**

9 A. Please see Figure LMS-5 below, which illustrates the previous example with COR
10 being treated as flow-through.

Figure LMS-5**COR: Flow-through**

	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	900	5,900
Operating Expenses	(500)	(500)	(500)	(500)	(500)	(500)	(3,000)
Book Depreciation	(90)	(90)	(90)	(90)	(90)	-	(450)
Book Depreciation - COR	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	-	(50)
Pre-Tax Book Income	400	400	400	400	400	400	2,400
Tax Depreciation	(250)	(80)	(60)	(40)	(20)	-	(450)
COR Deduction	-	-	-	-	-	(50)	(50)
Federal Taxable Income	250	420	440	460	480	350	2,400
Federal Current Tax Expense	53	88	92	97	101	74	504
Federal Deferred Tax Expense	34	(2)	(6)	(11)	(15)	-	-
Total Federal Tax Expense	86	86	86	86	86	74	504
Book/Tax Timing - COR	10	10	10	10	10	(50)	-
Book/Tax Timing - Depreciation	(160)	10	30	50	70	-	-
DTA - COR	2	4	6	8	11	-	-
(DTL) - Depreciation	(34)	(32)	(25)	(15)	-	-	-
Reg Liability - COR	(2)	(4)	(6)	(8)	(11)	-	-

1 As evidenced by comparing COR: Normalized and COR: Flow-through, total tax
2 expense over time remains \$504 and only the timing of the tax expense differs.

3 In COR: Flow-through the cost of service includes \$86 in years 1-5 and
4 \$74 for year six – the decrease in year is resulting from the tax deduction for the
5 incurred removal costs. The deferred tax expense only relates to the book to tax
6 timing difference related to depreciation. The cost of service included only
7 impacts the current tax expense. Due to the tax benefit being deferred to a future
8 period not being included in rates it is recorded as a regulatory liability.

1 **Q. IS IT YOUR OPINION THAT THE COR DEDUCTION SHOULD BE**
2 **ACCOUNTED FOR ON A NORMALIZED BASIS RATHER THAN**
3 **FLOW-THROUGH PROSPECTIVELY?**

4 A. Yes. First, as discussed above, the Commission has addressed the use of the
5 normalized method of tax accounting. In addition, this methodology maintains
6 inter-generational equity; that is, customers receive the income tax benefits
7 commensurate with the expenses reflected in the cost of service.

8 **Q. HAVE YOU PRESENTED THE COR BOOK/TAX TIMING DIFFERENCE**
9 **AS NORMALIZED IN THE COST OF SERVICE IN THE PROCEEDING?**

10 A. Yes. As part of Section V, Exhibit 3, the deferred federal income tax expense was
11 adjusted for the COR deduction book/tax timing difference for the adjusted tax
12 year.

13 **Q. WHY IS THE METHOD OF TAX ACCOUNTING FOR COR BEING**
14 **ADDRESSED IN THIS CASE?**

15 A. The Company is seeking to align its ratemaking such that the taxes are normalized
16 throughout the origination and reversal of the COR timing difference. During
17 2021 and 2022, the AEP System, including Kentucky Power Company, undertook
18 a project to optimize the PowerTax fixed asset software to provide more visibility
19 into book and tax timing differences and the ratemaking impacts of those timing
20 differences. As such, part of the project entailed the identification of fixed asset
21 related timing differences between book and tax that support the tax regulatory
22 assets and liabilities on the Company's financial statements.

1 It was through this analysis that an issue was identified with Kentucky
2 Power Company's ratemaking for COR. The tax impact of a specific timing
3 difference must either be treated as either flow-through or normalized for the
4 origination and reversal. Either approach should yield the same tax expense over
5 the life of the timing difference. However, through the PowerTax project, the
6 Company identified a mismatch in the tax impact included in rates at the
7 origination of certain COR timing differences and the reversal of those COR
8 timing differences. The ratemaking normalized the COR timing difference at its
9 origination, the time at which the book depreciation is recognized, and flowed
10 through the impact at the reversal of the timing difference, the removal costs
11 being incurred, and tax deduction recognized. This mismatch in ratemaking,
12 normalized at origination and flowed through at reversal, results in a double
13 benefit being provided through rates – a reduction to tax expense which follows
14 the book depreciation and a second reduction to tax expense when the removal
15 cost is incurred.

16 **Q. PLEASE DEMONSTRATE THE IMPACT OF THIS DETERMINATION.**

17 A. Please see Figure LMS-6, which illustrates the previous example with the COR
18 deduction being treated as flow-through.

Figure LMS-6**COR: Kentucky Power Company Historical Practice**

	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	900	5,900
Operating Expenses	(500)	(500)	(500)	(500)	(500)	(500)	(3,000)
Book Depreciation	(90)	(90)	(90)	(90)	(90)	-	(450)
Book Depreciation - COR	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	-	(50)
Pre-Tax Book Income	400	400	400	400	400	400	2,400
Tax Depreciation	(250)	(80)	(60)	(40)	(20)	-	(450)
COR Deduction	-	-	-	-	-	(50)	(50)
Federal Taxable Income	250	420	440	460	480	350	2,400
Federal Current Tax Expense	53	88	92	97	101	74	504
Federal Deferred Tax Expense	32	(4)	(8)	(13)	(17)	-	(10)
Total Federal Tax Expense	84	84	84	84	84	74	494
Book/Tax Timing - COR	10	10	10	10	10	(50)	-
Book/Tax Timing - Depreciation	(160)	10	30	50	70	-	-
DTA - COR	2	4	6	8	10	-	
(DTL) - Depreciation	(34)	(32)	(25)	(15)	-	-	
Reg Asset - COR	-	-	-	-	-	10	

1 In the example above, the cost of service includes \$84 in years 1-5 and,
2 similar to the COR: Normalized figure, provides customers the tax benefit of the
3 COR book depreciation. In year six, however, tax expense in the cost of service
4 reflects the flow-through impact of the COR deduction, again providing
5 customers the tax benefit of \$10. This results in a \$10 regulatory asset.

1 **Q. DOES A TAX REGULATORY ASSET RELATED TO THE ADDITIONAL**
2 **BENEFIT OF REMOVAL COST EXIST ON THE COMPANY'S**
3 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS?**

4 A. Yes. The Company has a tax regulatory asset related to the double benefit
5 provided for COR of \$33,356,902 as of the financial statement period ended
6 March 31, 2023. The balance is part of account 1823301. The total balance of
7 this account at March 31, 2023 was \$42,331,331. If the Company's proposal to
8 normalize the origination and reversal of the COR timing difference is approved,
9 the tax regulatory asset balance will no longer increase. The Company's proposal
10 ceases the double tax benefit and provides a single benefit to tax expense during
11 the depreciation of an asset.

12 **Q. HOW IS THE REGULATORY ASSET KNOWN?**

13 A. In order to complete the PowerTax software project the tax regulatory asset per
14 the financial statement had to be grouped by timing difference and entered into
15 the system so that the reversal of the timing difference can be tracked. Kentucky
16 Power has three timing differences which have been treated as flow-through
17 which make up the tax regulatory asset 1) AFUDC Equity, 2) Previously flowed
18 through Pre-1981 property, and 3) COR. The first two were known based on the
19 past timing tax return deductions and book depreciation taken on these items.
20 These items will reverse over time based on future book depreciation. The
21 remaining balance is attributable to COR. However, due to the treatment of the
22 normalization of the book depreciation portion of the timing difference will not
23 reverse as it represents the COR incurred or deducted on the tax return.

1 **Q. IS THE REGULATORY ASSET INCLUDED AS A COMPONENT OF**
2 **ADIT OR AS AN INCREASE TO RATE BASE?**

3 A. No. The regulatory asset and corresponding ADIT is not a part of rate base. As
4 noted above, the Company is proposing to amortize \$1,667,845 annually over a
5 20-year period and cease the double benefit going forward.

IX. NORMALIZATION OF NET OPERATING LOSSES

6 **Q. WHAT IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING REGARDING NET**
7 **OPERATING LOSSES IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

8 A. The Company is proposing to include a stand-alone net operating loss
9 carryforward (“NOLC”). This adjustment protects customers from the risk of a
10 normalization violation.

11 Internal Revenue Code (“Code”) requires the Company to treat its tax
12 expense and ADIT consistently with its rate base and book depreciation. The
13 Company calculates rate base and book depreciation on a stand-alone basis and,
14 as such, it must also calculate taxes on stand-alone basis to reflect actual costs in
15 rates. Because the Company calculates taxes on a stand-alone basis, the proposed
16 NOLC methodology is consistent with the normalization requirements within the
17 Code.

18 Adjustment 63 of Section V, Exhibit 2 adds the deferred tax asset of
19 \$51,807,098 related to the Company’s stand-alone NOLC position and reduces
20 the protected excess amortization, which is currently being refunded to customers
21 through the Tariff F.T.C., by \$290,867. The NOLC is also included in the
22 Capitalization as Column 8, Section V, of Schedule 3.

1 **Q. WHAT IS A NET OPERATING LOSS?**

2 A. A net operating loss (“NOL”) occurs when, in a given year, a taxpayer has more
3 deductions than taxable revenues. When an NOL occurs, the Code allows the
4 taxpayer to carry the NOL forward to subsequent years and offset otherwise
5 taxable income produced in that future year.

6 **Q. ARE THERE NORMALIZATION REQUIREMENTS INCLUDED**
7 **WITHIN THE CODE?**

8 A. Yes. The Code and accompanying treasury regulations provide normalization
9 requirements, specifically in three areas: 1) Accelerated depreciation and the
10 associated deferred tax liability that results from its use; 2) NOL Carryforwards
11 (“NOLC”) as a result of accelerated depreciation; and 3) Investment Tax Credits
12 (“ITC”).

13 **Q. CAN YOU PLEASE DISCUSS THE NORMALIZATION**
14 **REQUIREMENTS IN THE CODE AS TO ACCELERATED**
15 **DEPRECIATION?**

16 A. The Code dictates that a regulated public utility must use the normalization
17 method of accounting to calculate tax expense on temporary differences
18 associated with accelerated depreciation when determining rates using a cost of
19 service/rate of return methodology. 26 U.S. Code §168(i)(9)(A) states that, in
20 order for a public utility to be considered to be using a normalized method of
21 accounting:

22 (i) the taxpayer must, in computing its tax expense for purposes of
23 establishing its cost of service for ratemaking purposes and
24 reflecting operating results in its regulated books of account, use a
25 method of depreciation with respect to such property that is the

1 same as, and a depreciation period for such property that is no
2 shorter than, the method and period used to compute its
3 depreciation expense for such purposes, and
4 (ii) if the amount allowable as a deduction under this section with
5 respect to such property (respecting all elections made by the
6 taxpayer under this section) differs from the amount that would be
7 allowable as a deduction under section 167 using the method
8 (including the period, first and last year convention, and salvage
9 value) used to compute regulated tax expense under clause (i), the
10 taxpayer must make adjustments to a reserve to reflect the deferral
11 of taxes resulting from such difference³.

12 **Q. CAN YOU PLEASE DISCUSS THE NORMALIZATION**
13 **REQUIREMENTS AS THEY RELATE TO NOLC?**

14 A. This is specifically addressed in Treasury Regulation § 1.167(l)-1(h)(1)(iii),
15 which states:

16 If, however, in respect of any taxable year the use of a method of
17 depreciation other than a subsection (l) method for purposes of
18 determining the taxpayer's reasonable allowance under section
19 167(a) results in a net operating loss carryover (as determined
20 under section 172) to a year succeeding such taxable year which
21 would not have arisen (or an increase in such carryover which
22 would not have arisen) had the taxpayer determined his reasonable
23 allowance under section 167(a) using a subsection (l) method, then
24 the amount and time of the deferral of tax liability shall be taken
25 into account in such appropriate time and manner as is satisfactory
26 to the district director.

27 Although neither the Code nor the regulations specifically address the manner in
28 which the NOL should be treated in ratemaking under the normalization rules, the
29 IRS has addressed this issue in several private letter rulings ("PLRs"). PLRs
30 201436037, 21438003, 201519021, 201534001, 201548017, 201709008, and
31 202010002, which are attached to my testimony as Exhibits LMS-1 through
32 LMS-7, clarify that a tax calculation with and without accelerated depreciation is

³ 26 U.S.C. § 168(i)(9)(A).

1 used to determine the amount of the NOLC ADFIT required to be normalized. To
2 the extent that accelerated depreciation creates an NOLC, the NOLC ADFIT must
3 be a component of rate base. This can be reflected in rate base through ADFIT
4 using either one of two methods to adhere to the normalization rules. In the first
5 method, the deferred tax liability that is a result of accelerated depreciation would
6 simply be reduced by the amount of the NOLC ADFIT. In the second method,
7 the full, deferred tax liability is included as a rate base reduction and a separate
8 deferred tax asset in the amount of the NOLC ADFIT is included as a rate base
9 increase. The result of both is the same: the impact on rate base includes the net
10 balance of the ADFIT for accelerated depreciation and the ADFIT for the NOLC.
11 The PLRs uniformly conclude that excluding the NOLC ADFIT would constitute
12 a normalization violation.

13 **Q. WHAT IS THE RATIONALE FOR THIS TREATMENT OF THE NOLC**
14 **ADFIT?**

15 A. When a regulated utility experiences a NOLC, the taxpayer has not yet received
16 the benefit of the depreciation related ADFIT, i.e., there is no interest free loan
17 from the federal government. Accordingly, the rate base reduction is deferred
18 until the NOLC is utilized and the loan is extended.

19 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE CONCLUSIONS IN THE PLRS MENTIONED**
20 **ABOVE.**

21 A. The PLRs mentioned above confirm that NOLC ADFIT must be included in rate
22 base to avoid a normalization violation when the NOL is the result of accelerated
23 tax depreciation. They describe the NOLC as a necessary reduction to the rate

1 base impact of the deferred tax liability associated with accelerated depreciation.
2 Further, the PLRs prescribe either one of two approaches for determining the
3 amount of the NOLC ADFIT that must be included in rate base: a “with-and-
4 without” or “last dollar deducted” approach. Both of these approaches look at the
5 hypothetical taxable income of the utility without the deductions for accelerated
6 depreciation. The extent to which an NOLC is then attributable to accelerated
7 depreciation must be included in rate base to avoid a normalization violation. The
8 PLRs all contain language very similar to the following:

9 Because the [ADFIT] account [Account 282], the reserve account
10 for deferred taxes, reduces rate base, it is clear that the portion of
11 an NOLC that is attributable to accelerated depreciation must be
12 taken into account in calculating the amount of the reserve for
13 deferred taxes [(ADFIT)]...

14
15 The “with or without” [or “last dollar deducted”] methodology employed
16 by Taxpayer is specifically designed to ensure that the portion of the
17 NOLC attributable to accelerated depreciation is correctly taken into
18 account by maximizing the amount of the NOLC attributable to
19 accelerated depreciation. This methodology provides certainty and
20 prevents the possibility of “flow through” of the benefits of accelerated
21 depreciation to ratepayers.

22 **Q. IS THE INCLUSION OF AN NOLC IN RATE BASE ALSO A SOUND**
23 **ACCOUNTING AND REGULATORY PRACTICE?**

24 A. Yes. The normalization treatment of an NOLC assures that the customers of a
25 utility receive the benefit of the deferred tax payment associated with accelerated
26 depreciation no sooner than they would be able to do so based on the operations
27 of the utility on a stand-alone basis. This lines up the timing of customer benefits
28 with the ability of the utility operations to provide those benefits.

1 **Q. ARE THERE REPERCUSSIONS TO NOT FOLLOWING THE**
2 **NORMALIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCELERATED**
3 **DEPRECIATION?**

4 A. Yes. A depreciation-related normalization violation results in the utility no longer
5 being allowed to use accelerated depreciation on all property used to provide
6 regulated service to the jurisdiction in which the violation occurred.⁴ In addition,
7 the taxes that have been deferred as a result of the prior accelerated depreciation
8 must be paid to the federal government more quickly than they would be in the
9 absence of the violation.

10 **Q. WHAT IMPACT WOULD A NORMALIZATION VIOLATION HAVE ON**
11 **CUSTOMERS?**

12 A. A normalization violation would be harmful to customers as it would result in
13 higher utility rates. As noted above, a normalization violation would prevent the
14 utility from claiming deductions for accelerated depreciation and would result in
15 the Company paying the IRS more rapidly for the previously deferred taxes. This
16 would result in a lower ADIT balance which would cause the rate base for the
17 Company to increase. As customers pay a return on rate base, any increase in rate
18 base would directly result in higher rates. This lower ADIT would represent the
19 reduction to a cost-free source of capital for the Company.

⁴ 26 U.S.C. § 168(f)(2).

1 **Q. WHAT IS MEANT BY A STAND-ALONE METHOD TO CALCULATING**
2 **INCOME TAXES?**

3 A. The stand-alone methodology calculates income taxes on utility revenues and
4 expenses that are included in the utility's revenue requirement. This approach
5 appropriately allocates income taxes between customers and shareholders using a
6 benefits/burdens criteria. Under this methodology, income tax expense relates to,
7 and results from, the provision of utility service to customers. Additionally, the
8 stand-alone income tax calculation includes an adjustment to synchronize interest.
9 Synchronized interest represents the portion of return that is deductible for tax
10 purposes, and it is calculated by multiplying the weighted cost of debt by rate
11 base. Use of synchronized interest in the tax calculation effectively
12 "synchronizes" the calculation of income tax expense with rate base and rate of
13 return. It calculates income taxes consistent with the assumptions used to
14 calculate rate base and the rate of return. Synchronized interest may be more or
15 less than the actual interest deducted on the tax return.

16 **Q. DO THE TAXES REQUESTED IN THIS CASE REPRESENT A STAND-**
17 **ALONE APPROACH?**

18 A. Yes, the tax expense and ADIT included in this case represents the tax associated
19 only with the income and expense of the Company in providing utility service to
20 customers. It does not include any benefits or detriments that may arise from
21 being included in a consolidated tax return.

1 **Q. WHY IS THE STAND-ALONE APPROACH THE PROPER**
2 **METHODOLOGY TO USE IN CALCULATING INCOME TAXES FOR**
3 **RATEMAKING PURPOSES?**

4 A. The stand-alone approach includes in the cost of service only income taxes that
5 result from the provision of utility service to customer. Income taxes requested
6 by the Company are based on revenues and expenses included in the cost of
7 service calculation. There are no additions to or reductions from tax expense
8 resulting from revenues or expenses not included in the Company's request. It is
9 neither appropriate nor equitable to increase or reduce cost of service by tax costs
10 or benefits that are not related to the rendition of utility service to customers. The
11 use of a stand-alone approach prevents the cross-subsidization of costs or benefits
12 among affiliate companies. Normalization requires consistency among tax
13 expense, book depreciation expense, rate base, and the deferred tax reserve.⁵

14 **Q. ON WHAT BASIS DID THE COMPANY PRESENT TAXES IN ITS MOST**
15 **RECENT BASE CASE?**

16 A. In Case No. 2020-00174, the Company presented taxes on a stand-alone basis for
17 all tax expense and ADFIT items except for NOL. The NOL presented in that
18 case reflected adjustments to the ADIT balance for the utilization of those tax
19 attributes as a result of the Company being a member of a consolidated group for
20 its federal tax return.

⁵ 26 U.S.C. § 168(i)(9)(B).

1 **Q. WHY HAS THE COMPANY PRESENTED NOL ON A STAND-ALONE**
2 **BASIS FOR THIS FILING?**

3 A. The Company has presented the NOL on a stand-alone basis because it is the
4 proper method to calculate income taxes for ratemaking purposes for the reasons
5 discussed above.

6 Prior to the preparation for this filing, the Company identified a risk that it
7 faced if the NOL was not presented on a stand-alone basis.⁶ In instances, such as
8 this, in which a member of a consolidated group is in an NOL position as
9 determined on a stand-alone basis and the NOL is the result of accelerated tax
10 depreciation, there is a risk that the Company would not be adhering to the
11 consistency requirement of the normalization rules. Tax expense included in rates
12 is calculated only using the revenue and expenses associated with providing
13 utility service to the Company's customers. Similarly, book depreciation is based
14 only on the assets that are used to provide utility service to customers. If the NOL
15 carryforward were not calculated on a stand-alone basis, then the ADIT included
16 in rate base would reflect a reduction that is directly a result of the taxable
17 situation of affiliate companies. This would result in a rate base that is
18 inconsistent with tax expense and book depreciation and therefore not in
19 compliance with the normalization rules.

⁶ Company Witness Llande discussed this issue and AEP operating companies' steps to address it on rebuttal in Case No. 2021-00481.

1 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY THE COMPANY'S BOOKS DO NOT**
2 **REFLECT THE NOL CARRYFORWARD ON A STAND-ALONE BASIS.**

3 A. The balance reflected on the Company's books are a result of Kentucky Power's
4 participation in a consolidated return with its parent company and affiliates
5 (consolidated return group). As part of the consolidated return group, the
6 Company also participates in the group's tax allocation agreement ("Agreement").
7 The Agreement dictates the allocation of the consolidated tax liability and tax
8 attributes among members of the group. As a result of the Agreement, the books
9 of the Company reflect an NOL carryforward only to the extent that the
10 consolidated return group has a carryforward and only for the Company's
11 allocated share of that carryforward. At the end of the test year, the consolidated
12 return group was not expecting to have an NOL carryforward. As a result, the
13 Company did not have an NOL carryforward on its books despite the fact that it
14 has an NOL carryforward when calculated on a stand-alone basis.

15 **Q. DOES THE PARTICIPATION IN THE TAX SHARING AGREEMENT**
16 **MEAN THAT THE COMPANY RECEIVED PAYMENTS FOR ITS NOL**
17 **CARRYFORWARDS?**

18 A. Yes, it has. The tax sharing agreement directs companies with taxable income to
19 remit a payment to the parent company of the consolidated return group in the
20 amount of its tax liability. To the extent that there are companies with taxable
21 losses, the parent company will distribute payments to those companies for the
22 difference between the amount the parent company is required to remit to the IRS
23 and the amount it received from taxable income companies. Through this

1 intercompany payment process, the Company has received payments for use of its
2 NOL carryforwards.

3 **Q. IF THE COMPANY RECEIVED PAYMENTS FOR ITS NOL**
4 **CARRYFORWARDS THEN WHY SHOULD THE STAND-ALONE NOL**
5 **CARRYFOWARD BE INCLUDED IN RATE BASE?**

6 A. The stand-alone NOL carryforward is both appropriate and necessary to include
7 in the net ADIT reduction to rate base. First, the IRS guidance and the Code both
8 indicate that a NOL carryforward as a result of accelerated depreciation must be
9 included in the rate base of the utility. As discussed, the IRS has issued numerous
10 PLR's all indicating that in order to comply with the normalization rules of the
11 Code, the NOL carryforward must be a component of rate base. The
12 normalization rules of the Code also specify that the assumptions for tax expense,
13 book depreciation, and rate base must be consistent.

14 Figure LMS-7 below presents a simple example of a company that has
15 accelerated tax depreciation deductions greater than its pre-tax book income
16 which results in an NOL.

Figure LMS-7

Income Tax Expense - Per Income Statement			
Pre-Tax Net Income	10,000		
Statutory Tax Rate	<u>21%</u>		
Total Tax Expense	<u>2,100</u>		<i>(Tax Expense collected in customer rates)</i>
	Taxable	Tax	
	Income	Rate	(DTL) / DTA
Pre-Tax Net Income	10,000		
Accelerated Tax Depreciation Reducing Income to Zero	(14,000)	x 21%	<u>(2,940)</u>
			<i>(2,940) ADIT Rate Base Reduction w/o NOL</i>
Taxable Income (Loss)	<u>(4,000)</u>		
Net Tax Loss Carry Forward	4,000	x 21%	<u>840</u>
			<u>(2,100)</u> <i>ADIT Rate Base Reduction with NOL</i>

1 In the above example, \$2,100 is included in the cost of service for tax expense.

2 The \$14,000 deduction for accelerated depreciation results in a deferred tax

3 liability of (\$2,940). The company in this example has generated an NOL of

4 \$4,000 which results in a deferred tax asset of \$840. As you can see in the

5 example, when the deferred tax liability is netted with the NOL deferred tax asset

6 the result is a rate base reduction of (\$2,100). This rate base reduction is equal to

7 the tax expense customers have paid for in the cost of service. If, however, the

8 NOL deferred tax asset is not included as a component of rate base then rate base

9 is reduced by (\$2,940), an amount greater than the tax expense included in the

10 cost of service. That difference between tax expense and rate base exemplifies

11 the need for the NOL carryforward to be included as a component of rate base in

12 order to comply with the consistency requirement of the normalization rules.

1 **Q. CAN YOU DISCUSS THE PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS MADE TO**
2 **REFLECT ADIT ON A STAND-ALONE ACCOUNTING BASIS?**

3 A. Yes. A pro forma adjustment of \$51,807,098 is being made to reduce the ADIT
4 balance for a federal NOL calculated on a stand-alone basis. This adjustment
5 represents the amount of ADIT associated with accelerated tax depreciation which
6 has not been able to produce cash benefits to the Company on the basis of a stand-
7 alone method as of the end of the historic test year. This adjustment reflects the
8 ADIT associated with the taxable losses the Company has generated in excess of
9 the taxable income it has generated and been able to offset based on the NOLC
10 and carryback provisions of the Code. The adjustment has two components: a
11 component to calculate the NOL deferred tax asset (“DTA”) and a component to
12 calculate the reduction to excess protected taxes, or deficient taxes, due to the
13 establishment of the stand-alone NOL DTA.

14 The first component is the NOLC through the test period end generated by
15 accelerated depreciation of \$200,457,133⁷ at the current tax rate of 21% and
16 Kentucky jurisdiction allocation factor which is \$41,506,654⁸. This balance will
17 reverse as the Company incurs taxable income in the future. The second
18 component of the NOLC is calculated by applying the change in the tax rate from
19 35% to 21% under TCJA to the NOLC at December 31, 2017 of \$17,266,544 to
20 arrive at the protected deficient NOL ADFIT. The amount is adjusted for the
21 subsequent amended return movement, and the deficient amortization from
22 January 2018 to March 2023 to arrive at a total NOLC deficient tax balance of

⁷ Exhibit LMS-8.

⁸ Exhibit LMS-9.

1 \$14,641,550. The Kentucky jurisdictional amount of the \$14,641,550 is
2 \$10,300,444. This balance will reverse as it is amortized through tax expense
3 over the life of property, plant, and equipment. The second component represents
4 the reduction to the regulatory liability for excess protected deferred taxes which
5 was established in Case No. 2018-00035. The result of this journal entry will be a
6 one-time credit to income tax expense and a benefit to the Company.⁹ Because of
7 the reduction to the regulatory liability for excess protected deferred taxes, the
8 future amortization will decrease. The reduction to the regulatory liability results
9 in a reduction to protected excess amortization of \$290,867 annually for the base
10 rates set in this proceeding.¹⁰

11 **Q. HAS ANY AFFILIATE OF KENTUCKY POWER REQUESTED A PLR**
12 **REGARDING THE NOLC TREATMENT IN ANY JURISDCITION?**

13 A. Yes. Kentucky Power affiliates filed PLR requests for Texas, Oklahoma, and
14 Indiana with the IRS in March 2022. Each PLR is identical to the tax attributes of
15 Kentucky Power Company and the opinion applicable to the NOLC treatment
16 proposed in this case.

⁹ Exhibit LMS-11.

¹⁰ Exhibit LMS-10.

1 **X. EXCESS ACCUMULATED DEFERRED FEDERAL INCOME TAXES**

2 **Q. WHAT IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING REGARDING EXCESS**
3 **ACCUMULATED DEFERRED FEDERAL INCOME TAXES**
4 **AMORTIZATION IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

5 A. The Company is proposing to continue to include amortization of Protected
6 Excess ADFIT in Federal Tax Cut Tariff (“Tariff F.T.C.”). Adjustment 62 of
7 Section V, Exhibit 2 removes Kentucky Protected Excess ADFIT amortization
8 related to the Tariff F.T.C. The test period included all Excess ADFIT for
9 Kentucky Power Company that is included in other jurisdictions and/or in other
10 rates that are not associated with base rates proposed in this case. These balances
11 were removed from the case by applying a Non-Allocated factor of 0%. Finally,
12 Kentucky Unprotected Excess ADFIT was removed from ADIT in Adjustment
13 63, of Section V because the amount will be fully amortized prior to rates from
14 this case being in effect.

15 **Q. WHAT ARE EXCESS ACCUMULATED DEFERRED FEDERAL**
16 **INCOME TAXES?**

17 A. Excess ADFIT arise not only by accelerated depreciation and bonus depreciation,
18 but by all differences between book and tax provisions of the federal corporate
19 income tax code that result in corporations, such as the Company, recovering,
20 through rates, their federal corporate income tax expense at a different (initially
21 faster) rate than they pay the associated taxes. Kentucky Power, as a regulated
22 utility following Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards
23 Codification 980, deferred the difference on the Company’s books as a regulatory
24 liability, and if income tax rates had remained the same, the deferral would have

1 been reversed in later years as the Company paid its current federal corporate
2 income tax expense at a rate that was greater than the amount the Company was
3 recovering through rates. When the federal corporate income tax rate is reduced,
4 as happened with the Tax Cut and Jobs Act, (“TCJA”), and all other things being
5 equal, a portion of the deferral will never be paid and thus becomes “excess.”
6 There are two types of excess ADFIT: “protected” and “unprotected.”

7 **Q. WHAT ARE PROTECTED AND UNPROTECTED ADFIT?**

8 A. Under the TCJA, protected and unprotected excess ADFIT are treated differently.
9 The TCJA requires that protected excess ADFIT be amortized over “the
10 remaining lives of the property as used in its regulated books of account which
11 gave rise to the reserve for deferred taxes.” See TCJA Subtitle C, Part I, Sec.
12 13001(d)(3)(B). For Kentucky Power, this amortization period is based on the
13 Average Rate Assumption Method or “ARAM.” By contrast, the TCJA does not
14 require that unprotected excess ADFIT be amortized over any specific period.
15 Beginning July 1, 2018, customer bills included a credit to reflect the amortization
16 of both protected and unprotected excess ADFIT as provided for under Kentucky
17 Power’s Tariff F.T.C. The unprotected excess ADFIT balance will be fully
18 refunded to customers by the date rates approved in this case become effective.
19 Therefore, the Tariff F.T.C will include only the protected ADFIT amortization
20 resulting from the TCJA going forward.

XI. CORPORATE ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX

1 **Q. WHAT IS THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT OF 2022?**

2 A. H.R. 5376, approved by Congress and signed into law on August 16, 2022, is
3 referred to as the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 or IRA. The stated purpose of
4 the law was to curb inflation by reducing the deficit through the creation of
5 significant changes relating to tax, climate change, energy, and health care.

6 **Q. WHAT TAX CHANGE FROM THE IRA WILL HAVE AN IMPACT ON**
7 **THE COMPANY?**

8 A. The Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax (“CAMT”) was established for
9 applicable corporations with adjusted financial statement income (“AFSI”) above
10 \$1 billion. The IRA imposes a tax equal to the excess of 15% of the corporation’s
11 AFSI (tentative minimum tax) for the taxable year over its regular income tax
12 liability.¹¹

13 **Q. WHAT IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING REGARDING CAMT IN THIS**
14 **PROCEEDING?**

15 A. The Company is proposing to include future CAMT within the Tariff F.T.C. This
16 will ensure that the amount of taxes customers pay reflects the actual tax expense
17 the Company incurs, and to the extent the Company pays less than a base amount,
18 the difference will be credited to customers via Tariff F.T.C.

19 **Q. WHEN IS THE CAMT EFFECTIVE AND HOW IS IT COMPUTED?**

20 A. The CAMT is effective for tax years beginning after 2022. The amount of CAMT
21 paid is the excess of the computed tentative minimum tax for the taxable year

¹¹ IRC § 55(a)(2).

1 over the regular income tax liability. For example, if an applicable corporation
2 had a tentative minimum tax of \$110 and a regular income tax of \$100, the
3 applicable corporation would pay \$10 of CAMT and \$100 of regular income tax
4 (\$10 CAMT + \$100 regular income tax = \$110 tentative minimum tax).

5 **Q. WHAT IS ADJUSTED FINANCIAL STATEMENT INCOME, OR AFSI,**
6 **MENTIONED ABOVE?**

7 A. AFSI is the basis on which the CAMT is calculated and is equal to an entity's net
8 income or loss reported on its applicable financial statements with adjustments for
9 various provisions provided in the IRA. AFSI includes an adjustment to disregard
10 any federal income taxes which are taken into account on the taxpayer's
11 applicable financial statement. AFSI also includes adjustments to allow tax
12 depreciation deductions and disregard associated financial statement depreciation
13 taken on such property. To the extent items included in financial statement
14 depreciation relate to amounts that do not result in tax depreciation (i.e. tax
15 repairs), no adjustment is required to disregard that financial statement
16 depreciation.

17 **Q. PLEASE PROVIDE AN EXAMPLE OF THE AFSI CALCULATION.**

18 A. Please see Figure LMS-8 below for an example of the AFSI calculation.

Figure LMS-8

Pre-Tax Book Income	5,000
Federal Income Tax	<u>(1,050)</u>
Financial Statement Income	3,950
Add: Federal Income Tax	1,050
Add: Book Depreciation	500
Deduct: Tax Depreciation	<u>(3,000)</u>
Adjustments	(1,450)
Adjusted Financial Statement Income	<u><u>2,500</u></u>

1 In this example, the financial statement income is \$3,950 after federal income tax
 2 of \$1,050. Adjustments to the financial statement income include an addition for
 3 federal income tax of \$1,050, an addition for book depreciation of \$500, and a
 4 deduction for tax depreciation of \$3,000 for a total adjustment to the financial
 5 statement income of (\$1,450). The AFSI is then \$2,500 (\$3,950 financial
 6 statement income - \$1,450 of adjustments = \$2,500 AFSI).

7 **Q. HOW DOES THE CALCULATION OF AFSI COMPARE TO THE**
 8 **CALCULATION OF TAXABLE INCOME FOR THE REGULAR**
 9 **INCOME TAX?**

10 A. The calculation of AFSI is limited in the adjustments for differences between the
 11 recognition of income and expense for book financial statement and tax purposes.
 12 The calculation of taxable income for the regular income tax incorporates all of
 13 these differences. Please see Figure LMS-9 below for a comparison of the
 14 calculation of AFSI and taxable income for the regular income tax.

Figure LMS-9

	AFSI	Taxable Income
Pre-Tax Book Income	5,000	5,000
Federal Income Tax	(1,050)	(1,050)
Financial Statement Income	3,950	3,950
Add: Federal Income Tax	1,050	1,050
Add: Book Depreciation	500	500
Deduct: Tax Depreciation	(3,000)	(3,000)
Add: Other Misc. Book/Tax Differences	0	200
Deduct: Other Misc. Book/Tax Differences	0	(1,200)
Adjustments	(1,450)	(2,450)
AFSI / Taxable Income	2,500	1,500

1 In this example comparison, the taxable income for the regular income tax
2 includes an addition of \$200 and a deduction of \$1,200 for two differences in
3 book and tax recognition of revenue and expenses that were not included in the
4 calculation of AFSI. Common examples of these adjustments are the timing
5 difference associated with the book accrual of expenses which are not deductible
6 for tax purposes until paid or the book deferral of expenses that are recognized in
7 the future in conjunction with rate recovery but are deductible for tax purposes the
8 year in which the expenses are incurred.

9 **Q. WHAT TAX RATES ARE APPLIED TO THE AFSI AND TAXABLE**
10 **INCOME?**

11 A. The calculation of the CAMT applies a 15 percent tax rate to AFSI while the
12 calculation of the regular income tax applies a 21 percent tax rate to taxable
13 income.

1 **Q. WHAT IS THE TENTATIVE MINIMUM TAX MENTIONED ABOVE,**
 2 **AND HOW IS IT CALCULATED?**

3 A. The tentative minimum tax is the CAMT due before considering any amount of
 4 tax due for the regular income tax. The tentative minimum tax is equal to 15
 5 percent of AFSI.

6 **Q. HOW IS THE CAMT CALCULATED?**

7 A. CAMT is the excess, if any, of the tentative minimum tax over the regular 21
 8 percent income tax. If the tentative minimum tax does not exceed the regular
 9 income tax, no CAMT is due.

10 Using the same example used earlier in my testimony in which AFSI is
 11 \$2,500, the tentative minimum tax is \$375 ($\$2,500 \text{ AFSI} \times 15 \text{ percent CAMT tax}$
 12 $\text{rate} = \$375 \text{ tentative minimum tax}$) and the regular income tax is \$315 ($\$1,500$
 13 $\text{taxable income} \times 21 \text{ percent income tax rate} = \$315 \text{ regular income tax}$). Because
 14 the tentative minimum tax exceeds the regular income tax, the taxpayer in this
 15 example is liable for a CAMT of \$60 in addition to the regular income tax of \$315
 16 ($\$375 \text{ tentative minimum tax} - \$315 \text{ regular income tax} = \60 CAMT).

17

Figure LMS-10

Adjusted Financial Statement Income	2,500
CAMT Rate	15%
Tentative Minimum Tax	<u>375</u>
Taxable Income	1,500
Income Tax Rate	21%
Regular Income Tax	<u>315</u>
Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax	<u><u>60</u></u>

1 In this example, the taxpayer would have total taxes payable of \$375, an increase
 2 of \$60 over the taxes that would have been payable absent the CAMT imposed
 3 with the enactment of the IRA.

4 **Q. CAN THE CAMT PAID IN A PRIOR TAX YEAR BE USED AS A CREDIT**
 5 **AGAINST A FUTURE INCOME TAX LIABILITY?**

6 A. Yes. A taxpayer is eligible to claim a tax credit against the regular income tax for
 7 CAMT paid in a prior tax year to the extent that the regular income tax liability
 8 exceeds the tentative minimum tax in that tax year (“Minimum Tax Credit”). The
 9 carryforward of the Minimum Tax Credit is indefinite and can be used in any
 10 subsequent tax year.

11 If the taxpayer in my earlier example has AFSI of \$2,500 and taxable
 12 income of \$2,000 in the year subsequent to that example (“Year 2”) it would
 13 result in a tentative minimum tax of \$375 ($\$2,500 \text{ AFSI} \times 15 \text{ percent} = \375) and
 14 regular income tax of \$420 ($\$2,000 \text{ taxable income} \times 21 \text{ percent} = \420). Because
 15 the tentative minimum tax does not exceed the regular income tax, the taxpayer
 16 does not have a CAMT payable in Year 2.

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Figure LMS-11

	Year 2
Adjusted Financial Statement Income	2,500
CAMT Rate	15%
Tentative Minimum Tax	<u>375</u>
Taxable Income	2,000
Income Tax Rate	21%
Regular Income Tax	<u>420</u>
Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax	<u><u>0</u></u>

1 In this example, the taxpayer had paid \$60 of CAMT in Year 1 and is
 2 eligible to claim a Minimum Tax Credit against the regular income tax liability in
 3 a future tax year to the extent that the regular income tax liability exceeds the
 4 tentative minimum tax in that tax year. In Year 2, the regular income tax exceeds
 5 the tentative minimum tax by \$45 (\$420 regular income tax less \$375 tentative
 6 minimum tax = \$45). In Year 2, the taxpayer would therefore have taxes payable
 7 of \$375 (\$420 regular income tax + \$0 CAMT - \$45 Minimum Tax Credit = \$375
 8 taxes payable).

Figure LMS-12

	Year 1	Year 2
Adjusted Financial Statement Income	2,500	2,500
CAMT Rate	<u>15%</u>	<u>15%</u>
Tentative Minimum Tax	375	375
Taxable Income	1,500	2,000
Income Tax Rate	<u>21%</u>	<u>21%</u>
Regular Income Tax	315	420
Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax	<u>60</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Tax Due before CAMT Credit	375	420
Less: CAMT Credit Utilized	<u>0</u>	<u>45</u>
Total Tax Due	<u><u>375</u></u>	<u><u>375</u></u>

9 In this example, the taxpayer would have \$15 of Minimum Tax Credit available to
 10 claim against the regular income tax in Year 3 and beyond (\$60 CAMT paid in
 11 Year 1 less \$45 Minimum Tax Credit claimed in Year 2 = \$15 CAMT Credit
 12 remaining).

1 **Q. IS KENTUCKY POWER AN APPLICABLE CORPORATION SUBJECT**
2 **TO THE CAMT?**

3 A. Yes. Based on the definition of Applicable Corporation in IRC §59¹² and the
4 guidance issued by the Internal Revenue Service in Notice 2023-7¹³ it has been
5 determined that Kentucky Power is an applicable corporation subject to the
6 CAMT.

7 **Q. IS AN ESTIMATE OF CAMT LIABILITY FOR 2023 INCLUDED IN THIS**
8 **CASE?**

9 A. No. The Company has accrued a deferred tax asset of \$770,063 for the first
10 quarter of 2023 for the CAMT. This amount was removed from the case as part
11 of Section V, Exhibit 2, Adjustment #63. Although the Company is currently
12 accruing an estimate for CAMT, the final amount will not be known until the
13 filing of the 2023 federal tax return which will be filed by September 15, 2024.
14 The Company will include the 2023 final amount in the October 2024 filing of the
15 Tariff F.T.C. subject to Commission approval. The Tariff F.T.C is covered in the
16 testimony of Company Witnesses Kahn and Spaeth.

XII. SECURITIZATION

17 **Q. WHAT IS THE AMOUNT OF ADFIT THAT IS AN INPUT TO THE NET**
18 **PRESENT VALUE CALCULATION OF THE SECURITIZATION?**

19 The ADFIT for the Decommissioning Rider Regulatory Asset is \$60,730,638 and
20 for the Rockport Deferral Regulatory Asset is \$10,973,148.

¹² §59(k)(1)

¹³ Notice 2023-7 2.01(4)(b)(ii)

1 **Q. WHY DO DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES EXIST ON THE**
2 **DECOMMISSIONING RIDER REGULATORY ASSET AND THE**
3 **ROCKPORT DEFERRAL REGULATORY ASSET?**

4 A. ADFIT exists on the Decommissioning Rider Regulatory Asset because, for tax
5 purposes, the Big Sandy Plant coal related assets were retired in 2015 and a tax
6 loss was taken on the federal income tax return for the remaining tax basis of the
7 assets. ADFIT exists on the Rockport Deferral Regulatory Asset because the
8 related purchased power costs were deducted on a previously filed federal income
9 tax return when incurred. The deferred income tax liabilities which exist on the
10 Decommissioning Rider Regulatory Asset and the Rockport Deferral Regulatory
11 Asset represent the difference between the income-tax effected net book value
12 and net tax value, which is zero, and recognize that income taxes payable in future
13 years will be higher as the regulatory assets are recovered because the benefit of
14 the respective tax deductions have already been taken.

15 **Q. DOES THE STAND-ALONE NOLC AFFECT THE ADFIT**
16 **CALCULATION?**

17 A. No. The stand-alone NOLC calculation is based on tax losses driven by
18 accelerated depreciation. Because the drivers of the ADFIT on the
19 Decommissioning Rider Regulatory Assets and the Rockport Deferral Regulatory
20 Asset are not accelerated depreciation, the calculation is not affected by the stand-
21 alone NOLC.

XIII. CONCLUSION

1 **Q. OVERALL, WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO CUSTOMERS**
2 **ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMPANY'S PROPOSED TAX**
3 **TREATMENTS DESCRIBED IN YOUR TESTIMONY?**

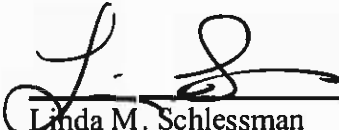
4 A. The Company's proposed tax treatments ensure that the Company properly
5 collects tax expenses through rates that are equivalent to those incurred on the
6 financial statements and therefore the Company can continue to provide safe and
7 reliable service at an affordable price to customers. The proposals also ensure
8 that the Company complies with the normalization requirements set forth in the
9 Internal Revenue Code.

10 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR PRE-FILED DIRECT TESTIMONY?**

11 A. Yes.

VERIFICATION

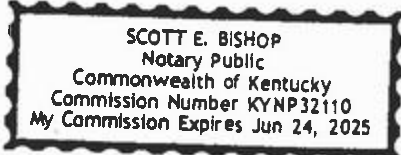
The undersigned, Linda M. Schlessman, being duly sworn, deposes and says she is the Tax Accounting and Regulatory Support Manager for American Electric Power Service Corporation, that she has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing testimony and the information contained therein is true and correct to the best of her information, knowledge, and belief after reasonable inquiry.


Linda M. Schlessman

Commonwealth of Kentucky)
) Case No. 2023-00159
County of Boyd)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said County and State, by Linda M. Schlessman, on June 22, 2023.


Notary Public



My Commission Expires June 24, 2025

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Private Letter Ruling 201436037, 09/05/14, IRC Sec(s). 167

UIL No. 167.22-01

Accelerated depreciation-accumulated deferred income tax-net operating loss carryover-computation based on with or without basis-normalization-limitations on reasonable allowance in case of property of public utilities.

Headnote:

Reduction of regulated electric utility's rate base by full amount of its ADIT account balances offset by portion of its NOLC-related account that is less than amount attributable to accelerated depreciation computed on "with or without" basis would be inconsistent with Code Sec. 168(i)(9); and Reg § 1.167(l)-1 requirements.

Reference(s): Code Sec. 167; Code Sec. 168;

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LEGEND:

Taxpayer =

Parent =

State A =

State B =

State C =

Commission A =

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Year A =

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Case =

Director =

Dear [Redacted Text]:

This letter responds to the request, dated November 25, 2013, of Taxpayer for a ruling on the application of the normalization rules of the Internal Revenue Code to certain accounting and regulatory procedures, described below.

The representations set out in your letter follow.

Taxpayer is a regulated public utility incorporated in State A and State B. It is wholly owned by Parent. Taxpayer is engaged in the transmission, distribution, and supply of electricity in State A and State C. Taxpayer is subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of Commission A, Commission B, and Commission C with respect to terms and conditions of service and particularly the rates it may charge for the provision of service. Taxpayer's rates are established on a rate of return basis. Taxpayer takes accelerated depreciation, including "bonus depreciation" where available and, for each year beginning in Year A and ending in Year B, Taxpayer individually (as well as the consolidated return filed by Parent) has or expects to, produce a net operating loss (NOL). On its regulatory books of account, Taxpayer "normalizes" the differences between regulatory depreciation and tax depreciation. This means that, where accelerated depreciation reduces taxable income, the taxes that a taxpayer would have paid if regulatory depreciation (instead of accelerated tax depreciation) were claimed constitute "cost-free capital" to the taxpayer. A taxpayer that normalizes these differences, like Taxpayer, maintains a reserve account showing the amount of tax liability that is deferred as a result of the accelerated depreciation. This reserve is the accumulated deferred income tax (ADIT) account. Taxpayer maintains an ADIT account. In addition, Taxpayer maintains an offsetting series of entries - a "deferred tax asset" and a "deferred tax expense" - that reflect that portion of those 'tax losses' which, while due to accelerated depreciation, did not actually defer tax because of the existence of an net operating loss carryover (NOLC). Taxpayer, for normalization purposes, calculates the portion of the NOLC attributable to accelerated depreciation using a "with or without" methodology, meaning that an NOLC is attributable to accelerated depreciation to the extent of the lesser of the accelerated depreciation or the NOLC.







Taxpayer filed a general rate case with Commission B on Date A (Case). The test year used in the Case was the 12 month period ending on Date B. In computing its income tax expense element of cost of service, the tax benefits attributable to accelerated depreciation were normalized in accordance with Commission B policy and were not flowed thru to ratepayers. The data originally filed in Case included six months of forecast data, which the Taxpayer updated with actual data in the course of proceedings. In establishing the rate base on which Taxpayer was to be allowed to earn a return Commission B offset rate base by Taxpayer's ADIT balance, using a 13-month average of the month-end balances of

the relevant accounts. Taxpayer argued that the ADIT balance should be reduced by the amounts that Taxpayer calculates did not actually defer tax due to the presence of the NOLC, as represented in the deferred tax asset account. Testimony by various other participants in Case argued against Taxpayer's proposed calculation of ADIT. One proposal made to Commission B was, if Commission B allowed Taxpayer to reduce the ADIT balance as Taxpayer proposed, then Taxpayer's income tax expense element of service should be reduced by that same amount.




Commission B, in an order issued on Date C, allowed Taxpayer to reduce ADIT by the amount that Taxpayer calculates did not actually defer tax due to the presence of the NOLC and ordered Taxpayer to seek a ruling on the effects of an NOLC on ADIT. Rates went into effect on Date C.


Taxpayer proposed, and Commission B accepted, that it be permitted to annualize, rather than average, its reliability plant additions and to extend the period of anticipated reliability plant additions to be included in rate base for an additional quarter. Taxpayer also proposed, and Commission B accepted, that no additional ADIT be reflected as a result of these adjustments inasmuch as any additional book and tax depreciation produced by considering these assets would simply increase Taxpayer's NOLC and thus there would be no net impact on ADIT.





Taxpayer requests that we rule as follows:





1. Under the circumstances described above, the reduction of Taxpayer's rate base by the full amount of its ADIT account balances offset by a portion of its NOLC-related account balance that is less than the amount attributable to accelerated depreciation computed on a "with or without" basis would be inconsistent with the requirements of  § 168(i)(9) and  § 1.167(l)-1 of the Income Tax regulations.
2. The imputation of incremental ADIT on account of the reliability plant addition adjustments described above would be inconsistent with the requirements of  § 168(i)(9) and  § 1.167(l)-1.
3. Under the circumstances described above, any reduction in Taxpayer's tax expense element of cost of service to reflect the tax benefit of its NOLC would be inconsistent with the requirements of  § 168(i)(9) and  § 1.167(l)-1.






Law and Analysis


 Section 168(f)(2) of the Code provides that the depreciation deduction determined under  section 168 shall not apply to any public utility property (within the meaning of  section 168(i)(10)) if the taxpayer does not use a normalization method of accounting.


In order to use a normalization method of accounting,  section 168(i)(9)(A)(i) of the Code requires the taxpayer, in computing its tax expense for establishing its cost of service for ratemaking purposes



and reflecting operating results in its regulated books of account, to use a method of depreciation with respect to public utility property that is the same as, and a depreciation period for such property that is not shorter than, the method and period used to compute its depreciation expense for such purposes. Under  section 168(i)(9)(A)(ii), if the amount allowable as a deduction under  section 168 differs from the amount that would be allowable as a deduction under  section 167 using the method, period, first and last year convention, and salvage value used to compute regulated tax expense under  section 168(i)(9)(A)(i), the taxpayer must make adjustments to a reserve to reflect the deferral of taxes resulting from such difference.





 Section 168(i)(9)(B)(i) of the Code provides that one way the requirements of  section 168(i)(9)(A) will not be satisfied is if the taxpayer, for ratemaking purposes, uses a procedure or adjustment which is inconsistent with such requirements. Under  section 168(i)(9)(B)(ii), such inconsistent procedures and adjustments include the use of an estimate or projection of the taxpayer's tax expense, depreciation expense, or reserve for deferred taxes under  section 168(i)(9)(A)(ii), unless such estimate or projection is also used, for ratemaking purposes, with respect to all three of these items and with respect to the rate base.



Former  section 167(l) of the Code generally provided that public utilities were entitled to use accelerated methods for depreciation if they used a "normalization method of accounting." A normalization method of accounting was defined in former  section 167(l)(3)(G) in a manner consistent with that found in  section 168(i)(9)(A).  Section 1.167(1)-1(a)(1) of the Income Tax Regulations provides that the normalization requirements for public utility property pertain only to the deferral of federal income tax liability resulting from the use of an accelerated method of depreciation for computing the allowance for depreciation under  section 167 and the use of straight-line depreciation for computing tax expense and depreciation expense for purposes of establishing cost of services and for reflecting operating results in regulated books of account. These regulations do not pertain to other book-tax timing differences with respect to state income taxes, F.I.C.A. taxes, construction costs, or any other taxes and items.



 Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(1)(i) provides that the reserve established for public utility property should reflect the total amount of the deferral of federal income tax liability resulting from the taxpayer's use of different depreciation methods for tax and ratemaking purposes.




 Section 1.167(1)-1(h)(1)(iii) provides that the amount of federal income tax liability deferred as a result of the use of different depreciation methods for tax and ratemaking purposes is the excess (computed without regard to credits) of the amount the tax liability would have been had the depreciation method for ratemaking purposes been used over the amount of the actual tax liability. This

amount shall be taken into account for the taxable year in which the different methods of depreciation are used. If, however, in respect of any taxable year the use of a method of depreciation other than a subsection (1) method for purposes of determining the taxpayer's reasonable allowance under  section 167(a) results in a net operating loss carryover to a year succeeding such taxable year which would not have arisen (or an increase in such carryover which would not have arisen) had the taxpayer determined his reasonable allowance under  section 167(a) using a subsection (1) method, then the amount and time of the deferral of tax liability shall be taken into account in such appropriate time and manner as is satisfactory to the district director.


 Section 1.167(1)-1(h)(2)(i) provides that the taxpayer must credit this amount of deferred taxes to a reserve for deferred taxes, a depreciation reserve, or other reserve account. This regulation further provides that, with respect to any account, the aggregate amount allocable to deferred tax under  section 167(1) shall not be reduced except to reflect the amount for any taxable year by which Federal income taxes are greater by reason of the prior use of different methods of depreciation. That section also notes that the aggregate amount allocable to deferred taxes may be reduced to reflect the amount for any taxable year by which federal income taxes are greater by reason of the prior use of different methods of depreciation under  section 1.167(1)-1(h)(1)(i) or to reflect asset retirements or the expiration of the period for depreciation used for determining the allowance for depreciation under  section 167(a).


 Section 1.167(1)-(h)(6)(i) provides that, notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (1) of that paragraph, a taxpayer does not use a normalization method of regulated accounting if, for ratemaking purposes, the amount of the reserve for deferred taxes under  section 167(l) which is excluded from the base to which the taxpayer's rate of return is applied, or which is treated as no-cost capital in those rate cases in which the rate of return is based upon the cost of capital, exceeds the amount of such reserve for deferred taxes for the period used in determining the taxpayer's expense in computing cost of service in such ratemaking.


 Section 1.167(1)-(h)(6)(ii) provides that, for the purpose of determining the maximum amount of the reserve to be excluded from the rate base (or to be included as no-cost capital) under subdivision (i), above, if solely an historical period is used to determine depreciation for Federal income tax expense for ratemaking purposes, then the amount of the reserve account for that period is the amount of the reserve (determined under  section 1.167(1)-1(h)(2)(i)) at the end of the historical period. If such determination is made by reference both to an historical portion and to a future portion of a period, the amount of the reserve account for the period is the amount of the reserve at the end of the historical portion of the period and a pro rata portion of the amount of any projected increase to be credited or decrease to be charged to the account during the future portion of the period.

 Section 1.167(l)-1(h) requires that a utility must maintain a reserve reflecting the total amount of the deferral of federal income tax liability resulting from the taxpayer's use of different depreciation methods for tax and ratemaking purposes. Taxpayer has done so.  Section 1.167(1)-(h)(6)(i) provides that a taxpayer does not use a normalization method of regulated accounting if, for ratemaking purposes, the amount of the reserve for deferred taxes which is excluded from the base to which the taxpayer's rate of return is applied, or which is treated as no-cost capital in those rate cases in which the rate of return is based upon the cost of capital, exceeds the amount of such reserve for deferred taxes for the period used in determining the taxpayer's expense in computing cost of service in such ratemaking. 

Section 56(a)(1)(D) provides that, with respect to public utility property the Secretary shall prescribe the requirements of a normalization method of accounting for that section.

In Case, Commission B has reduced rate base by Taxpayer's ADIT account, as modified by the account which Taxpayer has designed to calculate the effects of the NOLC. 







Section 1.167(1)-1(h)(1)(iii) makes clear that the effects of an NOLC must be taken into account for normalization purposes. Further, while that section provides no specific mandate on methods, it does provide that the Service has discretion to determine whether a particular method satisfies the normalization requirements.  Section 1.167(1)-(h)(6)(i) provides that a taxpayer does not use a normalization method of regulated accounting if, for ratemaking purposes, the amount of the reserve for deferred taxes which is excluded from the base to which the taxpayer's rate of return is applied, or which is treated as no-cost capital in those rate cases in which the rate of return is based upon the cost of capital, exceeds the amount of such reserve for deferred taxes for the period used in determining the taxpayer's expense in computing cost of service in such ratemaking. Because the ADIT account, the reserve account for deferred taxes, reduces rate base, it is clear that the portion of an NOLC that is attributable to accelerated depreciation must be taken into account in calculating the amount of the reserve for deferred taxes (ADIT). Thus, the order by Commission B is in accord with the normalization requirements. The "with or without" methodology employed by Taxpayer is specifically designed to ensure that the portion of the NOLC attributable to accelerated depreciation is correctly taken into account by maximizing the amount of the NOLC attributable to accelerated depreciation. This methodology provides certainty and prevents the possibility of "flow through" of the benefits of accelerated depreciation to ratepayers. Under these facts, any method other than the "with and without" method would not provide the same level of certainty and therefore the use of any other methodology is inconsistent with the normalization rules.

Regarding the second issue,  § 1.167(1)-(h)(6)(i) provides, as noted above, that a taxpayer does not use a normalization method of regulated accounting if, for ratemaking purposes, the amount of the reserve for deferred taxes which is excluded from the base to which the taxpayer's rate of return is applied exceeds the amount of such reserve for deferred taxes for the period used in determining the taxpayer's expense in computing cost of service in such ratemaking. Increasing Taxpayer's ADIT

account by an amount representing those taxes that would have been deferred absent the NOLC increases the ADIT reserve account (which will then reduce rate base) beyond the permissible amount.


Regarding the third issue, reduction of Taxpayer's tax expense element of cost of service, we believe that such reduction would, in effect, flow through the tax benefits of accelerated depreciation deductions through to rate payers even though the Taxpayer has not yet realized such benefits. This would violate the normalization provisions.

We rule as follows:

1. Under the circumstances described above, the reduction of Taxpayer's rate base by the full amount of its ADIT account balances offset by a portion of its NOLC-related account balance that is less than the amount attributable to accelerated depreciation computed on a "with or without" basis would be inconsistent with the requirements of  § 168(i)(9) and  § 1.167(l)-1 of the Income Tax regulations.
2. The imputation of incremental ADIT on account of the reliability plant addition adjustments described above would be inconsistent with the requirements of  § 168(i)(9) and  § 1.167(l)-1.
3. Under the circumstances described above, any reduction in Taxpayer's tax expense element of cost of service to reflect the tax benefit of its NOLC would be inconsistent with the requirements of  § 168(i)(9) and  § 1.167(l)-1.

This ruling is based on the representations submitted by Taxpayer and is only valid if those representations are accurate. The accuracy of these representations is subject to verification on audit.

Except as specifically determined above, no opinion is expressed or implied concerning the Federal income tax consequences of the matters described above.

This ruling is directed only to the taxpayer who requested it.  Section 6110(k)(3) of the Code provides it may not be used or cited as precedent. In accordance with the power of attorney on file with this office, a copy of this letter is being sent to your authorized representative. We are also sending a copy of this letter ruling to the Director.

Sincerely,

Peter C. Friedman

Senior Technician Reviewer, Branch 6

(Passthroughs & Special Industries)

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UIL No. 167.22-01

Accelerated depreciation-accumulated deferred income tax-net operating loss carryover-normalization-limitations on reasonable allowance in case of property of public utilities.

Headnote:

Reduction of taxpayer/regulator electric utility's rate base by full amount of its ADIT account balance unreduced by balance of NOLC-related account balance would be inconsistent with Code Sec. 168(i)(9); and Reg § 1.167(l)-1 requirements.

Reference(s): Code Sec. 168; Code Sec. 167;

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LEGEND:

Taxpayer =

Parent =

State A =

Commission A =

Commission B =

Year A =

Year B =

Year C =

Year D =

Date A =

Date B =

Date C =

Date D =

Case =

Director =

Dear [Redacted Text]:

This letter responds to the request, dated January 24, 2014, and additional submission dated May 19, 2014, submitted on behalf of Taxpayer for a ruling on the application of the normalization rules of the Internal Revenue Code to certain accounting and regulatory procedures, described below.

The representations set out in your letter follow.

Taxpayer is a regulated, investor-owned public utility incorporated under the laws of State A primarily engaged in the business of supplying electricity in State A. Taxpayer is subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of Commission A and Commission B with respect to terms and conditions of service and particularly the rates it may charge for the provision of service. Taxpayer's rates are established on a rate of return basis.

Taxpayer is wholly owned by Parent, and Taxpayer is included in a consolidated federal income tax return of which Parent is the common parent. Taxpayer employs the accrual method of accounting and reports on a calendar year basis.

Taxpayer filed a rate case application on Date A (Case). In its filing, Taxpayer used as its starting point actual data from the historic test period, calendar Year A. It then projected data for Year B through Year C. Taxpayer updated, amended, and supplemented its data several times during the course of the proceedings. Rates in this proceeding were intended to, and did, go into effect for the period Date B through Date C.

In computing its income tax expense element of cost of service, the tax benefits attributable to accelerated depreciation were normalized and were not flowed thru to ratepayers.

In its rate case filing, Taxpayer anticipated that it would claim accelerated depreciation, including "bonus depreciation" on its tax returns to the extent that such depreciation was available in all years for which data was provided. Additionally, Taxpayer forecasted that it would incur a net operating loss (NOL) in Year D. Taxpayer anticipated that it had the capacity to carry back a portion of this NOL with the remainder producing a net operating loss carryover (NOLC) as of the end of Year D.







On its regulatory books of account, Taxpayer "normalizes" the differences between regulatory depreciation and tax depreciation. This means that, where accelerated depreciation reduces taxable income, the taxes that a taxpayer would have paid if regulatory depreciation (instead of accelerated tax depreciation) were claimed constitute "cost-free capital" to the taxpayer. A taxpayer that normalizes these differences, like Taxpayer, maintains a reserve account showing the amount of tax liability that is deferred as a result of the accelerated depreciation. This reserve is the accumulated deferred income tax (ADIT) account. Taxpayer maintains an ADIT account. In addition, Taxpayer maintains an offsetting

series of entries - a "deferred tax asset" and a "deferred tax expense" - that reflect that portion of those 'tax losses' which, while due to accelerated depreciation, did not actually defer tax because of the existence of an NOLC.




In the setting of utility rates in State, a utility's rate base is offset by its ADIT balance. In its rate case filing and throughout the proceeding, Taxpayer maintained that the ADIT balance should be reduced by the amounts that Taxpayer calculates did not actually defer tax due to the presence of the NOLC, as represented in the deferred tax asset account. Thus, Taxpayer argued that the rate base should be reduced as of the end of Year D by its federal ADIT balance net of the deferred tax asset account attributable to the federal NOLC. It based this position on its determination that this net amount represented the true measure of federal income taxes deferred on account of its claiming accelerated tax depreciation deductions and, consequently, the actual quantity of "cost-free" capital available to it. It also asserted that the failure to reduce its rate base offset by the deferred tax asset attributable to the federal NOLC would be inconsistent with the normalization rules. Testimony by another participant in Case argued against Taxpayer's proposed calculation of ADIT.






Commission A, in an order issued on Date D, held that it is inappropriate to include the NOL in rate base for ratemaking purposes. Commission A further stated that it is the intent of the Commission that Taxpayer comply with the normalization method of accounting and tax normalization regulations. Commission noted that if Taxpayer later obtains a ruling from the IRS which affirms Taxpayer's position, Taxpayer may file seeking an adjustment. Commission A also held that to the extent tax normalization rules require recording the NOL to rate base in the specified years, no rate of return is authorized.





Taxpayer requests that we rule as follows:






1. Under the circumstances described above, the reduction of Taxpayer's rate base by the full amount of its ADIT account balance unreduced by the balance of its NOLC-related account balance would be inconsistent with (and, hence, violative of) the requirements of  § 168(i)(9) and  § 1.167(l)-1 of the Income Tax regulations.
2. For purposes of Ruling 1 above, the use of a balance of Taxpayer's NOLC-related account balance that is less than the amount attributable to accelerated depreciation computed on a "with and without" basis would be inconsistent with (and, hence, violative of) the requirements of  § 168(i)(9) and  § 1.167(l)-1 of the Income Tax regulations.
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Law and Analysis

 Section 168(f)(2) of the Code provides that the depreciation deduction determined under  section 168 shall not apply to any public utility property (within the meaning of  section 168(i)(10)) if the taxpayer does not use a normalization method of accounting.






In order to use a normalization method of accounting,  section 168(i)(9)(A)(i) of the Code requires the taxpayer, in computing its tax expense for establishing its cost of service for ratemaking purposes and reflecting operating results in its regulated books of account, to use a method of depreciation with respect to public utility property that is the same as, and a depreciation period for such property that is not shorter than, the method and period used to compute its depreciation expense for such purposes. Under  section 168(i)(9)(A)(ii), if the amount allowable as a deduction under  section 168 differs from the amount that would be allowable as a deduction under  section 167 using the method, period, first and last year convention, and salvage value used to compute regulated tax expense under  section 168(i)(9)(A)(i), the taxpayer must make adjustments to a reserve to reflect the deferral of taxes resulting from such difference.





 Section 168(i)(9)(B)(i) of the Code provides that one way the requirements of  section 168(i)(9)(A) will not be satisfied is if the taxpayer, for ratemaking purposes, uses a procedure or adjustment which is inconsistent with such requirements. Under  section 168(i)(9)(B)(ii), such inconsistent procedures and adjustments include the use of an estimate or projection of the taxpayer's tax expense, depreciation expense, or reserve for deferred taxes under  section 168(i)(9)(A)(ii), unless such estimate or projection is also used, for ratemaking purposes, with respect to all three of these items and with respect to the rate base.



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 Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(2)(i) provides that the taxpayer must credit this amount of deferred taxes to a reserve for deferred taxes, a depreciation reserve, or other reserve account. This regulation further provides that, with respect to any account, the aggregate amount allocable to deferred tax under  section 167(1) shall not be reduced except to reflect the amount for any taxable year by which Federal income taxes are greater by reason of the prior use of different methods of depreciation. That section also notes that the aggregate amount allocable to deferred taxes may be reduced to reflect the amount for any taxable year by which federal income taxes are greater by reason of the prior use of different methods of depreciation under  section 1.167(l)-1(h)(1)(i) or to reflect asset retirements or the expiration of the period for depreciation used for determining the allowance for depreciation under  section 167(a).


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expense for ratemaking purposes, then the amount of the reserve account for that period is the amount of the reserve (determined under  section 1.167(l)-1(h)(2)(i)) at the end of the historical period. If such determination is made by reference both to an historical portion and to a future portion of a period, the amount of the reserve account for the period is the amount of the reserve at the end of the historical portion of the period and a pro rata portion of the amount of any projected increase to be credited or decrease to be charged to the account during the future portion of the period.

 Section 1.167(l)-1(h) requires that a utility must maintain a reserve reflecting the total amount of the deferral of federal income tax liability resulting from the taxpayer's use of different depreciation methods for tax and ratemaking purposes. Taxpayer has done so.  Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(6)(i) provides that a taxpayer does not use a normalization method of regulated accounting if, for ratemaking purposes, the amount of the reserve for deferred taxes which is excluded from the base to which the taxpayer's rate of return is applied, or which is treated as no-cost capital in those rate cases in which the rate of return is based upon the cost of capital, exceeds the amount of such reserve for deferred taxes for the period used in determining the taxpayer's expense in computing cost of service in such ratemaking. 

Section 56(a)(1)(D) provides that, with respect to public utility property the Secretary shall prescribe the requirements of a normalization method of accounting for that section.







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Regarding the second issue,  § 1.167(l)-1(h)(1)(iii) makes clear that the effects of an NOLC must be taken into account for normalization purposes.  Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(1)(iii) provides generally that, if, in respect of any year, the use of other than regulatory depreciation for tax purposes results in an NOLC carryover (or an increase in an NOLC which would not have arisen had the taxpayer claimed only regulatory depreciation for tax purposes), then the amount and time of the deferral of tax liability shall be taken into account in such appropriate time and manner as is satisfactory to the district director. While that section provides no specific mandate on methods, it does provide that the Service has discretion to determine whether a particular method satisfies the normalization requirements. The "with or without" methodology employed by Taxpayer is specifically designed to ensure that the portion of the NOLC attributable to accelerated depreciation is correctly taken into account by maximizing the

amount of the NOLC attributable to accelerated depreciation. This methodology provides certainty and prevents the possibility of "flow through" of the benefits of accelerated depreciation to ratepayers. Under these facts, any method other than the "with and without" method would not provide the same level of certainty and therefore the use of any other methodology is inconsistent with the normalization rules.


Regarding the third issue, assignment of a zero rate of return to the balance of Taxpayer's NOLC-related account balance would, in effect, flow the tax benefits of accelerated depreciation deductions through to rate payers. This would violate the normalization provisions.

We rule as follows:

1. Under the circumstances described above, the reduction of Taxpayer's rate base by the full amount of its ADIT account balance unreduced by the balance of its NOLC-related account balance would be inconsistent with the requirements of  § 168(i)(9) and  § 1.167(l)-1 of the Income Tax regulations.
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3. Under the circumstances described above, the assignment of a zero rate of return to the balance of Taxpayer's NOLC-related account balance would be inconsistent with the requirements of  § 168(i)(9) and  § 1.167(l)-1.

This ruling is based on the representations submitted by Taxpayer and is only valid if those representations are accurate. The accuracy of these representations is subject to verification on audit.

Except as specifically determined above, no opinion is expressed or implied concerning the Federal income tax consequences of the matters described above.

This ruling is directed only to the taxpayer who requested it.  Section 6110(k)(3) of the Code provides it may not be used or cited as precedent. In accordance with the power of attorney on file with this office, a copy of this letter is being sent to your authorized representative. We are also sending a copy of this letter ruling to the Director.

Sincerely,

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Senior Technician Reviewer, Branch 6

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UIL No. 167.22-01

Accelerated depreciation-accumulated deferred income tax-net operating loss carryover-normalization-limitations on reasonable allowance in case of property of public utilities.

Headnote:

Reduction of taxpayer/investor-owned public utility's rate base by full amount of its ADIT account balance unreduced by balance of NOLC-related account balance would be inconsistent with Code Sec. 168(i)(9); and Reg § 1.167(l)-1 requirements.

Reference(s): Code Sec. 168; Code Sec. 167;

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LEGEND:

Taxpayer =

Parent =

State A =

Commission =

Year A =

Year B =

Year C =

Year D =

Date A =

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Date C =

Date D =

Case =

Director =

Dear [Redacted Text]:

This letter responds to the request, dated October 1, 2014, submitted on behalf of Taxpayer for a ruling on the application of the normalization rules of the Internal Revenue Code to certain accounting and regulatory procedures, described below.

The representations set out in your letter follow.

Taxpayer is a regulated, investor-owned public utility incorporated under the laws of State A primarily engaged in the business of supplying natural gas service in State A. Taxpayer is subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of Commission with respect to terms and conditions of service and as to the rates it may charge for the provision of service. Taxpayer's rates are established on a cost of service basis.

Taxpayer is wholly owned by Parent, and Taxpayer is included in a consolidated federal income tax return of which Parent is the common parent. Taxpayer employs the accrual method of accounting and reports on a calendar year basis.

Taxpayer filed a rate case application on Date A (Case). In its filing, Taxpayer used as its starting point actual data from the historic test period, calendar Year A. It then projected data for Year B through Year D. Taxpayer updated, amended, and supplemented its data several times during the course of the proceedings. Rates in this proceeding were intended to, and did, go into effect for the period Date B through Date C.

In computing its income tax expense element of cost of service, the tax benefits attributable to accelerated depreciation were normalized and were not flowed thru to ratepayers.

In its rate case filing, Taxpayer anticipated that it would claim accelerated depreciation, including "bonus depreciation" on its tax returns to the extent that such depreciation was available in all years for which data was provided. Additionally, Taxpayer forecasted that it would incur a net operating loss (NOL) in each of Year B, Year C, and Year D. Taxpayer anticipated that it had the capacity to carry back a portion of this NOL with the remainder producing a net operating loss carryover (NOLC) as of the end of Year C and Year D, the beginning and end of the test period.







On its regulatory books of account, Taxpayer "normalizes" the differences between regulatory depreciation and tax depreciation. This means that, where accelerated depreciation reduces taxable income, the taxes that a taxpayer would have paid if regulatory depreciation (instead of accelerated tax depreciation) were claimed constitute "cost-free capital" to the taxpayer. A taxpayer that normalizes these differences, like Taxpayer, maintains a reserve account showing the amount of tax liability that is deferred as a result of the accelerated depreciation. This reserve is the accumulated deferred income tax (ADIT) account. Taxpayer maintains an ADIT account. In addition, Taxpayer maintains an offsetting series of entries - a "deferred tax asset" and a "deferred tax expense" - that reflect that portion of those 'tax losses' which, while due to accelerated depreciation, did not actually defer tax because of the

existence of an NOLC.




In the setting of utility rates in State, a utility's rate base is offset by its ADIT balance. In its rate case filing and throughout the proceeding, Taxpayer maintained that the ADIT balance should be reduced by the amounts that Taxpayer calculates did not actually defer tax due to the presence of the NOLC, as represented in the deferred tax asset account. Thus, Taxpayer argued that the rate base should be reduced as of the end of Year D by its federal ADIT balance net of the deferred tax asset account attributable to the federal NOLC. It based this position on its determination that this net amount represented the true measure of federal income taxes deferred on account of its claiming accelerated tax depreciation deductions and, consequently, the actual quantity of "cost-free" capital available to it. It also asserted that the failure to reduce its rate base offset by the deferred tax asset attributable to the federal NOLC would be inconsistent with the normalization rules. Testimony by another participant in Case argued against Taxpayer's proposed calculation of ADIT.

Commission, in an order issued on Date D, held that it is inappropriate to include the NOL in rate base for ratemaking purposes. Commission further stated that it is the intent of the Commission that Taxpayer comply with the normalization method of accounting and tax normalization regulations. Commission noted that if Taxpayer later obtains a ruling from the IRS which affirms Taxpayer's position, Taxpayer may file seeking an adjustment. Commission also held that to the extent tax normalization rules require including the NOL in rate base in the specified years, no rate of return is authorized.






Taxpayer requests that we rule as follows:





1. Under the circumstances described above, the reduction of Taxpayer's rate base by the full amount of its ADIT account balance unreduced by the balance of its NOLC-related account balance would be inconsistent with (and, hence, violative of) the requirements of  § 168(i)(9) and  § 1.167(l)-1 of the Income Tax regulations.
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Under these specific facts, any method other than the "with and without" method would not provide the same level of certainty and therefore the use of any other methodology is inconsistent with the normalization rules.


Regarding the third issue, assignment of a zero rate of return to the balance of Taxpayer's NOLC-related account balance would, in effect, flow the tax benefits of accelerated depreciation deductions through to rate payers. This would violate the normalization provisions.

We rule as follows:

1. Under the circumstances described above, the reduction of Taxpayer's rate base by the full amount of its ADIT account balance unreduced by the balance of its NOLC-related account balance would be inconsistent with the requirements of  § 168(i)(9) and  § 1.167(l)-1 of the Income Tax regulations.
2. For purposes of Ruling 1 above, the use of a balance of Taxpayer's NOLC-related account balance that is less than the amount attributable to accelerated depreciation computed on a "with and without" basis would be inconsistent with the requirements of  § 168(i)(9) and  § 1.167(l)-1 of the Income Tax regulations.
3. Under the circumstances described above, the assignment of a zero rate of return to the balance of Taxpayer's NOLC-related account balance would be inconsistent with the requirements of  § 168(i)(9) and  § 1.167(l)-1.

This ruling is based on the representations submitted by Taxpayer and is only valid if those representations are accurate. The accuracy of these representations is subject to verification on audit.

Except as specifically determined above, no opinion is expressed or implied concerning the Federal income tax consequences of the matters described above.

This ruling is directed only to the taxpayer who requested it.  Section 6110(k)(3) of the Code provides it may not be used or cited as precedent. In accordance with the power of attorney on file with this office, a copy of this letter is being sent to your authorized representative. We are also sending a copy of this letter ruling to the Director.

Sincerely,

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UIL No. 167.22-01

Accelerated depreciation-accumulated deferred income tax-net operating loss carryforward-normalization-limitations on reasonable allowance in case of property of public utilities.

Headnote:

Reduction of taxpayer/common parent/regulated natural gas distributor's rate base by full amount of its ADIT account balance unreduced by balance of NOLC-related account balance would be inconsistent with Code Sec. 168(i)(9); and Reg § 1.167(l)-1 requirements.

Reference(s): Code Sec. 168; Code Sec. 167;

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Date:

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LEGEND:

Taxpayer =

State A =

State B =

State C =

Commission =

Year A =

Year B =

Date A =

Date B =

Date C =

Date D =

Case =

Director =

Dear [Redacted Text]:

This letter responds to the request, dated January 9, 2015, submitted on behalf of Taxpayer for a ruling on the application of the normalization rules of the Internal Revenue Code to certain accounting and regulatory procedures, described below.

The representations set out in your letter follow.

Taxpayer is the common parent of an affiliated group of corporations and is incorporated under the laws of State A and State B. Taxpayer is engaged primarily in the businesses of regulated natural gas distribution, regulated natural gas transmission, and regulated natural gas storage. Taxpayer's regulated natural gas distribution business delivers gas to customers in several states, including State A. Taxpayer is subject to, as relevant for this ruling, the regulatory jurisdiction of Commission with respect to terms and conditions of service and as to the rates it may charge for the provision of its gas distribution service in State A. Taxpayer's rates are established on a "rate of return" basis.





Taxpayer filed a rate case application on Date A (Case). In its filing, Taxpayer's application was based on a fully forecasted test period consisting of the twelve months ending on Date B. Taxpayer updated, amended, and supplemented its data several times during the course of the proceedings. In a final order dated Date C, rates were approved by Commission for service rendered on or after Date D.

In each year from Year A to Year B, Taxpayer incurred a net operating loss carryforward (NOLC). In each of these years, Taxpayer claimed accelerated depreciation, including "bonus depreciation" on its tax returns to the extent that such depreciation was available. On its regulatory books of account, Taxpayer "normalizes" the differences between regulatory depreciation and tax depreciation. This means that, where accelerated depreciation reduces taxable income, the taxes that a taxpayer would have paid if regulatory depreciation (instead of accelerated tax depreciation) were claimed constitute "cost-free capital" to the taxpayer. A taxpayer that normalizes these differences, like Taxpayer, maintains a reserve account showing the amount of tax liability that is deferred as a result of the accelerated depreciation. This reserve is the accumulated deferred income tax (ADIT) account. Taxpayer maintains an ADIT account. In addition, Taxpayer maintains an offsetting series of entries - a "deferred tax asset" and a "deferred tax expense" - that reflect that portion of those 'tax losses' which, while due to accelerated depreciation, did not actually defer tax because of the existence of an NOLC.




In the setting of utility rates in State C, a utility's rate base is offset by its ADIT balance. In its rate case filing and throughout the proceeding, Taxpayer maintained that the ADIT balance should be reduced by the amounts that Taxpayer calculates did not actually defer tax due to the presence of the NOLC, as represented in the deferred tax asset account. Thus, Taxpayer argued that the rate base should be reduced by its federal ADIT balance net of the deferred tax asset account attributable to the federal NOLC. It also asserted that the failure to reduce its rate base offset by the deferred tax asset attributable to the federal NOLC would be inconsistent with the normalization rules. The attorney general for State C argued against Taxpayer's proposed calculation of ADIT.






Commission, in its final order, agreed with Taxpayer but concluded that the ambiguity in the relevant normalization regulations warranted an assessment of the issue by the IRS and this ruling request followed.





Taxpayer requests that we rule as follows:

1. Under the circumstances described above, the reduction of Taxpayer's rate base by the full amount of its ADIT account balance unreduced by the balance of its NOLC-related account balance would be inconsistent with (and, hence, violative of) the requirements of  § 168(i)(9) and  § 1.167(l)-1 of the Income Tax regulations.
2. For purposes of Ruling 1 above, the use of a balance of Taxpayer's NOLC-related account that is less than the amount attributable to accelerated depreciation computed on a "last dollars deducted" basis would be inconsistent with (and, hence, violative of) the requirements of  § 168(i)(9) and  § 1.167(l)-1 of the Income Tax regulations.






Law and Analysis


 Section 168(f)(2) of the Code provides that the depreciation deduction determined under  section 168 shall not apply to any public utility property (within the meaning of  section 168(i)(10)) if the taxpayer does not use a normalization method of accounting.






In order to use a normalization method of accounting,  section 168(i)(9)(A)(i) of the Code requires the taxpayer, in computing its tax expense for establishing its cost of service for ratemaking purposes and reflecting operating results in its regulated books of account, to use a method of depreciation with respect to public utility property that is the same as, and a depreciation period for such property that is not shorter than, the method and period used to compute its depreciation expense for such purposes. Under  section 168(i)(9)(A)(ii), if the amount allowable as a deduction under  section 168 differs from the amount that would be allowable as a deduction under  section 167 using the method, period, first and last year convention, and salvage value used to compute regulated tax expense under  section 168(i)(9)(A)(i), the taxpayer must make adjustments to a reserve to reflect the deferral of taxes resulting from such difference.



 Section 168(i)(9)(B)(i) of the Code provides that one way the requirements of  section 168(i)(9)(A) will not be satisfied is if the taxpayer, for ratemaking purposes, uses a procedure or adjustment which is inconsistent with such requirements. Under  section 168(i)(9)(B)(ii), such inconsistent procedures and adjustments include the use of an estimate or projection of the taxpayer's tax expense, depreciation expense, or reserve for deferred taxes under  section 168(i)(9)(A)(ii),



unless such estimate or projection is also used, for ratemaking purposes, with respect to all three of these items and with respect to the rate base.



Former  section 167(l) of the Code generally provided that public utilities were entitled to use accelerated methods for depreciation if they used a "normalization method of accounting." A normalization method of accounting was defined in former  section 167(l)(3)(G) in a manner consistent with that found in  section 168(i)(9)(A).  Section 1.167(l)-1(a)(1) of the Income Tax Regulations provides that the normalization requirements for public utility property pertain only to the deferral of federal income tax liability resulting from the use of an accelerated method of depreciation for computing the allowance for depreciation under  section 167 and the use of straight-line depreciation for computing tax expense and depreciation expense for purposes of establishing cost of services and for reflecting operating results in regulated books of account. These regulations do not pertain to other book-tax timing differences with respect to state income taxes, F.I.C.A. taxes, construction costs, or any other taxes and items.



 Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(1)(i) provides that the reserve established for public utility property should reflect the total amount of the deferral of federal income tax liability resulting from the taxpayer's use of different depreciation methods for tax and ratemaking purposes.




 Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(1)(iii) provides that the amount of federal income tax liability deferred as a result of the use of different depreciation methods for tax and ratemaking purposes is the excess (computed without regard to credits) of the amount the tax liability would have been had the depreciation method for ratemaking purposes been used over the amount of the actual tax liability. This amount shall be taken into account for the taxable year in which the different methods of depreciation are used. If, however, in respect of any taxable year the use of a method of depreciation other than a  subsection (1) method for purposes of determining the taxpayer's reasonable allowance under  section 167(a) results in a net operating loss carryover to a year succeeding such taxable year which would not have arisen (or an increase in such carryover which would not have arisen) had the taxpayer determined his reasonable allowance under  section 167(a) using a  subsection (1) method, then the amount and time of the deferral of tax liability shall be taken into account in such appropriate time and manner as is satisfactory to the district director.

 Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(2)(i) provides that the taxpayer must credit this amount of deferred taxes to a reserve for deferred taxes, a depreciation reserve, or other reserve account. This regulation further provides that, with respect to any account, the aggregate amount allocable to deferred tax under  section 167(1) shall not be reduced except to reflect the amount for any taxable year by which Federal income taxes are greater by reason of the prior use of different methods of depreciation. That section also notes that the aggregate amount allocable to deferred taxes may be reduced to reflect the amount


for any taxable year by which federal income taxes are greater by reason of the prior use of different methods of depreciation under  section 1.167(l)-1(h)(1)(i) or to reflect asset retirements or the expiration of the period for depreciation used for determining the allowance for depreciation under  section 167(a).



 Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(6)(i) provides that, notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (1) of that paragraph, a taxpayer does not use a normalization method of regulated accounting if, for ratemaking purposes, the amount of the reserve for deferred taxes under  section 167(l) which is excluded from the base to which the taxpayer's rate of return is applied, or which is treated as no-cost capital in those rate cases in which the rate of return is based upon the cost of capital, exceeds the amount of such reserve for deferred taxes for the period used in determining the taxpayer's expense in computing cost of service in such ratemaking.



 Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(6)(ii) provides that, for the purpose of determining the maximum amount of the reserve to be excluded from the rate base (or to be included as no-cost capital) under subdivision (i), above, if solely an historical period is used to determine depreciation for Federal income tax expense for ratemaking purposes, then the amount of the reserve account for that period is the amount of the reserve (determined under  section 1.167(l)-1(h)(2)(i)) at the end of the historical period. If such determination is made by reference both to an historical portion and to a future portion of a period, the amount of the reserve account for the period is the amount of the reserve at the end of the historical portion of the period and a pro rata portion of the amount of any projected increase to be credited or decrease to be charged to the account during the future portion of the period.

 Section 1.167(l)-1(h) requires that a utility must maintain a reserve reflecting the total amount of the deferral of federal income tax liability resulting from the taxpayer's use of different depreciation methods for tax and ratemaking purposes. Taxpayer has done so.  Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(6)(i) provides that a taxpayer does not use a normalization method of regulated accounting if, for ratemaking purposes, the amount of the reserve for deferred taxes which is excluded from the base to which the taxpayer's rate of return is applied, or which is treated as no-cost capital in those rate cases in which the rate of return is based upon the cost of capital, exceeds the amount of such reserve for deferred taxes for the period used in determining the taxpayer's expense in computing cost of service in such ratemaking. 

Section 56(a)(1)(D) provides that, with respect to public utility property the Secretary shall prescribe the requirements of a normalization method of accounting for that section.


Regarding the first issue,  § 1.167(l)-1(h)(6)(i) provides that a taxpayer does not use a normalization method of regulated accounting if, for ratemaking purposes, the amount of the reserve for deferred taxes which is excluded from the base to which the taxpayer's rate of return is applied, or which is treated as no-cost capital in those rate cases in which the rate of return is based upon the cost of

capital, exceeds the amount of such reserve for deferred taxes for the period used in determining the taxpayer's expense in computing cost of service in such ratemaking. Because the ADIT account, the reserve account for deferred taxes, reduces rate base, it is clear that the portion of an NOLC that is attributable to accelerated depreciation must be taken into account in calculating the amount of the reserve for deferred taxes (ADIT). Thus, to reduce Taxpayer's rate base by the full amount of its ADIT account balance unreduced by the balance of its NOLC-related account balance would be inconsistent with the requirements of  § 168(i)(9) and  § 1.167(l)-1.

Regarding the second issue,  § 1.167(l)-1(h)(1)(iii) makes clear that the effects of an NOLC must be taken into account for normalization purposes.  Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(1)(iii) provides generally that, if, in respect of any year, the use of other than regulatory depreciation for tax purposes results in an NOLC carryover (or an increase in an NOLC which would not have arisen had the taxpayer claimed only regulatory depreciation for tax purposes), then the amount and time of the deferral of tax liability shall be taken into account in such appropriate time and manner as is satisfactory to the district director. While that section provides no specific mandate on methods, it does provide that the Service has discretion to determine whether a particular method satisfies the normalization requirements. The "last dollars deducted" methodology employed by Taxpayer ensures that the portion of the NOLC attributable to accelerated depreciation is correctly taken into account by maximizing the amount of the NOLC attributable to accelerated depreciation. This methodology provides certainty and prevents the possibility of "flow through" of the benefits of accelerated depreciation to ratepayers. Under these specific facts, any method other than the "last dollars deducted" method would not provide the same level of certainty and therefore the use of any other methodology is inconsistent with the normalization rules.

This ruling is based on the representations submitted by Taxpayer and is only valid if those representations are accurate. The accuracy of these representations is subject to verification on audit.

Except as specifically determined above, no opinion is expressed or implied concerning the Federal income tax consequences of the matters described above.

This ruling is directed only to the taxpayer who requested it.  Section 6110(k)(3) of the Code provides it may not be used or cited as precedent. In accordance with the power of attorney on file with this office, a copy of this letter is being sent to your authorized representative. We are also sending a copy of this letter ruling to the Director.

Sincerely,

Peter C. Friedman

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Private Letter Ruling 201548017, 11/27/2015, IRC Sec(s). 168

UIL No. 167.22-01

Accelerated depreciation-accumulated deferred income tax-net operating loss carryforward-normalization-limitations on reasonable allowance in case of property of public utilities.

Headnote:

Reduction of taxpayer/regulator natural gas distributor's rate base by balance of its ADIT accounts unreduced by its NOLC-related deferred tax account, by full amount of its ADIT account balances offset by portion of NOLC-related account balances, or any reduction in taxpayer's tax expense element of cost of service to reflect tax benefit of its NOLC would be inconsistent with Code Sec. 168(i)(9); and Reg § 1.167(l)-1 requirements.

Reference(s): Code Sec. 168; Code Sec. 167;

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Dear [Redacted Text]:

This letter responds to the request, dated May 14, 2015, of Taxpayer for a ruling on the application of the normalization rules of the Internal Revenue Code to certain accounting and regulatory procedures, described below.







The representations set out in your letter follow.

Taxpayer is primarily engaged in the regulated distribution of natural gas in State A. It is incorporated in State B and is wholly owned by Parent. Taxpayer is subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of Commission with respect to terms and conditions of service and particularly the rates it may charge for the provision of service. Taxpayer's rates are established on a rate of return basis. Taxpayer takes accelerated depreciation, including "bonus depreciation" where available and, for each year beginning in Year A and ending in Year B, Taxpayer incurred net operating losses (NOL). On its regulatory books of account, Taxpayer "normalizes" the differences between regulatory depreciation and tax depreciation. This means that, where accelerated depreciation reduces taxable income, the taxes that a taxpayer would have paid if regulatory depreciation (instead of accelerated tax depreciation) were claimed constitute "cost-free capital" to the taxpayer. A taxpayer that normalizes these differences, like Taxpayer, maintains a reserve account showing the amount of tax liability that is deferred as a result of the accelerated depreciation. This reserve is the accumulated deferred income tax (ADIT) account. Taxpayer maintains an ADIT account. In addition, Taxpayer maintains an offsetting series of entries - a "deferred tax asset" and a "deferred tax expense" - that reflect that portion of those 'tax losses' which, while due to accelerated depreciation, did not actually defer tax because of the existence of an net operating loss carryover (NOLC). Taxpayer, for normalization purposes, calculates the portion of the NOLC attributable to accelerated depreciation using a "last dollars deducted" methodology, meaning that an NOLC is attributable to accelerated depreciation to the extent of the lesser of the accelerated depreciation or the NOLC.




Taxpayer filed a general rate case with Commission on Date A (Case). The test year used in the Case was the 12 month period ending on Date B. In computing its income tax expense element of cost of service, the tax benefits attributable to accelerated depreciation were normalized in accordance with Commission policy and were not flowed thru to ratepayers. In establishing the rate base on which Taxpayer was to be allowed to earn a return Commission offsets rate base by Taxpayer's ADIT balance. Taxpayer argued that the ADIT balance should be reduced by the amounts that Taxpayer calculates did not actually defer tax due to the presence of the NOLC, as represented in the deferred tax asset account. Testimony by various other participants in Case argued against Taxpayer's proposed calculation of ADIT. One proposal made to Commission was, if Commission allowed Taxpayer to reduce the ADIT balance as Taxpayer proposed, then an offsetting reduction should be made to Taxpayer's income tax expense element of service.






A Utility Law Judge upheld Taxpayer's position with respect to the NOLC-related ADIT and ordered Taxpayer to seek a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service on this matter. This request is in response to that order.





Taxpayer requests that we rule as follows:

1. Under the circumstances described above, the reduction of Taxpayer's rate base by the balance of its ADIT accounts unreduced by its NOLC-related deferred tax account would be inconsistent with the requirements of  § 168(i)(9) and  § 1.167(l)-1 of the Income Tax regulations.
2. Under the circumstances described above, the reduction of Taxpayer's rate base by the full amount of its ADIT account balances offset by a portion of its NOLC-related account balance that is less than the amount attributable to accelerated depreciation computed on a "last dollars deducted" basis would be inconsistent with the requirements of  § 168(i)(9) and  § 1.167(l)-1.
3. Under the circumstances described above, any reduction in Taxpayer's tax expense element of cost of service to reflect the tax benefit of its NOLC would be inconsistent with the requirements of  § 168(i)(9) and  § 1.167(l)-1.






Law and Analysis


 Section 168(f)(2) of the Code provides that the depreciation deduction determined under  section 168 shall not apply to any public utility property (within the meaning of  section 168(i)(10)) if the taxpayer does not use a normalization method of accounting.






In order to use a normalization method of accounting,  section 168(i)(9)(A)(i) of the Code requires the taxpayer, in computing its tax expense for establishing its cost of service for ratemaking purposes and reflecting operating results in its regulated books of account, to use a method of depreciation with respect to public utility property that is the same as, and a depreciation period for such property that is not shorter than, the method and period used to compute its depreciation expense for such purposes. Under  section 168(i)(9)(A)(ii), if the amount allowable as a deduction under  section 168 differs from the amount that would be allowable as a deduction under  section 167 using the method, period, first and last year convention, and salvage value used to compute regulated tax expense under  section 168(i)(9)(A)(i), the taxpayer must make adjustments to a reserve to reflect the deferral of taxes resulting from such difference.



 Section 168(i)(9)(B)(i) of the Code provides that one way the requirements of  section 168(i)(9)(A) will not be satisfied is if the taxpayer, for ratemaking purposes, uses a procedure or adjustment which is inconsistent with such requirements. Under  section 168(i)(9)(B)(ii), such inconsistent procedures and adjustments include the use of an estimate or projection of the taxpayer's tax expense, depreciation expense, or reserve for deferred taxes under  section 168(i)(9)(A)(ii),



unless such estimate or projection is also used, for ratemaking purposes, with respect to all three of these items and with respect to the rate base.



Former  section 167(l) of the Code generally provided that public utilities were entitled to use accelerated methods for depreciation if they used a "normalization method of accounting." A normalization method of accounting was defined in former  section 167(l)(3)(G) in a manner consistent with that found in  section 168(i)(9)(A).  Section 1.167(1)-1(a)(1) of the Income Tax Regulations provides that the normalization requirements for public utility property pertain only to the deferral of federal income tax liability resulting from the use of an accelerated method of depreciation for computing the allowance for depreciation under  section 167 and the use of straight-line depreciation for computing tax expense and depreciation expense for purposes of establishing cost of services and for reflecting operating results in regulated books of account. These regulations do not pertain to other book-tax timing differences with respect to state income taxes, F.I.C.A. taxes, construction costs, or any other taxes and items.



 Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(1)(i) provides that the reserve established for public utility property should reflect the total amount of the deferral of federal income tax liability resulting from the taxpayer's use of different depreciation methods for tax and ratemaking purposes.




 Section 1.167(1)-1(h)(1)(iii) provides that the amount of federal income tax liability deferred as a result of the use of different depreciation methods for tax and ratemaking purposes is the excess (computed without regard to credits) of the amount the tax liability would have been had the depreciation method for ratemaking purposes been used over the amount of the actual tax liability. This amount shall be taken into account for the taxable year in which the different methods of depreciation are used. If, however, in respect of any taxable year the use of a method of depreciation other than a  subsection (1) method for purposes of determining the taxpayer's reasonable allowance under  section 167(a) results in a net operating loss carryover to a year succeeding such taxable year which would not have arisen (or an increase in such carryover which would not have arisen) had the taxpayer determined his reasonable allowance under  section 167(a) using a  subsection (1) method, then the amount and time of the deferral of tax liability shall be taken into account in such appropriate time and manner as is satisfactory to the district director.

 Section 1.167(1)-1(h)(2)(i) provides that the taxpayer must credit this amount of deferred taxes to a reserve for deferred taxes, a depreciation reserve, or other reserve account. This regulation further provides that, with respect to any account, the aggregate amount allocable to deferred tax under  section 167(1) shall not be reduced except to reflect the amount for any taxable year by which Federal income taxes are greater by reason of the prior use of different methods of depreciation. That section also notes that the aggregate amount allocable to deferred taxes may be reduced to reflect the amount



for any taxable year by which federal income taxes are greater by reason of the prior use of different methods of depreciation under  section 1.167(1)-1(h)(1)(i) or to reflect asset retirements or the expiration of the period for depreciation used for determining the allowance for depreciation under  section 167(a).

 Section 1.167(1)-(h)(6)(i) provides that, notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (1) of that paragraph, a taxpayer does not use a normalization method of regulated accounting if, for ratemaking purposes, the amount of the reserve for deferred taxes under  section 167(l) which is excluded from the base to which the taxpayer's rate of return is applied, or which is treated as no-cost capital in those rate cases in which the rate of return is based upon the cost of capital, exceeds the amount of such reserve for deferred taxes for the period used in determining the taxpayer's expense in computing cost of service in such ratemaking.


 Section 1.167(1)-(h)(6)(ii) provides that, for the purpose of determining the maximum amount of the reserve to be excluded from the rate base (or to be included as no-cost capital) under subdivision (i), above, if solely an historical period is used to determine depreciation for Federal income tax expense for ratemaking purposes, then the amount of the reserve account for that period is the amount of the reserve (determined under  section 1.167(1)-1(h)(2)(i)) at the end of the historical period. If such determination is made by reference both to an historical portion and to a future portion of a period, the amount of the reserve account for the period is the amount of the reserve at the end of the historical portion of the period and a pro rata portion of the amount of any projected increase to be credited or decrease to be charged to the account during the future portion of the period.

 Section 1.167(l)-1(h) requires that a utility must maintain a reserve reflecting the total amount of the deferral of federal income tax liability resulting from the taxpayer's use of different depreciation methods for tax and ratemaking purposes. Taxpayer has done so.  Section 1.167(1)-(h)(6)(i) provides that a taxpayer does not use a normalization method of regulated accounting if, for ratemaking purposes, the amount of the reserve for deferred taxes which is excluded from the base to which the taxpayer's rate of return is applied, or which is treated as no-cost capital in those rate cases in which the rate of return is based upon the cost of capital, exceeds the amount of such reserve for deferred taxes for the period used in determining the taxpayer's expense in computing cost of service in such ratemaking. 

Section 56(a)(1)(D) provides that, with respect to public utility property the Secretary shall prescribe the requirements of a normalization method of accounting for that section.





 Section 1.167(1)-1(h)(1)(iii) makes clear that the effects of an NOLC must be taken into account for normalization purposes. Further, while that section provides no specific mandate on methods, it does provide that the Service has discretion to determine whether a particular method satisfies the normalization requirements.  Section 1.167(1)-(h)(6)(i) provides that a taxpayer does not use a



normalization method of regulated accounting if, for ratemaking purposes, the amount of the reserve for deferred taxes which is excluded from the base to which the taxpayer's rate of return is applied, or which is treated as no-cost capital in those rate cases in which the rate of return is based upon the cost of capital, exceeds the amount of such reserve for deferred taxes for the period used in determining the taxpayer's expense in computing cost of service in such ratemaking. Because the ADIT account, the reserve account for deferred taxes, reduces rate base, it is clear that the portion of an NOLC that is attributable to accelerated depreciation must be taken into account in calculating the amount of the reserve for deferred taxes (ADIT). Thus, the proposed order by the Utility Law Judge upholding Taxpayer's position that the NOLC-related deferred tax account must be included in the calculation of Taxpayer's ADIT is in accord with the normalization requirements. The "last dollars deducted" methodology employed by Taxpayer is specifically designed to ensure that the portion of the NOLC attributable to accelerated depreciation is correctly taken into account by maximizing the amount of the NOLC attributable to accelerated depreciation. This methodology provides certainty and prevents the possibility of "flow through" of the benefits of accelerated depreciation to ratepayers. Under these facts, any method other than the "last dollars deducted" method would not provide the same level of certainty and therefore the use of any other methodology is inconsistent with the normalization rules.

Regarding the third issue, reduction of Taxpayer's tax expense element of cost of service, we believe that such reduction would, in effect, flow through the tax benefits of accelerated depreciation deductions through to rate payers even though the Taxpayer has not yet realized such benefits. In addition, such adjustment would be made specifically to mitigate the effect of the normalization rules in the calculation of Taxpayer's NOLC-related ADIT. In general, taxpayers may not adopt any accounting treatment that directly or indirectly circumvents the normalization rules. See generally,  §


1.46-6(b)(2)(ii) (In determining whether, or to what extent, the investment tax credit has been used to reduce cost of service, reference shall be made to any accounting treatment that affects cost of service); Rev. Proc 88-12, 1988-1 C.B. 637, 638 (It is a violation of the normalization rules for taxpayers to adopt any accounting treatment that, directly or indirectly flows excess tax reserves to ratepayers prior to the time that the amounts in the vintage accounts reverse). This "offsetting reduction" would violate the normalization provisions.

Based on the representations submitted by Taxpayer, we rule as follows:

1. Under the circumstances described above, the reduction of Taxpayer's rate base by the balance of its ADIT accounts unreduced by its NOLC-related deferred tax account would be inconsistent with the requirements of  § 168(i)(9) and  § 1.167(l)-1 of the Income Tax regulations.
2. Under the circumstances described above, the reduction of Taxpayer's rate base by the full amount of its ADIT account balances offset by a portion of its NOLC-related account balance that is less than the amount attributable to accelerated depreciation computed on a "last dollars deducted" basis would be inconsistent with the requirements of  § 168(i)(9) and  § 1.167(l)-1.

3. Under the circumstances described above, any reduction in Taxpayer's tax expense element of cost of service to reflect the tax benefit of its NOLC would be inconsistent with the requirements of  § 168(i)(9) and  § 1.167(l)-1.

Except as specifically determined above, no opinion is expressed or implied concerning the Federal income tax consequences of the matters described above.

This ruling is directed only to the taxpayer who requested it.  Section 6110(k)(3) of the Code provides it may not be used or cited as precedent. In accordance with the power of attorney on file with this office, a copy of this letter is being sent to your authorized representative. We are also sending a copy of this letter ruling to the Director.

Sincerely,

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UIL No. 167.22-01

Accelerated cost recovery system-normalization-accumulated deferred income tax-net operating loss carryforward-limitations on reasonable allowance in case of property of public utilities.

Headnote:

In order to avoid violation of Code Sec. 168(i)(9); 's and Reg § 1.167(l)-1 's normalization requirements, it was necessary to include in regulated integrated electric utility/sub.'s rate base ADIT asset resulting from NOL carryforward, given inclusion in rate base of full amount of ADIT liability resulting from accelerated tax depreciation.

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Director =

Dear [Redacted Text]:

This letter responds to the request, dated June 15, 2016, submitted by Parent on behalf of Taxpayer for a ruling on the application of the normalization rules of the Internal Revenue Code to certain accounting and regulatory procedures, described below.

The representations set out in your letter follow.

Taxpayer is an integrated electric utility headquartered in State. Taxpayer is a wholly owned subsidiary of Parent and is included in Parent's consolidated federal income tax return. Taxpayer employs the accrual method of accounting and reports on a calendar year basis.

Taxpayer's business includes retail electric utility operations regulated within State by Commission A and Taxpayer is subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of Commission B with respect to terms and conditions of its wholesale electric transmission service and as to the rates it may charge for the provision of such services. Taxpayer's rates are established on a cost of service basis.

On Date 1, Taxpayer filed a rate case application (Case) with Commission B requesting authorization to change from charging stated rates for wholesale electric transmission service to a formula rate mechanism pursuant to which rates for wholesale transmission service are calculated annually in accordance with an approved formula. The proposed formula consisted of updating cost of service components, including investment in plant and operating expenses, based on information contained in Taxpayer's annual financial report filed with Commission B, as well as including projected transmission capital projects to be placed into service in the following year. The projections included are subject to true-up in the following year's formula rate.

In computing its income tax expense element of cost of service, the tax benefits attributable to accelerated depreciation were normalized and were not flowed thru to ratepayers.

In its rate case filing, Taxpayer anticipated that it would claim accelerated depreciation, including "bonus depreciation" on its tax returns to the extent that such depreciation was available. Taxpayer incurred a net operating loss (NOL) in each of Year 1 through Year 2 due to Taxpayer's claiming bonus depreciation, producing a net operating loss carryover (NOLC).

On its regulatory books of account, Taxpayer "normalizes" the differences between regulatory depreciation and tax depreciation. This means that, where accelerated depreciation reduces taxable income, the taxes that a taxpayer would have paid if regulatory depreciation (instead of accelerated tax depreciation) were claimed constitute "cost-free capital" to the taxpayer. A taxpayer that normalizes these differences, like Taxpayer, maintains a reserve account showing the amount of tax liability that is deferred as a result of the accelerated depreciation. This reserve is the accumulated deferred income





tax (ADIT) account. Taxpayer maintains an ADIT account. In addition, Taxpayer maintains an offsetting series of entries - a "deferred tax asset" and a "deferred tax expense" - that reflect that portion of those 'tax losses' which, while due to accelerated depreciation, did not actually defer tax because of the existence of a NOLC.

In the setting of utility rates by Commission B, a utility's rate base is offset by its ADIT balance. In its rate case filing, Taxpayer maintained that the ADIT balance should be reduced by the amounts that Taxpayer calculates did not actually defer tax due to the presence of the NOLC, as represented in the deferred tax asset account. Thus, Taxpayer argued that the rate base should be reduced by its federal ADIT balance net of the deferred tax asset account attributable to the federal NOLC. It based this position on its determination that this net amount represented the true measure of federal income taxes deferred on account of its claiming accelerated tax depreciation deductions and, consequently, the actual quantity of "cost-free" capital available to it. It also asserted that the failure to reduce its rate base offset by the deferred tax asset attributable to the federal NOLC would be inconsistent with the normalization rules.

On Date 2, Commission B issued an order accepting Taxpayer's revisions to its rates. On Date 3, new rates went into effect, subject to refund. Several intervenors submitted challenges to the rate case and on Date 4, Taxpayer and those intervenors entered into a Settlement Agreement, which was filed with Commission B. On Date 5, Commission B issued an order accepting the Settlement Agreement, which allows for the inclusion of the ADIT related to the NOLC asset in rate base.

Commission B further stated in the order that it is the intent of Commission B that Taxpayer comply with the normalization method of accounting and tax normalization regulations. The order also requires Taxpayer to seek a private letter ruling (PLR) from the Service regarding Taxpayer's treatment of the ADIT related to the NOLC asset. Commission B also noted that after the Service issues a PLR, Taxpayer shall adjust, to the extent necessary, its ratemaking treatment of the ADIT related to the NOLC asset prospectively from the date of the PLR.

Taxpayer requests that we rule as follows:

1. In order to avoid a violation of the normalization requirements of  § 168(i)(9) and  Treasury Regulation § 1.167(l)-1, it is necessary to include in rate base the Accumulated Deferred Income Tax (ADIT) asset resulting from the Net Operating Loss Carryforward (NOLC), given the inclusion in rate base of the full amount of the ADIT liability resulting from accelerated tax depreciation.
2. The exclusion from rate base of the entire ADIT asset resulting from the NOLC, or the inclusion in rate base of a portion of that ADIT asset that is less than the amount attributable to accelerated tax depreciation, computed on a "with and without" basis, would violate the normalization requirements of  § 168(i)(9) and  § 1.167(l)-1.

Law and Analysis

Section 168(f)(2) of the Code provides that the depreciation deduction determined under § 168 shall not apply to any public utility property (within the meaning of § 168(i)(10)) if the taxpayer does not use a normalization method of accounting.

In order to use a normalization method of accounting, § 168(i)(9)(A)(i) requires the taxpayer, in computing its tax expense for establishing its cost of service for ratemaking purposes and reflecting operating results in its regulated books of account, to use a method of depreciation with respect to public utility property that is the same as, and a depreciation period for such property that is not shorter than, the method and period used to compute its depreciation expense for such purposes. Under § 168(i)(9)(A)(ii), if the amount allowable as a deduction under § 168 differs from the amount that would be allowable as a deduction under § 167 using the method, period, first and last year convention, and salvage value used to compute regulated tax expense under § 168(i)(9)(A)(i), the taxpayer must make adjustments to a reserve to reflect the deferral of taxes resulting from such difference.






Section 168(i)(9)(B)(i) provides that one way the requirements of § 168(i)(9)(A) will not be satisfied is if the taxpayer, for ratemaking purposes, uses a procedure or adjustment which is inconsistent with such requirements. Under § 168(i)(9)(B)(ii), such inconsistent procedures and adjustments include the use of an estimate or projection of the taxpayer's tax expense, depreciation expense, or reserve for deferred taxes under § 168(i)(9)(A)(ii), unless such estimate or projection is also used, for ratemaking purposes, with respect to all three of these items and with respect to the rate base.





Former § 167(l) generally provided that public utilities were entitled to use accelerated methods for depreciation if they used a "normalization method of accounting." A normalization method of accounting was defined in former § 167(l)(3)(G) in a manner consistent with that found in § 168(i)(9)(A).



Section 1.167(l)-1(a)(1) provides that the normalization requirements for public utility property pertain only to the deferral of federal income tax liability resulting from the use of an accelerated method of depreciation for computing the allowance for depreciation under § 167 and the use of straight-line depreciation for computing tax expense and depreciation expense for purposes of establishing cost of services and for reflecting operating results in regulated books of account. These regulations do not pertain to other book-tax timing differences with respect to state income taxes, F.I.C.A. taxes, construction costs, or any other taxes and items.


Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(1)(i) provides that the reserve established for public utility property should


reflect the total amount of the deferral of federal income tax liability resulting from the taxpayer's use of different depreciation methods for tax and ratemaking purposes.




 Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(1)(iii) provides that the amount of federal income tax liability deferred as a result of the use of different depreciation methods for tax and ratemaking purposes is the excess (computed without regard to credits) of the amount the tax liability would have been had the depreciation method for ratemaking purposes been used over the amount of the actual tax liability. This amount shall be taken into account for the taxable year in which the different methods of depreciation are used. If, however, in respect of any taxable year the use of a method of depreciation other than a  subsection (1) method for purposes of determining the taxpayer's reasonable allowance under  § 167(a) results in a net operating loss carryover to a year succeeding such taxable year which would not have arisen (or an increase in such carryover which would not have arisen) had the taxpayer determined his reasonable allowance under  § 167(a) using a  subsection (1) method, then the amount and time of the deferral of tax liability shall be taken into account in such appropriate time and manner as is satisfactory to the district director.

 Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(2)(i) provides that the taxpayer must credit this amount of deferred taxes to a reserve for deferred taxes, a depreciation reserve, or other reserve account. This regulation further provides that, with respect to any account, the aggregate amount allocable to deferred tax under  § 167(1) shall not be reduced except to reflect the amount for any taxable year by which Federal income taxes are greater by reason of the prior use of different methods of depreciation. That section also notes that the aggregate amount allocable to deferred taxes may be reduced to reflect the amount for any taxable year by which federal income taxes are greater by reason of the prior use of different methods of depreciation under  § 1.167(l)-1(h)(1)(i) or to reflect asset retirements or the expiration of the period for depreciation used for determining the allowance for depreciation under  § 167(a).


 Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(6)(i) provides that, notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (1) of that paragraph, a taxpayer does not use a normalization method of regulated accounting if, for ratemaking purposes, the amount of the reserve for deferred taxes under  § 167(l) which is excluded from the base to which the taxpayer's rate of return is applied, or which is treated as no-cost capital in those rate cases in which the rate of return is based upon the cost of capital, exceeds the amount of such reserve for deferred taxes for the period used in determining the taxpayer's expense in computing cost of service in such ratemaking.



 Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(6)(ii) provides that, for the purpose of determining the maximum amount of the reserve to be excluded from the rate base (or to be included as no-cost capital) under subdivision (i), above, if solely an historical period is used to determine depreciation for Federal income tax expense for ratemaking purposes, then the amount of the reserve account for that period is the amount

of the reserve (determined under  § 1.167(l)-1(h)(2)(i)) at the end of the historical period. If such determination is made by reference both to an historical portion and to a future portion of a period, the amount of the reserve account for the period is the amount of the reserve at the end of the historical portion of the period and a pro rata portion of the amount of any projected increase to be credited or decrease to be charged to the account during the future portion of the period.

 Section 1.167(l)-1(h) requires that a utility must maintain a reserve reflecting the total amount of the deferral of federal income tax liability resulting from the taxpayer's use of different depreciation methods for tax and ratemaking purposes. Taxpayer has done so.  Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(6)(i) provides that a taxpayer does not use a normalization method of regulated accounting if, for ratemaking purposes, the amount of the reserve for deferred taxes which is excluded from the base to which the taxpayer's rate of return is applied, or which is treated as no-cost capital in those rate cases in which the rate of return is based upon the cost of capital, exceeds the amount of such reserve for deferred taxes for the period used in determining the taxpayer's expense in computing cost of service in such ratemaking. 





Section 56(a)(1)(D) provides that, with respect to public utility property the Secretary shall prescribe the requirements of a normalization method of accounting for that section.

Regarding the first issue,  § 1.167(l)-1(h)(6)(i) provides that a taxpayer does not use a normalization method of regulated accounting if, for ratemaking purposes, the amount of the reserve for deferred taxes which is excluded from the base to which the taxpayer's rate of return is applied, or which is treated as no-cost capital in those rate cases in which the rate of return is based upon the cost of capital, exceeds the amount of such reserve for deferred taxes for the period used in determining the taxpayer's expense in computing cost of service in such ratemaking. Because the reserve account for deferred taxes (ADIT), reduces rate base, it is clear that the portion of the net operating loss carryover (NOLC) that is attributable to accelerated depreciation must be taken into account in calculating the amount of the ADIT account balance. Thus, the order by Commission to include in rate base the ADIT asset resulting from the NOLC, given the inclusion in rate base of the full amount of the ADIT liability resulting from accelerated tax depreciation is in accord with the normalization requirements.

Regarding the second issue,  § 1.167(l)-1(h)(1)(iii) makes clear that the effects of an NOLC must be taken into account for normalization purposes.  Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(1)(iii) provides generally that, if, in respect of any year, the use of other than regulatory depreciation for tax purposes results in an NOLC carryover (or an increase in an NOLC which would not have arisen had the taxpayer claimed only regulatory depreciation for tax purposes), then the amount and time of the deferral of tax liability shall be taken into account in such appropriate time and manner as is satisfactory to the district director. The "with or without" methodology employed by Taxpayer is specifically designed to ensure that the portion of the NOLC attributable to accelerated depreciation is correctly taken into account by maximizing the amount of the NOLC attributable to accelerated depreciation. This methodology provides certainty and prevents the possibility of "flow through" of the benefits of accelerated


depreciation to ratepayers. Under these specific facts, any method other than the "with or without" method would not provide the same level of certainty and therefore the use of any other methodology in computing the portion of the ADIT asset attributable to accelerated depreciation is inconsistent with the normalization rules.

We rule as follows:

1. In order to avoid a violation of the normalization requirements of  § 168(i)(9) and  Treasury Regulation § 1.167(l)-1, it is necessary to include in rate base the Accumulated Deferred Income Tax (ADIT) asset resulting from the Net Operating Loss Carryforward (NOLC), given the inclusion in rate base of the full amount of the ADIT liability resulting from accelerated tax depreciation.
2. The exclusion from rate base of the entire ADIT asset resulting from the NOLC, or the inclusion in rate base of a portion of that ADIT asset that is less than the amount attributable to accelerated tax depreciation, computed on a "with and without" basis, would violate the normalization requirements of  § 168(i)(9) and  § 1.167(l)-1.

This ruling is based on the representations submitted by Taxpayer and is only valid if those representations are accurate. The accuracy of these representations is subject to verification on audit.

Except as specifically determined above, no opinion is expressed or implied concerning the Federal income tax consequences of the matters described above.

This ruling is directed only to the taxpayer who requested it.  Section 6110(k)(3) of the Code provides it may not be used or cited as precedent. In accordance with the power of attorney on file with this office, a copy of this letter is being sent to your authorized representative. We are also sending a copy of this letter ruling to the Director.

Sincerely,

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Office of the Associate Chief Counsel

(Passthroughs & Special Industries)

cc: [Redacted Text]

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**Depreciation-accelerated cost recovery
system-accumulated deferred income taxes-rate base
calculations-normalization rules-net operating loss
carryforwards-public utilities.**

Headnote:

In order to comply with normalization method of accounting within meaning of Code Sec. 168(i)(9); under described circumstances, amount of depreciation-related ADIT reducing rate base used to determine revenue requirement set in surcharge proceeding must be decreased to reflect portion of NOL for test period for that proceeding which wouldn't have arisen had taxpayer not reported depreciation-related book/tax differences during test period, and such decrease in depreciation-related ADIT must be amount that is no less than amount computed using With-and-Without Method.

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Dear [Redacted Text]:

This letter responds to a request for a private letter ruling dated June 5, 2019, and submitted on behalf of Taxpayer for rulings under  § 168(i)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code and  § 1.167(l)-1 of the Income Tax Regulations (together, the "Normalization Rules") regarding the scope of the deferred tax normalization requirements and the appropriate methodology for the reduction of the accumulated deferred income tax ("ADIT") balance that decreases rate base computation when a net operating loss carryforward ("NOLC") exists. The relevant facts as represented in your submission are set forth below.

FACTS

Taxpayer files a consolidated federal income tax return on a calendar year basis with its affiliates, including its Parent. Taxpayer uses the accrual method of accounting.

Parent is incorporated in State A, and Taxpayer is incorporated in State B. Parent is a water and wastewater utility company. Taxpayer is the affiliate that operates in State B. Prices charged by Taxpayer are set by Commission. Commission sets rates that Taxpayer may charge for the furnishing or sale of water or sewage disposal services through a combination of periodic general rate case proceedings (resulting in what are commonly referred to as "base rates") and infrastructure surcharge proceedings (resulting in surcharges that are added to base rates.)

The most recent two base rate changes resulting from general rate case authorizations by Commission affecting water and wastewater revenue requirements were effective in Month 1 Year 1 and Month 2 Year 2. The most recent three rate changes resulting from infrastructure surcharge authorizations by Commission were effective in Month 3 Year 3, Month 4 Year 4 and Month 4 Year 2. Taxpayer questions whether the rates set pursuant to the most recent infrastructure surcharge proceeding comply with the deferred tax normalization requirements.

Infrastructure surcharges are regulatory mechanisms to permit recovery of capital investments and results in adjustments to rates charged outside of a general rate case for specified costs and investments. Under State B statute and Commission rulemaking, eligible water corporations may petition Commission and utilize a Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge ("Surcharge") to recover the costs of eligible water utility main replacements and relocations.

For both general rate case proceedings and Surcharge proceedings, Taxpayer computes a revenue requirement subject to Commission approval based on recovery of a debt- and equity-based return on investment in rate base, including the cost of plant assets less accumulated book depreciation and ADIT, and a recovery of operating expenses, including depreciation expense, property tax expense, and income tax expense. For Surcharge proceedings, rate base is determined based on incremental plant expenditures incurred during a historical measurement period (not necessarily 12 months) ending shortly before rates become effective, less accumulated book depreciation and ADIT computed as of a date subsequent to the date at which gross plant is computed and closer to (but preceding) the date that rates become effective. For Surcharge proceedings, operating expenses include 12 months of annualized depreciation expense on the incremental investment in the Surcharge proceeding and any property taxes that will be paid within 12 months of filing the Surcharge application.

The deferred tax normalization matters in this request arose during the Surcharge proceeding initiated by Taxpayer in Month 5 Year 2 and resulting in a Commission order on Date 1 (the "Surcharge Case"). The Surcharge resulting from the Surcharge Case became effective on Date 2. Some of the normalization matters addressed in this ruling request related to deductions and ADIT resulting from the consent agreement that Parent received from the Service on Date 3, on behalf of itself and various affiliates, including Taxpayer, with respect to changes in tax method of accounting for costs to repair and maintain tangible property and dispositions of certain tangible depreciable property ("Consent Agreement").

State B statutes and Commission B rules provide eligible water corporations with the ability to recover certain infrastructure system replacement costs outside of a formal rate case filing via a Surcharge. A petition must be filed with the Commission for review and approval before an adjustment can be made to a water corporation's rates and charges to provide for the recovery of the costs associated with eligible infrastructure system replacements. A State B statute authorizes Commission to enter an order authorizing the water corporation to impose a Surcharge that is sufficient to recover appropriate pretax revenues. The State B statute defines the revenue requirement set in a Surcharge proceeding and provides that "appropriate pretax revenues" are the revenues necessary to produce net operating income equal to the water corporation's weighted cost of capital multiplied by the net original cost of eligible infrastructure system replacements, including recognition of accumulated deferred income taxes and accumulated depreciation associated with eligible infrastructure system replacements..." among other items. Taxpayer represents that Commission and the State B courts have interpreted this statute in a strict manner thereby limiting the costs eligible for recovery or to earn a return in a Surcharge proceeding and causing costs not eligible for ratemaking consideration in a Surcharge

proceeding to only be eligible for recovery or return in the next base rate proceeding.

Taxpayer, per its petition filed with Commission on Date 4, sought to establish a Surcharge rate to provide for the recovery of actual costs for eligible infrastructure system replacements and relocations from Date 5 through Date 6, and estimated investment accounts for Date 7 through Date 8. During the course of the Surcharge case, Taxpayer provided Commission with actual expenditures for Month 5 and Month 6. The proposed Surcharge rate schedule reflected the pre-tax Surcharge revenues necessary to produce net operating income equal to Taxpayer's weighted cost of capital multiplied by the original cost of the requested infrastructure replacements that are eligible for the Surcharge, reduced by net ADIT and accumulated depreciation associated with eligible infrastructure system replacements through Date 9. Taxpayer also sought to recover all state, federal and local income or excise taxes applicable to such Surcharge income and to recover all other Surcharge costs including annualized depreciation expense and property taxes due within 12 months.

The specific test period and service period information pertaining to the Surcharge Case is:

- Rates became effective Date 2
- Actual gross plant was based on additions of certain property placed in service from Date 5 through Date 8
- Accumulated depreciation on such assets was estimated through Date 9
- Estimated ADIT related to depreciation book/tax differences associated with such expenditures to the extent also capitalized for tax purposes was computed through Date 9
- Estimated ADIT related to repair book/tax differences associated with such expenditures to the extent not capitalized for tax purposes was computed through Date 9
- Recoverable operating expenses were estimated for the period beginning Date 10 and ending Date 9

In a Surcharge proceeding, replacement mains and associated valves and hydrants comprise the plant assets included in rate base and result in the accumulated depreciation reducing rate base and the recoverable depreciation expense. The expenditures for replacement mains and associated valves addressed in a Surcharge proceeding are capitalizable for regulatory accounting purposes, but may result in a repair deduction for tax purposes or depreciable plant for tax purposes. The ADIT balance reducing rate base in a Surcharge proceeding is caused by depreciation-related and repair-related book/tax differences.


The key issues in the Surcharge case and, thus, in this ruling request, pertain to whether the tax effect of an NOLC must, pursuant to the normalization requirements, decrease the ADIT reduction to rate base related to the expenditures in the Surcharge case and, if so, the methodology to determine the amount of the NOLC adjustment subject to the normalization requirements. The return on rate base is based on the pre-tax rate of return authorized in the most recent rate order resulting from a general rate proceeding.

In the course of the Surcharge Case, Taxpayer and other participants in the proceeding analyzed the

expenditures for which Taxpayer sought recovery via the Surcharge and debated the proper regulatory treatment of Taxpayer's NOLC and tax loss incurred through the rate base determination date of the Surcharge case with respect to the costs incurred that are recoverable in the Surcharge case. The revenue requirement approved in Commission's order issued on Date 1 was lower than the revenue requirement sought by Taxpayer and is entirely attributable to differing ADIT calculations with respect to the NOLC and the resulting effects on rate base and allowed return. The approved revenue requirement in the Surcharge case was based on a rate base computation that reflects the gross ADIT liabilities associated with depreciation-related and repair-related book/tax differences, but did not reflect an ADIT asset for any portion of Taxpayer's NOLC as of the date that rate base was determined (Date 9), including the tax loss resulting from the infrastructure expenditures addressed in the Surcharge Case.

On a consolidated basis, Parent incurred tax losses in various years from Year 5 to Year 1 and, as of Date 11, had an NOLC of approximately \$a. On a separate company basis, Taxpayer incurred tax losses in various tax years from Year 5 -Year 1 and, as of Date 11, had a separate company NOLC of approximately \$b. For Year 2, Parent (on a consolidated basis) and Taxpayer (on a separate company basis) estimate that taxable income was earned and, thus, NOLC was utilized.


The revenue requirement related to the Surcharge Case is approximately \$c (pursuant to the rate order). Taxpayer asserts that the revenue requirement should have been computed to be \$d. The difference in the revenue requirement computations relates entirely to the exclusion of Taxpayer's NOLC from rate base. As of the date of the rate base determination, none of the Surcharge revenues had been billed to customers and, thus, as of such date, a taxable loss of approximately \$e had been incurred with respect to the plant-related expenditures with rates set by the Surcharge Case.


During the loss years resulting in Taxpayer's NOLC estimated as of the end of the test period for the Surcharge Case, separate company deductible depreciation-related book/tax differences were approximately \$f and separate company deductible repair-related book/tax differences were approximately \$g (plus the  § 481(a) adjustment with respect to the tax accounting method changes subject to the Consent agreement deducted in Year 5 of approximately \$h.





The NOLC reflected in ratemaking for the base rate case proceeding with rates effective in Month 2 Year 2 was based on the estimated NOLC as of the end of Year 4 of \$i, including an estimated Year 4 tax loss of \$j. The actual Year 4 tax loss reported on the Year 4 tax return was \$k. The excess of the actual Year 4 tax loss over the estimated Year 4 tax loss of \$l has yet to be reflected in ratemaking.







On Date 12, Taxpayer filed an Application for Rehearing and Motion to Defer Ruling, asking the Commission for the time to seek a private letter ruling form of guidance from the Service to address any uncertainties regarding the application of the deferred tax normalization requirements to the rate base treatment of the NOLC-related ADIT asset in computing the Surcharge case revenue requirement. On Date 13, the Commission denied Taxpayer's request for rehearing. Taxpayer filed a notice of appeal by Date 14, that initiated an appeal of the order in the Surcharge case to the State B Court of Appeals.

Taxpayer anticipates receiving a private letter ruling from the Service prior to the State B Court of Appeals issuing a final opinion in Taxpayer's appeal of the Commission denial of Taxpayer's Motion for Rehearing. If the Service rules that the Commission's decision in Taxpayer's Surcharge case ordered a method of regulatory accounting that is inconsistent with the deferred tax normalization requirements, Taxpayer believes that the Commission and Taxpayer would be procedurally able to correct the revenue requirement in a manner that compensates Taxpayer for any foregone revenue requirement relative to ADIT and rate base computations that comply with the normalization requirements.

Because Taxpayer is concerned that the order issued by Commission as part of the Surcharge case on Date 1, and the prices that became effective on Date 2, are inconsistent with the deferred tax normalization requirements, Taxpayer submitted a letter to the Service on Date 14 intended to provide the notification pursuant to  § 1.167(l)-1(h)(5) of the Regulations.

As noted, on Date 3, Taxpayer's parent corporation received the Consent Agreement from the Internal Revenue Service granting certain of its subsidiaries, including Taxpayer, permission to change their (1) method of accounting for costs to repair and maintain tangible property from capitalizing and depreciating these costs to deducting these costs under  § 162 of the Internal Revenue Code, and (2) unit of property for determining dispositions of depreciable network assets from using a method other than the functional interdependence test to using the functional interdependence test to determine the units of property. These changes in methods of accounting were effective for the taxable year beginning Date 15, and ended Date 16 (the "year of change").

These changes in methods of accounting resulted in an overall net negative  § 481(a) adjustment for Taxpayer as stated in the Consent Agreement. This overall net negative  § 481(a) adjustment consists of a net negative  § 481(a) adjustment for the repair and maintenance change in method of accounting and a net positive  § 481(a) adjustment for the disposition change in method of accounting.

The Service's consent to the above changes in methods of accounting is subject to several terms and conditions stated in the Consent Agreement. Condition nine of the Consent Agreement requires that if any item of property subject to the taxpayer's Form 3115 is public utility property within the meaning of  § 168(i)(10) or former  § 167(l)(3)(A): (A) a normalization method of accounting (within the meaning of  § 168(i)(9), former  § 168(e)(3)(B), or former  § 167(l)(3)(G), as applicable) must be used for the public utility property subject to the Form 3115; (B) as of the beginning of the year of change, the taxpayer must adjust its deferred tax reserve account or similar reserve account in the taxpayer's regulatory books of account by the amount of the deferral of federal income tax liability associated with the  § 481(a) adjustment applicable to the public utility property subject to the Form 3115; and (C) within 30 calendar days of filing the federal income tax return for the year of change, the










taxpayer must provide a copy of the Form 3115 (and any additional information submitted to the Service in connection with such Form 3115) to any regulatory body having jurisdiction over the public utility property subject to the Form 3115. See page 6 of the Consent Agreement.




Based on Taxpayer's interpretation of this condition in the Consent Agreement, Taxpayer has applied the normalization requirements to its repair-related and disposition-related deferred tax computations in rate proceedings since the year of change.


Prior to the year of change (Year 5), Taxpayer depreciated public utility property that was in service as of the end of the taxable year immediately preceding the year of change using different book and tax methods and lives. As a result, an amount of ADIT subject to the normalization requirements was recorded prior to the above changes in methods of accounting for repairs and dispositions (depreciation-related ADIT).




Differing assertions were made as part of the Surcharge Case. Ultimately the Commission in its final order determined that because there was not an NOL expected to be generated in Year 4, no portion of the NOLC deferred tax asset can be associated with the Surcharge property.


RULINGS REQUESTED


- 1) The property otherwise depreciable under  § 168(a) and for which cost recovery and return on investment initially occur as part of the Surcharge Case, rather than as part of base rates set in less frequent general rate case proceedings, constitutes public utility property within the meaning of  § 168(i)(10).
- 2) The ADIT amounts used in computing the revenue requirement set in the Surcharge Case with respect to public utility property within the meaning of  § 168(i)(10) must comply with the normalization method of accounting within the meaning of  § 168(i)(9).
- 3) For any public utility property within the meaning of  § 168(i)(10) as of the end of the tax year immediately preceding the year of change for the changes in tax method of accounting subject to Taxpayer's Consent Agreement, the depreciation-related ADIT prior to the change in tax method of accounting for repairs and dispositions remains subject to the normalization method of accounting within the meaning of  § 168(i)(9) after implementation of the new tax method of accounting.
- 4) For any public utility property within the meaning of  § 168(i)(10) and subject to Taxpayer's Consent Agreement, the ADIT resulting from the repair-related  § 481(a) adjustment is not subject to the normalization method of accounting within the meaning of  § 168(i)(9).
- 5) The ADIT resulting from expenditures (1) related to an item of property includible in rate

base and recoverable as regulatory depreciation expense in the determination of the revenue requirement set in the Surcharge Case and (2) deducted as repairs under  § 162 to public utility property within the meaning of  § 168(i)(10), or a predecessor provision of the normalization requirements, pursuant to the tax method of accounting for repairs permitted in Taxpayer's Consent Agreement, is not subject to the normalization method of accounting within the meaning of  § 168(i)(9) or, as applicable, a predecessor statutory provision.


6) The ADIT resulting from book/tax differences related to depreciable method and life for public utility property that exists at the date of a retirement of the property for regulatory accounting purposes in a transaction involving a replacement or relocation that is not treated as a disposition under Taxpayer's tax method of accounting for dispositions permitted in Taxpayer's Consent Agreement remains subject to the normalization method of accounting within the meaning of  § 168(i)(9) after the book-only retirement.


7) For any public utility property within the meaning of  § 168(i)(10) for which a disposition had been recognized for tax purposes in a tax year prior to the tax year of change for the changes in tax method of accounting subject to Taxpayer's Consent Agreement and for which the taxable gain or loss upon such disposition was reversed as part of the disposition-related  § 481(a) adjustment, the ADIT related to the restored tax basis of such public utility property is subject to the normalization method of accounting within the meaning of  § 168(i)(9), despite the book-only retirement.


8) If the Service rules as Taxpayer has requested with respect to issue # 5 and holds that ADIT resulting from repair-related book/tax differences is not subject to the normalization requirements, Taxpayer requests that the Service also rule: In order to comply with the normalization method of accounting within the meaning of  § 168(i)(9), the amount of depreciation-related ADIT reducing rate base used to determine the revenue requirement set in the Surcharge Case is limited to the amount of depreciation-related deferred tax expense recovered in rates as of the Surcharge Case rate base determination date.

9) If the Service rules as Taxpayer has requested with respect to issue # 5 and holds that ADIT resulting from repair-related book/tax differences is not subject to the normalization requirements, Taxpayer requests that the Service also rule: Under the circumstances described above, in order to comply with the normalization method of accounting within the meaning of  § 168(i)(9), the amount of depreciation-related ADIT reducing rate base used to determine the revenue requirement set in the Surcharge Case must be decreased to reflect a portion of the NOL for the test period for the Surcharge Case which would not have arisen had Taxpayer not reported depreciation-related book/tax differences during the test period for the Surcharge Case and such decrease in depreciation-related ADIT must be an amount that is no less than the amount computed using the With-and-Without Method.




10) If the Service (a) rules as Taxpayer has requested with respect to issue # 5 and holds

that ADIT resulting from repair-related book/tax differences is not subject to the normalization requirements, but (b) does not grant ruling # 9 in accordance with Taxpayer's analysis, Taxpayer requests that the Service instead rule: Under the circumstances described above, in order to comply with the normalization method of accounting within the meaning of  § 168(i)(9), the amount of depreciation-related ADIT reducing rate base used to determine the revenue requirement set in the Surcharge Case must be decreased to reflect a portion of the NOLC which would not have arisen (or an increase in such NOLC which would not have arisen) had Taxpayer not reported depreciation-related book/tax differences during the test period for the Surcharge Case and such decrease in depreciation-related ADIT must be an amount that is no less than the amount computed using the With-and-Without Method but only to the extent that the NOLC has not reduced depreciation-related ADIT in rate base computation in another rate proceeding with prices still in effect.

11) If the Service rules as Taxpayer has requested with respect to issue # 5 and holds that ADIT resulting from repair-related book/tax differences is not subject to the normalization requirements, Taxpayer requests that the Service also rule: Under the circumstances described above, in order to comply with the normalization method of accounting within the meaning of  § 168(i)(9), it is not necessary to decrease ADIT or otherwise increase rate base for the Surcharge Case by the portion of the NOLC which would not have arisen (or an increase in such NOLC which would not have arisen) had Taxpayer not reported depreciation-related book/tax differences in prior periods or during the test period for the Surcharge Case with respect to public utility property with rates not set by the Surcharge Case.

12) If the Service does not rule as Taxpayer has requested with respect to issue # 5 and holds that ADIT resulting from repair-related book/tax differences is subject to the normalization requirements, Taxpayer requests that the Service also rule: Under the circumstances described above, in order to comply with the normalization method of accounting within the meaning of  § 168(i)(9), the amount of ADIT reducing rate base used to determine the revenue requirement set in the Surcharge Case must be decreased to reflect the portion of the Surcharge Case test period NOL which would not have arisen had Taxpayer not reported the depreciation-related book/tax difference or repair-related book/tax difference permitted in Taxpayer's Consent Agreement with respect to expenditures with ratemaking determined pursuant to the Surcharge Case, by an amount that is no less than the amount computed using the With-and-Without Method. If, instead, the Service rules as Taxpayer has requested with respect to issue # 5, ruling request # 12 would be moot.

LAW AND ANALYSIS

 Section 168(f)(2) provides that the depreciation deduction determined under  § 168 shall not apply to any public utility property (within the meaning of  § 168(i)(10)) if the taxpayer does not use


a normalization method of accounting.




Section 168(i)(10) defines, in part, public utility property as property used predominantly in the trade or business of the furnishing or sale of electrical energy if the rates for such furnishing or sale, as the case may be, have been established or approved by a State or political subdivision thereof.






Prior to the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1990, the definition of public utility property was contained in § 167(l)(3)(A) and § 168(i)(10), which defined public utility property by means of a cross reference to § 167(l)(3)(A). The definition of public utility property is unchanged. Section 1.167(l)-1(b) provides that under § 167(l)(3)(A), property is public utility property during any period in which it is used predominantly in a § 167(l) public utility activity. The term "section 167(l) public utility activity" means, in part, the trade or business of the furnishing or sale of electrical energy if the rates for such furnishing or sale, as the case may be, are regulated, i.e., have been established or approved by a regulatory body described in § 167(l)(3)(A). The term "regulatory body described in § 167(l)(3)(A)" means a State (including the District of Columbia) or political subdivision thereof, any agency or instrumentality of the United States or a public service or public utility commission or other body of any State or political subdivision thereof similar to such a commission. The term "established or approved" includes the filing of a schedule of rates with a regulatory body which has the power to approve such rates, though such body has taken no action on the filed schedule or generally leaves undisturbed rates filed by the taxpayer.





The definitions of public utility property contained in § 168(i)(10) and former § 46(f)(5) are essentially identical. Section 1.167(l)-1(b) restates the statutory definition providing that property will be considered public utility property if it is used predominantly in a public utility activity and the rates are regulated. Section 1.167(l)-1(b)(1) provides that rates are regulated for such purposes if they are established or approved by a regulatory body. The terms established or approved are further defined to include the filing of a schedule of rates with the regulatory body that has the power to approve such rates, even if the regulatory body has taken no action on the filed schedule or generally leaves undisturbed rates filed.




The regulations under former § 46, specifically § 1.46-3(g)(2), expand the definition of regulated rates. The expanded definition embodies the notion of rates established or approved on a rate of return basis. This notion is not specifically provided for in the regulations under former § 167. Nevertheless, there is an expressed reference to rate of return in § 1.167(l)-1(h)(6)(i). The operative rules for normalizing timing differences relating to use of different methods and periods of depreciation are only logical in the context of rate of return regulation. The normalization method, which



must be used for public utility property to be eligible for the depreciation allowance available under  § 168, is defined in terms of the method the taxpayer uses in computing its tax expense for purposes of establishing its cost of service for ratemaking purposes and reflecting operating results in its regulated books of account. Thus, for purposes of applying the normalization rules, the definition of public utility property is the same for purposes of the investment tax credit and depreciation.

 Section 168(f)(2) of the Code provides that the depreciation deduction determined under  § 168 shall not apply to any public utility property (within the meaning of  § 168(i)(10)) if the taxpayer does not use a normalization method of accounting.


In order to use a normalization method of accounting,  § 168(i)(9)(A)(i) requires the taxpayer, in computing its tax expense for establishing its cost of service for ratemaking purposes and reflecting operating results in its regulated books of account, to use a method of depreciation with respect to public utility property that is the same as, and a depreciation period for such property that is not shorter than, the method and period used to compute its depreciation expense for such purposes. Under  § 168(i)(9)(A)(ii), if the amount allowable as a deduction under  § 168 differs from the amount that would be allowable as a deduction under  § 167 using the method, period, first and last year convention, and salvage value used to compute regulated tax expense under  § 168(i)(9)(A)(i), the taxpayer must make adjustments to a reserve to reflect the deferral of taxes resulting from such difference.






 Section 168(i)(9)(B)(i) provides that one way the requirements of  § 168(i)(9)(A) will not be satisfied is if the taxpayer, for ratemaking purposes, uses a procedure or adjustment which is inconsistent with such requirements. Under  § 168(i)(9)(B)(ii), such inconsistent procedures and adjustments include the use of an estimate or projection of the taxpayer's tax expense, depreciation expense, or reserve for deferred taxes under  § 168(i)(9)(A)(ii), unless such estimate or projection is also used, for ratemaking purposes, with respect to all three of these items and with respect to the rate base (referred to as the "Consistency Rule").





Former  § 167(l) generally provided that public utilities were entitled to use accelerated methods for depreciation if they used a "normalization method of accounting." A normalization method of accounting was defined in former  § 167(l)(3)(G) in a manner consistent with that found in  § 168(i)(9)(A).



 Section 1.167(l)-1(a)(1) provides that the normalization requirements for public utility property pertain only to the deferral of federal income tax liability resulting from the use of an accelerated method of depreciation for computing the allowance for depreciation under  § 167 and the use of straight-line depreciation for computing tax expense and depreciation expense for purposes of



establishing cost of services and for reflecting operating results in regulated books of account. These regulations do not pertain to other book-tax timing differences with respect to state income taxes, F.I.C.A. taxes, construction costs, or any other taxes and items.




 Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(1)(i) provides that the reserve established for public utility property should reflect the total amount of the deferral of federal income tax liability resulting from the taxpayer's use of different depreciation methods for tax and ratemaking purposes.

 Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(1)(iii) provides that the amount of federal income tax liability deferred as a result of the use of different depreciation methods for tax and ratemaking purposes is the excess (computed without regard to credits) of the amount the tax liability would have been had the depreciation method for ratemaking purposes been used over the amount of the actual tax liability. This amount shall be taken into account for the taxable year in which the different methods of depreciation are used. If, however, in respect of any taxable year the use of a method of depreciation other than a subsection  (1) method for purposes of determining the taxpayer's reasonable allowance under  § 167(a) results in a net operating loss carryover to a year succeeding such taxable year which would not have arisen (or an increase in such carryover which would not have arisen) had the taxpayer determined his reasonable allowance under  § 167(a) using a subsection  (1) method, then the amount and time of the deferral of tax liability shall be taken into account in such appropriate time and manner as is satisfactory to the district director.





 Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(2)(i) provides that the taxpayer must credit this amount of deferred taxes to a reserve for deferred taxes, a depreciation reserve, or other reserve account. This regulation further provides that, with respect to any account, the aggregate amount allocable to deferred tax under  § 167(1) shall not be reduced except to reflect the amount for any taxable year by which Federal income taxes are greater by reason of the prior use of different methods of depreciation. That section also notes that the aggregate amount allocable to deferred taxes may be reduced to reflect the amount for any taxable year by which federal income taxes are greater by reason of the prior use of different methods of depreciation under  § 1.167(l)-1(h)(1)(i) or to reflect asset retirements or the expiration of the period for depreciation used for determining the allowance for depreciation under  § 167(a).


 Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(6)(i) provides that, notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (1) of that paragraph, a taxpayer does not use a normalization method of regulated accounting if, for ratemaking purposes, the amount of the reserve for deferred taxes under  § 167(l) which is excluded from the base to which the taxpayer's rate of return is applied, or which is treated as no-cost capital in those rate cases in which the rate of return is based upon the cost of capital, exceeds the amount of such reserve for deferred taxes for the period used in determining the taxpayer's expense in computing cost of service in such ratemaking.



 Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(6)(ii) provides that, for the purpose of determining the maximum amount of the reserve to be excluded from the rate base (or to be included as no-cost capital) under subdivision (i), above, if solely an historical period is used to determine depreciation for Federal income tax expense for ratemaking purposes, then the amount of the reserve account for that period is the amount of the reserve (determined under  § 1.167(l)-1(h)(2)(i)) at the end of the historical period. If such determination is made by reference both to an historical portion and to a future portion of a period, the amount of the reserve account for the period is the amount of the reserve at the end of the historical portion of the period and a pro rata portion of the amount of any projected increase to be credited or decrease to be charged to the account during the future portion of the period.

 Section 1.167(l)-1(h) requires that a utility must maintain a reserve reflecting the total amount of the deferral of federal income tax liability resulting from the taxpayer's use of different depreciation methods for tax and ratemaking purposes. Taxpayer has done so.  Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(6)(i) provides that a taxpayer does not use a normalization method of regulated accounting if, for ratemaking purposes, the amount of the reserve for deferred taxes which is excluded from the base to which the taxpayer's rate of return is applied, or which is treated as no-cost capital in those rate cases in which the rate of return is based upon the cost of capital, exceeds the amount of such reserve for deferred taxes for the period used in determining the taxpayer's expense in computing cost of service in such ratemaking. 






Section 56(a)(1)(D) provides that, with respect to public utility property the Secretary shall prescribe the requirements of a normalization method of accounting for that section.


 Section 1.167(l)-1(a)(1) of the Income Tax Regulations provides that the normalization requirements of former  § 167(l) with respect to public utility property defined in former  § 167(l)(3)(A) pertain only to the deferral of federal income tax liability resulting from the use of an accelerated method of depreciation for computing the allowance for depreciation under  § 167 and the use of straight line depreciation for computing tax expense and depreciation expense for purposes of establishing cost of services and for reflecting operating results in regulated books of account.


 Section 481(a) requires those adjustments necessary to prevent amounts from being duplicated or omitted to be taken into account when a taxpayer's taxable income is computed under a method of accounting different from the method used to compute taxable income for the preceding taxable year. See also § 2.05(1) of Rev. Proc. 97-27, 97-27, 1997-1 C.B. 680 (the operative method change revenue procedure at the time Taxpayer filed its Form 3115, *Application for Change in Accounting Method*).

An adjustment under  § 481(a) can include amounts attributable to taxable years that are closed by the period of limitation on assessment under  § 6501(a). *Suzy's Zoo v. Commissioner*, 114 T.C. 1, 13 (2000), *aff'd*, 273 F.3d 875, 884 [88 AFTR 2d 2001-6916] (9th Cir. 2001); *Superior Coach of Florida*,


Inc. v. Commissioner, 80 T.C. 895, 912 (1983), *Weiss v. Commissioner*, 395 F.2d 500 [22 AFTR 2d 5013] (10th Cir. 1968), *Spang Industries, Inc. v. United States*, 6 Cl. Ct. 38, 46 [54 AFTR 2d 84-5873] (1984), *rev'd on other grounds* 791 F.2d 906 [58 AFTR 2d 86-5052] (Fed. Cir. 1986). See also *Mulholland v. United States*, 28 Fed. Cl. 320, 334 [71 AFTR 2d 93-1916] (1993) (concluding that a court has the authority to review the taxpayer's threshold selection of a method of accounting *de novo*, and must determine, *ab initio*, whether the taxpayer's reported income is clearly reflected).




 Sections 481(c) and  1.481-4 provide that the adjustment required by  § 481(a) may be taken into accounting in determining taxable income in the manner, and subject to the conditions, agreed to by the Service and a taxpayer.  Section 1.446-1(e)(3)(i) authorizes the Service to prescribe administrative procedures setting forth the limitations, terms, and conditions deemed necessary to permit a taxpayer to obtain consent to change a method of accounting in accordance with  § 446(e). See also § 5.02 of Rev. Proc. 97-27.





When there is a change in method of accounting to which  § 481(a) is applied, § 2.05(1) of Rev. Proc. 97-27 provides that income for the taxable year preceding the year of change must be determined under the method of accounting that was then employed, and income for the year of change and the following taxable years must be determined under the new method of accounting as if the new method had always been used.


Regarding ruling requests 1 and 2, the key factors in determining whether property is public utility property are that (1) the property must be used predominantly in the trade or business of the furnishing or sale of, inter alia, water and wastewater; (2) the rates for such furnishing or sale must be established or approved by a State or political subdivision thereof, any agency or instrumentality of the United States, or by a public service or public utility commission or similar body of any State or political subdivision thereof; and (3) the rates so established or approved must be determined on a rate-of-return basis. State B statutes and Commission B rules provide eligible water corporations with the ability to recover certain infrastructure system replacement costs outside of a formal rate case filing via a Surcharge. These infrastructure system replacements will be predominantly used in the trade or business of the furnishing or sale of water and wastewater and therefore, it will possess the first of the three characteristics. Moreover, as a regulated public utility subject to the jurisdiction of federal or state law, including the ratemaking jurisdiction of the State B commission, the second requirement is met. Lastly, as evidenced by the facts, these rates are determined on a rate-of-return basis. After establishing that this involves public utility property, the law makes clear that the depreciation deduction determined under  § 168 shall not apply to any public utility property if the taxpayer does not use a normalization method of accounting. The normalization regulations require a taxpayer to credit this amount of deferred taxes to a reserve for deferred taxes, a depreciation reserve, or other reserve account.



Taxpayer's ruling request 3 pertains to the depreciation-related ADIT existing prior to the year of

change ([Redacted Text]) for public utility property in service as of the end of the taxable year immediately preceding the year of change. Beginning with the year of change, the [Redacted Text] Consent Agreement granted Taxpayer permission to change its (1) method of accounting for costs to repair and maintain tangible property from capitalizing and depreciating these costs to deducting these costs under  § 162, and (2) unit of property for determining dispositions of depreciable network assets from using a method other than the functional interdependence test to using the functional interdependence test to determine the units of property.

As stated previously, condition nine of the [Redacted Text] Consent Agreement provides that if any item of property subject to the Form 3115 is public utility property within the meaning of  § 168(i)(10), a normalization method of accounting (within the meaning of  § 168(i)(9)) must be used for such public utility property. Public utility property (within the meaning of  § 168(i)(10)) is a depreciable asset. Consequently, condition nine of the [Redacted Text] Consent Agreement is intended to apply to Taxpayer's public utility property that continues to be depreciated for federal income tax purposes under Taxpayer's new method of accounting for the year of change and subsequent taxable years.

When there is a change in method of accounting to which  § 481(a) is applied, income for the taxable year preceding the year of change must be determined under the method of accounting that was then employed by Taxpayer, and income for the year of change and the following taxable years must be determined under Taxpayer's new method of accounting as if the new method had always been used. See  § 481(a);  § 1.481-1(a)(1); and § 2.05(1) of Rev. Proc. 97-27. In other words: (1) Taxpayer's new method of accounting is implemented beginning in the year of change; (2) Taxpayer's old method of accounting used in the taxable years preceding the year of change is not disturbed; and (3) Taxpayer takes into account a  § 481(a) adjustment in computing taxable income to offset any consequent omissions or duplications.

Accordingly, for public utility property in service as of the end of the taxable year immediately preceding the year of change ([Redacted Text]), the depreciation-related ADIT existing prior to the year of change for the changes in methods of accounting subject to the [Redacted Text] Consent Agreement does not remain subject to the normalization method of accounting within the meaning of  § 168(i)(9) after implementation of the new tax methods of accounting in the year of change and subsequent taxable years.



As stated previously under ruling request 3, condition nine of the [Redacted Text] Consent Agreement is intended to apply to Taxpayer's public utility property that continues to be depreciated for federal income tax purposes under Taxpayer's new method of accounting for the year of change and subsequent taxable years. A repair expense is an item of expense that is deductible under  § 162 and for which depreciation is not allowable. Accordingly, the ADIT resulting from the repair-related 

§ 481(a) adjustment is not subject to the normalization method of accounting within the meaning of § 168(i)(9).


Similarly, condition nine of the [Redacted Text] Consent Agreement is intended to apply to Taxpayer's public utility property that continues to be depreciated for federal income tax purposes under Taxpayer's new method of accounting for the year of change and subsequent taxable years. A repair expense is an item of expense that is deductible under § 162 and for which depreciation is not allowable. Accordingly, ADIT resulting from expenditures (1) related to an item of property includible in rate base and recoverable as regulatory depreciation expense in the determination of the revenue requirement set in the Surcharge Case and (2) deducted as repairs under § 162 to public utility property within the meaning of § 168(i)(10), or a predecessor provision of the normalization requirements, pursuant to the tax method of accounting for repairs permitted in Taxpayer's Consent Agreement, is not subject to the normalization method of accounting within the meaning of § 168(i)(9) or, as applicable, a predecessor statutory provision.



Regarding ruling request 6, § 1.167(l)-1(a)(1) provides that the normalization requirements for public utility property pertain only to the deferral of federal income tax liability resulting from the use of an accelerated method of depreciation for computing the allowance for depreciation under § 167 and the use of straight-line depreciation for computing tax expense and depreciation expense for purposes of establishing cost of services and for reflecting operating results in regulated books of account. Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(1)(i) provides that the reserve established for public utility property should reflect the total amount of the deferral of federal income tax liability resulting from the taxpayer's use of different depreciation methods for tax and ratemaking purposes. Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(2)(i) provides that the taxpayer must credit this amount of deferred taxes to a reserve for deferred taxes, a depreciation reserve, or other reserve account. This regulation further provides that, with respect to any account, the aggregate amount allocable to deferred tax under § 167(1) shall not be reduced except to reflect the amount for any taxable year by which Federal income taxes are greater by reason of the prior use of different methods of depreciation. That section also notes that the aggregate amount allocable to deferred taxes may be reduced to reflect the amount for any taxable year by which federal income taxes are greater by reason of the prior use of different methods of depreciation under § 1.167(l)-1(h)(1)(i) or to reflect asset retirements or the expiration of the period for depreciation used for determining the allowance for depreciation under § 167(a). In this case, the transaction involves a replacement or relocation that is not treated as a disposition under Taxpayer's tax method of accounting. The depreciation-related ADIT existing immediately prior to a transaction considered a retirement for regulatory accounting purposes but not treated as a disposition for federal income tax purposes continues to be subject to the normalization requirements because adjusted tax basis is not

affected and the  § 168(a) depreciation deductions continue.

For ruling request 7, as stated previously under ruling request 3, condition nine of the [Redacted Text] Consent Agreement is intended to apply to Taxpayer's public utility property that continues to be depreciated for federal income tax purposes under Taxpayer's new method of accounting for the year of change and subsequent taxable years. Accordingly, the ADIT resulting from the disposition-related  § 481(a) adjustment and related to the restored tax basis of public utility property that was treated as disposed under the old method of accounting but is not treated as disposed under the new method of accounting is subject to the normalization method of accounting within the meaning of  § 168(i)(9).

Regarding ruling requests 8, 9, and 11, generally, Taxpayer is arguing that the ADIT balance should be reduced by the amounts that Taxpayer calculates did not actually defer tax during the Surcharge Case test period due to the presence of the NOLC. The normalization requirements pertain only to deferred income taxes for public utility property resulting from the use of accelerated depreciation for tax purposes and the use of straight-line depreciation for establishing cost of service and reflecting the operating results in regulated books of account. Generally, amounts that do not actually defer tax because of the existence of an NOL need to be reflected as offsetting entries to the ADIT account to show the portion of tax losses which did not actually defer tax due to accelerated depreciation.










 Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(6)(i) provides that a taxpayer does not use a normalization method of regulated accounting if, for ratemaking purposes, the amount of the reserve for deferred taxes which is excluded from the base to which the taxpayer's rate of return is applied, or which is treated as no-cost capital in those rate cases in which the rate of return is based upon the cost of capital, exceeds the amount of such reserve for deferred taxes for the period used in determining the taxpayer's expense in computing cost of service in such ratemaking. Because the reserve account for deferred taxes (ADIT), reduces rate base, it is clear that the portion of the net operating loss carryover (NOLC) that is attributable to accelerated depreciation must be taken into account in calculating the amount of the ADIT account balance. Thus, the ADIT asset resulting from the NOLC should be included in rate base, given the inclusion in rate base of the full amount of the ADIT liability resulting from accelerated tax depreciation.




 Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(1)(iii) makes clear that the effects of an NOLC must be taken into account for normalization purposes.  Section 1.167(l)-1(h)(1)(iii) provides generally that, if, in respect of any year, the use of other than regulatory depreciation for tax purposes results in an NOLC carryover (or an increase in an NOLC which would not have arisen had the taxpayer claimed only regulatory depreciation for tax purposes), then the amount and time of the deferral of tax liability shall be taken into account in such appropriate time and manner as is satisfactory to the district director. The "with or without" methodology suggested by Taxpayer is specifically designed to ensure that the portion of the


NOLC attributable to accelerated depreciation is correctly taken into account by maximizing the amount of the NOLC attributable to accelerated depreciation. This methodology provides certainty and prevents the possibility of "flow through" of the benefits of accelerated depreciation to ratepayers.




Taxpayer also raises the issue of the computation of the amount by which depreciation-related Taxpayer's NOLC as of the rate base determination date for the Surcharge Case must be included in rate base. This focuses on whether the NOLC taken into account in the Surcharge Case is limited to depreciation-related book/tax differences related to expenditures reflected in the Surcharge Case or must also reflect the full net increase in depreciation-related NOLC occurring since the rate base determination date of the immediately preceding base rate proceeding. In this case, based on the State B statute, the revenue requirement of a Surcharge Case is limited to the following income tax amounts: ADIT associated with property-related costs for property with rates set by the Surcharge Case and income taxes applicable to the Surcharge Case revenue requirement. The normalization requirements do not require that all incremental NOLC arising since the most recent general rate proceeding must be reflected in an interim (here a Surcharge) proceeding. Instead, the normalization requirements permit an increase in NOLC resulting from non-Surcharge Case public utility property to be disregarded for the Surcharge Case and considered in the next rate proceeding that reflects the depreciation expense and rate base inclusion of the public utility property resulting in the depreciation-related book/tax differences included in the NOLC.


Based on the foregoing, we conclude that:


- 1) The property otherwise depreciable under  § 168(a) and for which cost recovery and return on investment initially occur as part of the Surcharge Case, rather than as part of base rates set in less frequent general rate case proceedings, constitutes public utility property within the meaning of  § 168(i)(10).
- 2) The ADIT amounts used in computing the revenue requirement set in the Surcharge Case with respect to public utility property within the meaning of  § 168(i)(10) must comply with the normalization method of accounting within the meaning of  § 168(i)(9).
- 3) For any public utility property within the meaning of  § 168(i)(10) of the Code as of the end of the tax year immediately preceding the year of change for the changes in tax method of accounting subject to Taxpayer's Consent Agreement, the depreciation-related ADIT prior to the change in tax method of accounting for repairs and dispositions is not subject to the normalization method of accounting within the meaning of  § 168(i)(9) of the Code after implementation of the new tax method of accounting.
- 4) For any public utility property within the meaning of  § 168(i)(10) and subject to Taxpayer's Consent Agreement, the ADIT resulting from the repair-related  § 481(a) adjustment is not subject to the normalization method of accounting within the meaning of  § 168(i)(9).

5) The ADIT resulting from expenditures (1) related to an item of property includible in rate base and recoverable as regulatory depreciation expense in the determination of the revenue requirement set in the Surcharge Case and (2) deducted as repairs under  § 162 to public utility property within the meaning of  § 168(i)(10), or a predecessor provision of the normalization requirements, pursuant to the tax method of accounting for repairs permitted in Taxpayer's Consent Agreement, is not subject to the normalization method of accounting within the meaning of  § 168(i)(9) or, as applicable, a predecessor statutory provision.


6) The ADIT resulting from book/tax differences related to depreciable method and life for public utility property that exists at the date of a retirement of the property for regulatory accounting purposes in a transaction involving a replacement or relocation that is not treated as a disposition under Taxpayer's tax method of accounting for dispositions permitted in Taxpayer's Consent Agreement remains subject to the normalization method of accounting within the meaning of  § 168(i)(9) after the book-only retirement.

7) For any public utility property within the meaning of  § 168(i)(10) for which a disposition had been recognized for tax purposes in a tax year prior to the tax year of change for the changes in tax method of accounting subject to Taxpayer's Consent Agreement and for which the taxable gain or loss upon such disposition was reversed as part of the disposition-related  § 481(a) adjustment, the ADIT related to the restored tax basis of such public utility property is subject to the normalization method of accounting within the meaning of  § 168(i)(9), despite the book-only retirement.

8) In order to comply with the normalization method of accounting within the meaning of  § 168(i)(9), the amount of depreciation-related ADIT reducing rate base used to determine the revenue requirement set in the Surcharge Case is limited to the amount of depreciation-related deferred tax expense recovered in rates as of the Surcharge Case rate base determination date.

9) Under the circumstances described, in order to comply with the normalization method of accounting within the meaning of  § 168(i)(9), the amount of depreciation-related ADIT reducing rate base used to determine the revenue requirement set in the Surcharge Case must be decreased to reflect a portion of the NOL for the test period for the Surcharge Case which would not have arisen had Taxpayer not reported depreciation-related book/tax differences during the test period for the Surcharge Case and such decrease in depreciation-related ADIT must be an amount that is no less than the amount computed using the With-and-Without Method.


10) Ruling request 10 is moot because we grant ruling 9 in accordance with Taxpayer's analysis.

11) Under the circumstances described above, in order to comply with the normalization method of accounting within the meaning of  § 168(i)(9), it is not necessary to decrease

ADIT or otherwise increase rate base for the Surcharge Case by the portion of the NOLC which would not have arisen (or an increase in such NOLC which would not have arisen) had Taxpayer not reported depreciation-related book/tax differences in prior periods or during the test period for the Surcharge Case with respect to public utility property with rates not set by the Surcharge Case.

12) Ruling request 12 is moot because we rule as Taxpayer requests with respect to ruling request 5.

Except as specifically set forth above, no opinion is expressed or implied concerning the federal income tax consequences of the above described facts under any other provision of the Code or regulations.

This ruling is directed only to the taxpayer requesting it.  Section 6110(k)(3) of the Code provides that it may not be used or cited as precedent.

This ruling is based upon information and representations submitted by Taxpayer and accompanied by penalty of perjury statements executed by an appropriate party. While this office has not verified any of the material submitted in support of the request for rulings, it is subject to verification on examination.

In accordance with the power of attorney on file with this office, a copy of this letter is being sent to your authorized representatives.

Sincerely,

Patrick S. Kirwan

Chief, Branch 6

Office of Associate Chief Counsel

(Passthroughs & Special Industries)

Kentucky Power Company NOLC - Total Company Calculation
Net Operating Loss Schedule - Total Company

Taxable Income/(Loss)	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2021 Amended Return	12/31/2022	3/31/2023	NOL Carryforward @ 12-31-17
2007 As Filed	26,773,624	(26,773,624)																-
2008 As Filed	1,238,699	(1,238,699)																-
2009 As Filed	(79,923,011)	28,012,323	30,366,964	21,543,724														-
2010 As Filed	30,366,964		(30,366,964)															-
2011 As Filed	29,192,737			(21,543,724)	(7,649,013)													-
2011 RAR	56,032				(56,032)													-
2012 As Filed	19,277,355					(19,277,355)												-
2012 RAR	(31,784,955)				7,705,045	24,079,910												-
2013 As Filed	21,088,012					(4,802,555)		(16,285,457)										-
2013 RAR	493,069							(493,069)										-
2014 As Filed	30,249,142							(30,249,142)										-
2014 Amend	51,008							(51,008)										-
2014 RAR	612,080							(612,080)										-
2015 As Filed	(138,371,964)							47,690,756										0
2016 As Filed	(11,839,011)																	(90,681,208)
2017 As Filed	(28,876,901)																	(11,839,011)
2018 As Filed	10,685,671																	(28,876,901)
2019 As Filed	2,356,998																	
2020 As Filed	(42,427,944)																	
2021 As Filed	(36,697,777)																	
2021 Amended	(7,508,028)																	
12/31/2022 Estimate*	(4,590,652)																	
3/31/2023 Estimate*	9,121,719																	
	(200,457,133)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(131,397,120)

Calculation of NOL Deferred Tax Asset	
NOL Carryforward @ 12-31-17	131,397,120
Tax Rate	21%
NOL DTA @ 12-31-17	27,593,395
NOL (Utilization)/Generation: 2018 - 2021	73,591,080
NOL (Utilization)/Generation: 2012 - March 2023	(4,531,067)
Tax Rate	21%
Change in NOL DTA: 2018 - 2022	14,502,603
NOL DTA @ 03-31-23	42,095,998
Total NOLC Deficient Tax Balance @ 03-31-23	14,641,550
Total	56,737,548

Calculation of Excess NOL ADFIT	
NOL Carryforward @ 12-31-17	131,397,120
Tax Rate	21%
NOL DTA @ 21%	27,593,395
NOL DTA @ 35%	45,988,992
Protected Deficient NOL ADFIT	18,395,597
Consolidated NOLC Already Recorded:	755,807 DTA 12/31/2017
Amended Return Mvmt:	373,246
Total Deficient NOL ADFIT to Record as of 12/31/17:	17,266,544
January 2018-March 2022 Deficient Amortization	(2,238,083)
April 2022 - March 2023 Amortization	(386,911)
Total NOLC Deficient Tax Balance as of 3/31/23	14,641,550

*Tax returns not yet finalized.

Kentucky Power Company NOLC - Jurisdictional Amounts
12 Months Ended March 31, 2023

	<u>3/31/2023</u>	Depr Allocator	KY	
Consol NOLC	0	0.986000	0	
Stand Alone NOLC	<u>42,095,998</u>	0.986000	<u>41,506,654</u>	<u>3/31/2023</u>
NOLC 1901001 - DTA	42,095,998		41,506,654	NOLC 28201001 Excess KY Adjustment 10,300,444

Kentucky Power Company NOLC Deficient Taxes
Summary of NOLC Adjustment to 2821001

Company	Jurisdiction	Function	Protected / Unprotected	2022 NOL Deficient Taxes Balance	2023 Deficient Tax Amort	2023 NOL Deficient Taxes Balance	3 months of 2023 Deficient Tax Amort	2023 Ended 3/31/2023	9 months April 2022 - March 2023 Deficient Tax Amort	12 months April 2022 - March 2023 Deficient Tax Amort
KYPCO	KY	D	P	4,018,386	(94,504)	3,923,883	(23,626)	3,994,760	(62,124)	(85,750)
KYPCO	KY	G	P	6,338,564	(131,522)	6,207,043	(32,880)	6,305,684	(172,237)	(205,117)
KYPCO	FE	D	P	61,193	(1,439)	59,754	(360)	60,833	(946)	(1,306)
KYPCO	FE	G	P	96,526	(2,003)	94,523	(501)	96,026	(2,623)	(3,124)
KYPCO	FE	T	P	4,206,939	(90,769)	4,116,170	(22,692)	4,184,247	(68,922)	(91,614)
KYPCO	KY	D	U	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KYPCO	KY	G	U	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KYPCO	FE	D	U	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KYPCO	FE	G	U	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KYPCO	FE	T	U	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total				14,721,610	(320,237)	14,401,373	(80,059)	14,641,550	(306,851)	(386,911)
		Sum of KY		10,356,951	(226,026)	10,130,925	(56,506)	10,300,444	(234,360)	(290,867)

KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY NOLC
TOTAL COMPANY JOURNAL ENTRIES

Calculation of Stand-Alone NOLC - Total Company
Twelve Months Ended March 31, 2023

Description	Account No.	Total Company
Increase rate base to include the stand-alone Net Operating Loss ("NOL") Deferred Tax Asset ("DTA") and Protected Excess ADIT balance related to the NOL as 12/31/2017, the date of Tax Cuts and Jobs Act ("TCJA"), and decrease Protected Amortization expense due to offsetting protected excess benefit related to the NOL.		
2017 NOLC		
Stand Alone NOLC as of 12.31.2017		(131,397,120)
AEP Consolidated Group NOLC allocated to the Company as of 12.31.2017		8,064,664
Stand Alone NOLC Adjustment to Excess ADFIT		(123,332,456)
2017 - Excess ADFIT adjustment for Stand-Alone NOLC		
Entry to reflect remeasurements of NOL and corresponding deficient deferred taxes		
	2544001	21,856,385
	2824001	(17,266,544)
	2821001	17,266,544
	1904001	(4,589,841)
	4112001	(17,266,544) (a)
Amortization of NOLC Deficient Tax - Jan 2018 to March 2022		
Entry to reflect the amortization of the NOLC deficient utilizing ARAM for prior periods		
	2544001	(2,833,016)
	4102001	2,238,083 (a)
	2821001	(2,238,083)
	2824001	2,238,083
	1904001	594,933
Amortization of NOLC Deficient Tax - April 2022 - March 2023		
Entry to reflect reduced amortization of Protected Excess for the Six Month Post-Test Period		
	2544001	(489,760)
	4102001	386,911 (b)
	2821001	(386,911)
	2824001	386,911
	1904001	102,850
2022 NOLC Adjustment		
Stand Alone NOLC as of 12.31.2017		(131,397,120)
Taxable Income/(Loss) earned from 2018-2022		(78,181,732)
Taxable Income/(Loss) earned in January - March 2023		9,121,719
Stand Alone NOLC as of 12.31.2022		(200,457,133)
NOLC Deferred Tax Asset at 21%		(42,095,998)
AEP Consolidated Group NOLC allocated to the Company as of 12.31.2022		-
NOLC DTA Adjustment		(42,095,998)
Total Company Stand Alone NOLC DTA as of the Test Period		(42,095,998)
Σ(a)+(b) Reduction to Protected Excess ADFIT Liability as of the Test Period		(14,641,550)
Total NOLC DTA Adjustment		(56,737,548)
(b) Increase to deferred tax expense for NOLC deficient amortization as of the Test Period		386,911
Federal and State Gross up Factor (used for illustrative purposes only)		1.2658
Account Key		
SFAS 109 Excess Deferred FIT Regulatory Liability	2544001	
Accumulated Deferred FIT - SFAS 109 Excess - Utility Property	2824001	
Accumulated Deferred FIT - Utility Prop	2821001	
Accumulated Deferred FIT - FAS 109 Excess	1904001	
Provision for Deferred Income Tax Utility Operations - FIT	410.1/411.1	
Provision for Deferred Income Tax Other Income & Deductions - FIT	410.2/411.2	

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 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)
)

Case No. 2023-00159

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
LERAH M. KAHN
ON BEHALF OF KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY

**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY**

CASE NO. 2023-00XXX

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY**

CASE NO. 2023-00159

I. INTRODUCTION

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, POSITION AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 A. My name is Lerah M. Kahn. My business address is 1645 Winchester Avenue,
3 Ashland, Kentucky 41101. My position is Manager, Regulatory Services, Kentucky
4 Power Company (“Kentucky Power” or the “Company”).

II. BACKGROUND

5 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND**
6 **BUSINESS EXPERIENCES.**

7 A. In 2009, I earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of Guelph
8 in Guelph, Ontario, Canada. Additionally, in 2010 I received a Paralegal diploma from
9 Algonquin Careers Academy in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada.

10 From 2013 through 2018 I worked at Sogefi Group Inc., a global supplier for
11 the automotive industry, as a material planner and accounting specialist. I accepted the
12 position of Regulatory Consultant with Kentucky Power Company in July 2018 and I
13 was promoted to my current position as Manager, Regulatory Services in February
14 2023.

1 **Q. WHAT ARE YOUR PRINCIPAL AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY WITH**
2 **KENTUCKY POWER?**

3 A. As Manager, Regulatory Services I am responsible for the supervision and direction of
4 Kentucky Power's Regulatory Services Department, which has responsibility for all
5 rate and regulatory matters involving the Company.

6 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED IN ANY REGULATORY**
7 **PROCEEDINGS?**

8 A. Yes. I have submitted testimony before this Commission in Case No. 2019-00389
9 (application for approval of the Company's 2019 Environmental Compliance Plan
10 ("ECP")), Case No. 2020-00133 (Commission's examination of the Company's
11 Environmental Surcharge mechanism for the two-year billing period ending June 30,
12 2019), Case No. 2020-00174 (the Company's most recent base rate case), Case No.
13 2021-00004 (the Company's current ECP), and 2022-00387 (application for a special
14 contract).

III. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

15 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

16 A. The purpose of my testimony is to support an update to the Company's base revenue
17 requirement for its environmental surcharge. In addition, I support the following
18 adjustments to test year revenues and operating expenses:

- 19
- 20 • An adjustment to remove the capital cost of the Mitchell flue gas desulfurization
21 ("FGD"), FGD-associated consumable inventories, and CCR CWIP from rate
22 base and capitalization;
 - An adjustment to remove Mitchell FGD expenses from test year expenses;

- 1 • An adjustment to remove Rockport and Mitchell FGD revenues and to
2 synchronize other environmental surcharge revenues and expenses during the
3 test year;
- 4 • An adjustment to recover rate case expenses;
- 5 • An adjustment to recover replacement capacity due to the expiration of the
6 Rockport Unit Power Agreement; and
- 7 • Treatment of remaining unprotected excess accumulated deferred federal
8 income taxes (“ADFIT”);

9 I provided the adjustments to revenues and operating expenses and rate base to
10 Company Witness Walsh to include in the computation of the Company’s jurisdictional
11 revenue requirement. I provided the adjustments to capitalization to Company Witness
12 Walsh to present in Section V, Schedule 3.

13 Finally, I describe certain proposed changes to Kentucky Power’s tariffs.

14 **Q. ARE YOU SPONSORING ANY EXHIBITS?**

15 A. Yes. I have prepared the following exhibits:

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IV. BASE ENVIRONMENTAL REVENUE REQUIREMENT

1 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN GENERALLY HOW KENTUCKY POWER RECOVERS**
2 **ITS ENVIRONMENTAL COSTS.**

3 A. Kentucky Power recovers the costs of the authorized environmental projects included
4 in its ECP through a combination of base rates and the environmental surcharge. The
5 authorized projects included in the Company’s ECP, which was most recently updated
6 in Case No. 2021-00004, are those projects necessary for the Company to comply with
7 the Federal Clean Air Act and federal, state, and local requirements applicable to coal
8 combustion wastes and by-products from coal-fired generation facilities
9 (“Environmental Requirements”). Tariff E.S. identifies, for each month, the amount of
10 environmental costs included in base rates. Each month, the Company calculates the
11 total costs associated with the approved environmental projects in its ECP. The
12 monthly total cost includes expenses and credits related to the operation of approved
13 projects, a return on the environmental rate base including construction work in
14 progress (“CWIP”)¹, a return on the Company’s emission allowance inventory,
15 emission allowance expenses, expense to amortize the regulatory asset authorized by
16 the Commission in Case No. 2021-00004² for prudently incurred Effluent Limitation
17 Guidelines (“ELG”) costs³, costs associated with the consumption of consumables,

¹ See Order, Application Of Kentucky Power Company For Approval Of A Certificate Of Public Convenience and Necessity For Environmental Project Construction At The Mitchell Generating Station, An Amended Environmental Compliance Plan, And Revised Environmental Surcharge Tariff Sheets, Case No. 2021-00004, at 24-25 (Ky. P.S.C. July 15, 2021).

² See Order, Application Of Kentucky Power Company For Approval Of A Certificate Of Public Convenience and Necessity For Environmental Project Construction At The Mitchell Generating Station, An Amended Environmental Compliance Plan, And Revised Environmental Surcharge Tariff Sheets, Case No. 2021-00004, at 12 (Ky. P.S.C. May 3, 2022).

³ Over a two-year period beginning with July 2022 billing and concluding with June 2024 billing.

1 depreciation, and property taxes for the Mitchell Plant. The Company then compares
2 the total monthly environmental costs to the amount of environmental costs included
3 in its base rates. If the total monthly environmental costs exceed the monthly base rate
4 amount, customers are charged the difference through the environmental surcharge. If
5 the total monthly environmental costs are less than the monthly base rate amount,
6 customers are credited the difference through the environmental surcharge.

7 **Q. WERE THERE ANY MAJOR CHANGES DURING THE TEST YEAR TO**
8 **ITEMS INCLUDED WITHIN THE MONTHLY TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL**
9 **COSTS?**

10 A. Yes. Kentucky Power was previously a party to a FERC-approved unit power
11 agreement (“Rockport UPA”). The Rockport UPA provided Kentucky Power with the
12 contractual right to receive 30 percent of AEP Generating’s 50 percent share of the
13 generation output from Rockport Unit 1 and Rockport Unit 2 and obligated it to 30
14 percent of AEP Generating’s Rockport Unit 1 and Rockport Unit 2 costs. The Rockport
15 UPA expired on December 8, 2022. Accordingly, the Company’s environmental
16 surcharge filed January 23, 2023, for the month of December 2022, was the last month
17 to include Rockport costs within the total environmental costs.⁴

18 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THE MONTHLY ENVIRONMENTAL BASE**
19 **REVENUE REQUIREMENT WAS CALCULATED.**

20 A. The test year monthly environmental base revenue requirement was calculated by
21 identifying Kentucky Power’s share of the costs associated with Mitchell Non-FGD

⁴ Rockport costs for the month of December 2022 were prorated.

1 environmental projects in each month of the test year and then included gains on
2 allowances in each month. Exhibit LMK-1 provides the monthly environmental base
3 rate amounts.

4 The current monthly environmental base rate amount includes costs for the
5 Rockport Plant. The proposed base environmental revenue requirement provided in
6 Exhibit LMK-1 does not include costs for the Rockport Plant due to the expiration of
7 the Rockport UPA on December 8, 2022 discussed above.

8 **Q. WERE THE COSTS FOR ALL OF THE COMPANY'S ECP PROJECTS**
9 **INCLUDED IN THE CALCULATION OF THE MONTHLY**
10 **ENVIRONMENTAL BASE REVENUE REQUIREMENT CALCULATION?**

11 A. No. To properly identify the base level of environmental project costs, only costs
12 associated with projects that were in-service during the test year were included in the
13 base revenue requirement calculation. The work required to comply with the CCR rule
14 ("Project 22"), wastewater ponds and associated work in connection with the
15 wastewater ponds, was not in service during the test year ended March 31, 2023. The
16 Commission approved Project 22 in the Company's 2021 ECP, in Case No. 2021-
17 00004 Order dated July 15, 2021. Project 22 was originally estimated to go into service
18 November 2023. The current estimated in-service date is October 2024. On January
19 23, 2023 the Company filed into post-case correspondence of Case No. 2021-00004 an
20 update on the delay and then on June 9, 2023 filed additional information around cost
21 estimate changes resulting from the delay. Accordingly, the costs associated with

1 Project 22 will be, and currently are for a return on CWIP, recovered exclusively
2 through Tariff E.S.⁵

3 Also excluded from the environmental base revenue requirement are:

- 4 • Monthly installments of the ELG regulatory asset amortization;
- 5 • Costs associated with Rockport (discussed above); and
- 6 • Costs associated with the Mitchell FGD (discussed below).

V. COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MITCHELL FGD

7 **Q. WHAT IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING WITH REGARDS TO MITCHELL**
8 **FGD COSTS?**

9 A. The Company is proposing to continue excluding Mitchell FGD costs from the base
10 environmental costs consistent with paragraph 6 of the Commission-approved
11 Stipulation and Settlement Agreement in Case No. 2012-00578.

12 **Q. DID YOU PREPARE ANY RATE CASE ADJUSTMENTS TO REMOVE**
13 **KENTUCKY POWER'S SHARE OF THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE**
14 **MITCHELL FGD FROM THE TEST YEAR DATA AND THE PROPOSED**
15 **ENVIRONMENTAL RATE BASE AMOUNTS?**

16 A. Yes, adjustments W03 and W04 within Section V, Exhibit 2. Adjustment W03
17 removes Mitchell FGD operating and maintenance expenses from the test year. The
18 Mitchell FGD operating expense adjustment includes costs associated with gypsum
19 disposal, limestone, lime hydrate, and polymer in addition to the depreciation,
20 maintenance, and property tax expenses. After allocating the FGD expenses to retail

⁵ A return on CWIP ceases once the new assets are placed in service.

1 customers as described in the Commission's March 31, 2003 Order in Case No. 2002-
2 00169, this adjustment reduces test year operating expenses by a total of \$12,222,750.

3 Adjustment W04 removes the rate base amount of the Mitchell FGD from the
4 test year. The rate base deduction was calculated by removing the accumulated
5 depreciation and accumulated deferred income tax amounts from the FGD electric plant
6 in service amount. This adjustment also removes the consumable inventory that is used
7 in conjunction with the FGD. The production demand allocation factor was then
8 applied to the rate base amount and the production demand energy allocation factor
9 was applied to the consumable inventory. This results in a reduction of test-year base
10 rate amount of \$136,650,071.

11 **Q. DOES ADJUSTMENT W04 REMOVE ANY NON-FGD COMPONENTS?**

12 A. Yes. CWIP associated with Project 22 is also removed through adjustment W04. The
13 production demand energy allocation factor was applied to the CWIP amount. This
14 results in a reduction of test-year base rate amount of \$11,100,396.

15 **Q. WHAT DEPRECIATION RATE WAS USED TO CALCULATE THE**
16 **DEPRECIATION EXPENSE FOR THE MITCHELL FGD?**

17 A. The Company uses a 2.96% depreciation rate for projects within account 312 – Boiler
18 Plant Equipment. This is the depreciation rate utilized in developing the depreciation
19 expense for the Mitchell FGD and is the same depreciation rate approved by the
20 Commission in Case No. 2017-00179.

VI. WEIGHTED AVERAGE COST OF CAPITAL

1 **Q. WHAT WEIGHTED AVERAGE COST OF CAPITAL (“WACC”) DID**
2 **KENTUCKY POWER USE IN CALCULATING THE REVENUE**
3 **REQUIREMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE**
4 **MITCHELL FGD?**

5 A. Kentucky Power used a 6.93% WACC. The WACC is calculated in Section V,
6 Schedule 2, Page 1, of the Application and described in the testimony of Company
7 Witness Messner. In calculating the WACC for environmental projects, Kentucky
8 Power used the 9.90% rate of return on equity proposed by the Company in this case.
9 The basis for using a 9.90% rate of equity is included in the testimony of Company
10 Witness Wiseman. Additionally, Company Witness McKenzie discusses that the ROE
11 should not be further reduced for single-issue recovery mechanisms such as the
12 environmental surcharge.

VII. GROSS REVENUE CONVERSION FACTOR

13 **Q. IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING ANY CHANGES TO ITS GROSS**
14 **REVENUE CONVERSION FACTOR (“GRCF”)?**

15 A. Yes. The revised factor can be found in Section V, Schedule 2, Page 2, of the
16 Application and shown on Form 3.20 of Exhibit LMK-3.

VIII. CHANGES TO TARIFF E.S. AND THE ECP

1 **Q. HAS THE COMPANY REVISED TARIFF E.S. TO REFLECT THE CHANGES**
2 **PROPOSED ABOVE?**

3 A. Yes. A copy of the Company's proposed Tariff E.S., with markups indicating changes
4 from the current Tariff E.S., is included as Exhibit LMK-2.

5 **Q. HAS THE COMPANY ALSO REVISED THE ENVIRONMENTAL**
6 **SURCHARGE FORMS USED FOR ITS MONTHLY FILING?**

7 A. Yes. A copy of the Company's revised environmental surcharge forms is included as
8 Exhibit LMK-3. The proposed changes are threefold:

- 9 • Removal of Rockport related forms in their entirety (3.20 and 3.21) and
10 references to Rockport throughout the other forms where applicable;
11
- 12 • Reformatting and reorganization of the Forms to provide easier processing and
13 understanding of the correlation between Forms. Exhibit LMK-4 provides an
14 illustration of the new organization; and,
- 15 • Updates for the following proposals:
 - 16 ○ Form 3.10 – updated WACC (line 18 and line 19) and gross-up factor
17 (line 47);
 - 18 ○ Form 3.20 – revised to align with Section V, Schedule 2, Page 1 of the
19 Application;
 - 20 ○ Form 3.50 – revised cash working capital calculation consistent with the
21 Section V (tab “CWC”, line 5); and,
 - 22 ○ Form 6.00 – remove “PPA Revenues” and “ATR Revenues” columns.
23 As the PPA rate changed to a per-kWh rate (from percent of revenues)
24 and the ATR rate has ceased in accordance with the January 18, 2018
25 Order in Case No. 2017-00179. Any amounts being captured in this
26 form for these two items relate to rebillings which, due to the time
27 passed from the above, is nominal.

1 **Q. WAS THE COMPANY'S ECP ALSO UPDATED?**

2 A. Yes. A copy of the Company's updated ECP is attached as Exhibit LMK-5. This is an
3 administrative update to either completely remove projects related to Rockport or
4 references to Rockport where applicable. There are no new projects being added.

IX. RATE CASE ADJUSTMENTS

5 **Q. DID YOU PREPARE ANY ADJUSTMENTS BESIDES THE**
6 **ENVIRONMENTAL ADJUSTMENTS W03 AND W04 DESCRIBED ABOVE?**

7 A. Yes. I prepared adjustments to test year revenue amounts to remove Rockport
8 and FGD-related revenues and deferrals (W05), an adjustment to recover rate case
9 expense (W18), and an adjustment to update test-year levels of replacement capacity
10 costs due to the expiration of the Rockport UPA (W56). I have provided the
11 adjustments to revenues and operating expenses and rate base to Company Witness
12 Walsh to include in the computation of the Company's jurisdictional revenue
13 requirement. I have provided the adjustments to capitalization to Company Witness
14 Walsh to present in Section V, Schedule 3.

Environmental Surcharge Revenue
(Section V, Exhibit 2, W05)

15 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE REVENUE**
16 **ADJUSTMENT.**

17 A. Because costs associated with Rockport and the Mitchell FGD have been removed from
18 cost of service⁶, any associated revenues must also be removed. This adjustment is

⁶ See adjustments W03 and W04 supported by Company Witness Kahn and adjustment W47 supported by Company Witness Whitney.

1 calculated by first determining the total test year revenues associated with the
2 Company's ECP. This calculation is made by adding the total amount of environmental
3 surcharge revenue for the test year to the test year annual environmental base revenue
4 amount. The Company next deducted the going-forward annual environmental base
5 revenue amount as set forth in Exhibit LMK-1. This calculation results in a
6 \$46,964,573 reduction to base rates that simultaneously removes Rockport and
7 Mitchell FGD revenues and synchronizes the environmental compliance costs and
8 revenues.

9 In addition to the removal of Rockport and Mitchell FGD revenues, adjustment
10 W05 adds \$3,573,270 of deferred environmental surcharge amounts. The net result of
11 this adjustment is a \$43,391,303 reduction to base rates. Removing revenue or expense
12 related to over-/under-recovery ensures that rider-related amounts are not in the
13 determination of the Company's base rates. Company Witness Whitney discusses the
14 basis for over-/under-recovery accounting.

Rate Case Expense
(Section V, Exhibit 2, W18)

15 **Q. WHAT IS THE RATE CASE EXPENSE ADJUSTMENT?**

16 A. The Company is permitted to recover its reasonable expenses for the preparation and
17 litigation of this rate case proceeding, including reasonable consulting and legal
18 expenses. The Company estimates a total rate case expense of \$1,006,000. This amount
19 includes the estimated cost for an abbreviated notice which is expected to result in a

1 savings of \$401,000 for customers.⁷ The estimated expenses should be amortized over
 2 three years, with rate case expenses incurred during the test year (\$55,923) removed,
 3 at a rate of \$279,410.

Replacement Capacity
(Section V, Exhibit 2, W56)

4 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ADJUSTMENT TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF**
 5 **REPLACEMENT CAPACITY COSTS WITHIN THE TEST-YEAR.**

6 A. Due to the expiration of the Rockport UPA, Kentucky Power:

- 7 • Estimates it will require 70.2 MW of capacity through the PJM 2023/2024
 8 planning year ending May 31, 2024 at the Base Residual Action Clearing Price
 9 of \$34.13 per MW-day. These capacity purchases will be made through the
 10 AEP East Power Coordination Agreement (“PCA”) between Appalachian
 11 Power Company, Indiana Michigan Power Company, Wheeling Power
 12 Company, and Kentucky Power Company.
- 13 • Has entered into a bilateral market capacity purchase agreement for 80 MW at
 14 \$54 per MW-day for year ending May 31, 2025 (PJM 2024/2025 planning
 15 year).

16 The above translates to an estimated cost of \$1,288,661 for replacement
 17 capacity due to the Rockport UPA expiration in calendar year 2024. Exhibit LMK-6
 18 provides the monthly actual (December 9, 2022 through March 2023) and estimated
 19 (through May 2025) replacement capacity costs. The Company anticipates the
 20 approved rates in this proceeding to go into effect January 1, 2024. Accordingly,
 21 adjustment W56 seeks to bring the amount of replacement capacity costs within the test
 22 year to the estimated calendar year 2024 level. Utilizing the production demand
 23 allocation factor, this adjustment results in an addition to the test-year of \$413,681.

⁷ The Commission approved the Company’s request to utilize an abbreviated notice in its June 22, 2023 Order in Case No. 2023-00159.

1 Because capacity purchases are recoverable through Tariff Purchase Power Adjustment
2 (P.P.A.), this adjustment will also represent a portion of the base amount for element
3 “N” in the PPA formula.⁸

X. CHANGES TO TARIFF SHEETS

4 **Q. PLEASE PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE CHANGES BEING PROPOSED**
5 **FOR THE COMPANY’S TARIFFS.**

6 A. Kentucky Power is proposing several new tariffs and modifications to existing tariffs
7 in this case. Figure LMK-1 provides an overview of these proposals.

⁸ N = The annual cost of power purchased by the Company through new Purchase Power Agreements and purchased power expense from avoided cost payments to net metering customers under tariff N.M.S.II. All new purchase power agreements shall be approved by the Commission to the extent required by KRS 278.300.

Figure LMK-1

Tariff	Status	Proposal	Supported By Company Witness(es)
Distribution Reliability Rider (DRR)	New	New capital rider to address major reliability drivers	West; Phillips; Spaeth
Securitization Financing Rider (SFR)	New	New rider to recover securitization financing costs	West; Spaeth
Seasonal Rate Provision	New	Optional provision for residential customers to provide winter bill relief	Spaeth
Purchased Power Adjustment (PPA)	Existing	Remove PJM LSE OATT tracking; Solar garden	West; Vaughan
Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC)	Existing	Incorporate financial power hedging program	Vaughan
Residential Energy Assistance (REA)	Existing	Increase surcharge from \$0.30 to \$0.40	Cobern
Terms and Conditions (T&C's)	Existing	Change due date from 15 to 21 days.	Cobern
Federal Tax Cut (FTC)	Existing	Change name to Federal Tax Change; Remove excess unprotected ADFIT; Over/under related to unprotected excess ADFIT; Add CAMT; Annual filing	Schlessman; Spaeth; Kahn
Environmental Surcharge (ES)	Existing	Environmental base revenue requirement; Remove references to Rockport; Update ROE	Kahn
Non-Utility Generator (NUG)	Existing	Close to new customers; Eliminate Commissioning and Startup Power provisions	Kahn
Outdoor Lighting (OL) and Street Lighting (SL)	Existing	Language that lighting location must be reasonably accessible	Kahn
Franchise Tariff (FT)	Existing	Rename to City's Franchise Fee	Kahn
Reformat and Reorganization	N/A	N/A	Kahn

1 As noted in the summary above, Company Witness Schlessman and I sponsor the
2 proposed amendments to Tariff F.T.C.

3 **Q. PLEASE DISCUSS THE CURRENT AMORTIZATION PERIOD USED FOR**
4 **UNPROTECTED EXCESS ADFIT IN TARIFF F.T.C.**

5 A. In Case No. 2020-00174, Order dated January 13, 2021, the Commission agreed with
6 the Company's proposal to accelerate the return of unprotected excess ADFIT to
7 mitigate the rate impact of that case; however, found a three-year amortization period
8 through Tariff F.T.C. to be appropriate. In accordance with that directive, all
9 unprotected excess ADFIT will be fully amortized and returned to customers prior to
10 the rates proposed in this case going into effect.

11 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THE COMPANY PROPOSES TO TREAT**
12 **UNPROTECTED EXCESS ADFIT.**

13 A. As noted above, unprotected excess ADFIT will be fully returned to customers and thus
14 no longer be a component of Tariff F.T.C. The Company proposes to recover or credit
15 any remaining protected excess ADFIT through its annual Tariff F.T.C. update
16 discussed further below.

17 Generation and distribution related protected excess ADFIT will continue to be
18 returned through Tariff F.T.C. at a fixed level.

19 **Q. IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING ANY OTHER CHANGES TO TARIFF**
20 **F.T.C.?**

21 A. Yes, the Company also proposes to recover the Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax
22 ("CAMT") discussed in detail by Company Witness Schlessman through Tariff F.T.C.

1 Additionally, the Company believes a name change from “Federal Tax Cut” to
2 “Federal Tax Change” will better align with and help customers better understand the
3 various elements included in the tariff. A copy of the repurposed and revised Tariff
4 along with the workpapers for the calculated rates are provided supported by Company
5 Witness Spaeth.

6 **Q. WHAT IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING WITH REGARD TO ITS ANNUAL**
7 **RATE UPDATE FOR TARIFF F.T.C.?**

8 A. The Company proposes to file its annual rate update and corresponding Tariff by
9 October 15th each year to go into effect with December billing. Because Federal tax
10 returns are due annually by September 15th this will allow the Company time to
11 include the actual CAMT amount in its annual update. For illustration, the first annual
12 update (to be filed October 2024) will utilize the actual 2023 CAMT amount.

13 **Q. WHY IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING TO CONTINUE USE OF TARIFF**
14 **F.T.C.?**

15 A. As discussed by Company Witness Schlessman, protected excess ADFIT is a fixed
16 amount. Accordingly, a tracking mechanism ensures that the Company does not run
17 afoul and risk a normalization violation.

18 In regards to CAMT, it is currently difficult to predict the amount that will
19 need to be recovered as it is a new tax. This is discussed further by Company Witness
20 Schlessman as well. Nonetheless, a tracking mechanism ensures that customers pay
21 no more or less for CAMT.

1 **Q. IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING ANY MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO ITS**
2 **EXISTING TARIFFS IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

3 A. Yes. In addition to the rate changes sought in this proceeding, the Company is
4 proposing a number of textual changes, formatting changes and reorganization to its
5 current tariffs. My testimony does not address minor text changes that clarify existing
6 language or that are intended to conform the tariff to other approved tariffs.

7 **Q. WHAT OTHER SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO THE TARIFF BOOK ARE**
8 **YOU SUPPORTING?**

9 A. I am sponsoring changes to the Company's Non-Utility Generator Tariff, Outdoor
10 Lighting and Street Lighting Tariffs, and Franchise Fee Tariff. Additionally, I support
11 a general reformat and reorganization to the Company's tariff book.

12 **i. Non-Utility Generator Tariff Changes**

13 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE NON-UTILITY**
14 **GENERATOR ("NUG") TARIFF.**

15 A. The Company's request in this proceeding is the same as that in 2020-00174: to close
16 NUG tariff to new customers as of January 1, 2024 and eliminate the commissioning
17 and startup power provisions of the tariff as they are un-used by the single customer
18 taking service under tariff NUG. Any new non-utility generator's load requirements
19 would be served under the Company's standard industrial tariff.

20 **Q. WHY WAS THIS PROPOSAL DENIED IN THE 2020-00174 PROCEEDING?**

21 A. The Company's request was denied due to pending litigation at the Kentucky Court of
22 Appeals regarding this tariff. Since 2020, that litigation has concluded in Kentucky
23 Power's favor.

1 **Q. IS THERE ANY PENDING LITIGATION AROUND THIS TARIFF**
2 **CURRENTLY?**

3 A. No.

4 **Q. WHY IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING THIS CHANGE?**

5 A. The special tariff was first introduced in 2001 at a time when Non-Utility Generators
6 were a relatively new concept. Further, at that time the Company was not a member of
7 a regional transmission organization. Only one customer has taken service under the
8 tariff in the last two decades. Much has changed since 2001 and the Company's
9 experience is that a special tariff is no longer needed.

10 The commissioning power provision is duplicative of the Company's Tariff
11 T.S. and terms and conditions of service. The startup power provision was designed to
12 meet anticipated needs not adequately served by the Company's other tariffs has proven
13 to be unneeded.

14 **ii. Lighting Location Must be Reasonably Accessible**

15 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PROPOSED LANGUAGE ADDITION TO TARIFFS**
16 **OL AND SL AROUND TRUCK ACCESSIBILITY.**

17 A. The additional language states that the requested lighting location must be reasonably
18 accessible by the Company's trucks. Addition of this language ensures that the
19 Company's personnel is operating safely and without harm to its or its customers
20 property.

1 **iii. Franchise Tariff Rename**

2 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY THE COMPANY IS PROPOSING TO CHANGE**
3 **THE NAME OF TARIFF**

4 A. The name change is aimed at providing clarity to customers.

5 **iv. Reformat and Reorganizaiton**

6 **Q. WHY IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING TO REFORMAT AND**
7 **REORGANIZE ITS TARIFF SHEETS?**

8 A. The reformatting and reorganization of the tariff book is focused at making it easier to
9 to read and understand. Further this approach is more consistent with other Kentucky
10 investor-owned utilities. For illustration, currently the optional offerings to standard
11 rate schedules and adjustment clauses are intermingled. This back-and-forth is
12 confusing and unnecessary to a reader. Accordingly, the proposed tariff reorganization
13 groups by: Standard Offerings (Section 2 through Section 13), Optional Services to
14 Standard Rate Schedules (Section 14 through Section 25, and Adjustment Clauses
15 (Section 26 through Section 39).

16 **Q. HAS THE COMPANY PROVIDED NEW TARIFF SHEETS AND REVISED**
17 **TARIFF SHEETS IN THE MANNER REQUIRED BY 807 KAR 5:001,**
18 **SECTION 16(1)(b)(3) AND 807 KAR 5:001, SECTION 16(1)(b)(4)?**

19 A. Yes. Please see Section II – Exhibit D for the clean tariff book and Exhibit E for the
20 tariff book in comparative form, side-by-side. Additionally, Exhibit LMK-7 provides a
21 redlined version of the tariff book only for those text edits which are substantive,
22 excluding formatting changes. For instance, due to the elimination of dead space there
23 is a significant shift in text. Thus, text denoting what was being continued from a prior

1 page changed accordingly. Such edits, along with formatting, were not considered
2 substantive for the purposes of this Exhibit.

XI. CONCLUSION

3 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR PRE-FILED TESTIMONY?**

4 **A.** Yes, it does.

VERIFICATION

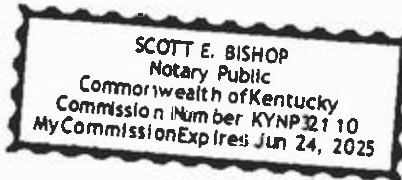
The undersigned, Lerah M. Kahn, being duly sworn, deposes and says she is the Regulatory Case Manager for Kentucky Power, that she has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing testimony and the information contained therein is true and correct to the best of her information, knowledge, and belief after reasonable inquiry.

Lerah Kahn
Lerah M. Kahn

Commonwealth of Kentucky)
) Case No. 2023-00159
County of Boyd)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said County and State, by Lerah M. Kahn, on June 26, 2023.

Scott E. Bishop
Notary Public



My Commission Expires June 24, 2025

Notary ID Number KYNP 32110

**Kentucky Power Company
Environmental Base Revenue Requirement (BRR)**

Month / Year	Mitchell Non-FGD	Gain or Loss on Sale of Allowances	Adjusted Environmental Base
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4) =(2)-(3)
Apr-22	\$ 2,519,828	\$ -	\$ 2,519,828
May-22	\$ 2,654,468	\$ 140,184	\$ 2,514,284
Jun-22	\$ 2,644,974	\$ -	\$ 2,644,974
Jul-22	\$ 2,594,563	\$ -	\$ 2,594,563
Aug-22	\$ 2,741,097	\$ -	\$ 2,741,097
Sep-22	\$ 2,508,995	\$ -	\$ 2,508,995
Oct-22	\$ 2,376,639	\$ -	\$ 2,376,639
Nov-22	\$ 2,423,992	\$ -	\$ 2,423,992
Dec-22	\$ 2,597,739	\$ -	\$ 2,597,739
Jan-23	\$ 3,022,418	\$ -	\$ 3,022,418
Feb-23	\$ 2,558,332	\$ -	\$ 2,558,332
Mar-23	\$ 2,621,611	\$ -	\$ 2,621,611
Total	\$ 31,264,656	\$ 140,184	\$ 31,124,472

Tariff E.S.
(Environmental Surcharge)

Applicable

To Tariffs R.S., R.S.D., R.S.-L.M.-T.O.D., R.S.-T.O.D., Experimental R.S.-T.O.D. 2, G.S., S.G.S.-T.O.D., M.G.S.-T.O.D., L.G.S., L.G.S.-T.O.D., I.G.S., C.S.- I.R.P., M.W., O.L., and S.L.

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Rate

The environmental surcharge shall provide for monthly adjustments based on a percent of revenues, equal to the difference between the environmental compliance costs in the base period as provided in Paragraph 2 below and in the current period as provided in Paragraph 3 below.

The retail share of the revenue requirement will be allocated between residential and non-residential retail customers based upon their respective total revenues during the previous calendar year. The Environmental Surcharge will be implemented as a percentage of total revenues for the residential class and as a percentage of non-fuel revenues for all other customers.

The revenues to which the residential Environmental Surcharge factor are applied is the sum of the customer's Service Charge, Energy Charge(s), Fuel Adjustment Clause, System Sales Clause, Demand-Side Management Adjustment Clause, Federal Tax Change, Residential Energy Assistance, Purchase Power Adjustment, and Distribution Reliability Rider.

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The revenues to which the all other customer Environmental Surcharge factor are applied is the sum of the customer's Service Charge, Demand Charge, Energy Charge(s) less Base Fuel, Minimum Charge, Reactive Charge, System Sales Clause, Demand-Side Management Adjustment Clause, Federal Tax Change, Kentucky Economic Development Surcharge, Purchase Power Adjustment, and Distribution Reliability Rider.

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1. Monthly Environmental Surcharge Gross Revenue Requirement, E(m)

Where: E(m) = CRR-BRR
CRR = Current Period Revenue Requirement for the Expense Month.
BRR = Base Period Revenue Requirement.

2. Base Period Revenue Requirement, BRR

BRR = The Following Monthly Amounts:

Billing Month		Base Net Environmental Costs
January	\$	3,022,418
February		2,558,332
March		2,621,611
April		2,519,828
May		2,514,284
June		2,644,974
July		2,594,563
August		2,741,097
September		2,508,995
October		2,376,639
November		2,423,992
December	\$	<u>2,597,739</u>
	\$	31,124,472

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In accordance with the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission by its Order dated October 7, 2013 in Case No. 2012-00578, the Mitchell FGD and all related associated costs are not included in base rates or the Base Revenue Requirement but will be included in the Current Period Revenue Requirement. The Mitchell FGD will be excluded from Base Rates at least until June 30, 2020.

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**Tariff E.S. Continued
(Environmental Surcharge)**

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- 3. Current Period Revenue Requirement, CRR

$$CRR = [((RB_{KP(c)}) (ROR_{KP(c)}) / 12) + OE_{KP(c)} - AS]$$

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Where:

- $RB_{KP(c)}$ = Environmental Compliance Rate Base for Mitchell.
- $ROR_{KP(c)}$ = Annual Rate of Return on Mitchell Environmental Compliance Rate Base;
Annual Rate divided by 12 to restate to a Monthly Rate of Return.
- $OE_{KP(c)}$ = Monthly Pollution Control Operating Expenses for Mitchell.
- AS = Net proceeds from the sale of Title IV and CSAPR SO 2 emission allowances, ERCs,
and NOx emission allowances, reflected in the month of receipt.

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“KP(C)” identifies components from Mitchell Units – Current Period.

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The Environmental Compliance Rate Base for Kentucky Power reflects the current cost associated with the 1997 Plan, the 2003 Plan, the 2005 Plan, the 2007 Plan, the 2015 Plan, the 2017 Plan, the 2019 Plan, and the 2021 Plan. The Environmental Compliance Rate Base for Kentucky Power should also include construction work in progress until assets are placed in service. The Operating Expenses for Kentucky Power reflects the current operating expenses associated with the 1997 Plan, the 2003 Plan, the 2005 Plan, the 2007 Plan, the 2015 Plan, the 2017 Plan, the 2019 Plan, and the 2021 Plan.

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The Rate of Return for Kentucky Power is 9.90% rate of return on equity as authorized by the Commission in its Order Dated XXXX XX, 20XX, Case No. 2023-00159.

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Net Proceeds from the sale of emission allowances and ERCs that reflect net gains will be a reduction to the Current Period Revenue Requirement, while net losses will be an increase.

The Current Period Revenue Requirement will reflect the balances and expenses as of the Expense Month of the filing.

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4. Revenue Allocation

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$$\text{Residential Allocation RA(m)} = \frac{\text{KY Residential Retail Revenue RR(b)}}{\text{KY Retail Revenue R(b)}}$$

$$\text{All Other Allocation OA(m)} = \frac{\text{KY All Other Classes Retail Revenue OR(b)}}{\text{KY Retail Revenue R(b)}}$$

Where:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(m)} &= \text{the expense month.} \\ \text{(b)} &= \text{the most recent calendar year revenues} \end{aligned}$$

5. Environmental Surcharge Factor

$$\text{Residential Monthly Environmental Surcharge Factor} = \frac{\text{Net KY Retail E(m)} * \text{RA(m)}}{\text{KY RR(m)}}$$

$$\text{All Other Monthly Environmental Surcharge Factor} = \frac{\text{Net KY Retail E(m)} * \text{AO(m)}}{\text{KY OR(m)- KY OF(m)}}$$

Where:

$$\text{Net KY Retail E(m)} = \text{Monthly E(m) allocated to Kentucky Retail Customers, net of Over/(Under) Recovery Adjustment; Allocation based on Percentage of Kentucky Retail Revenues to Total Company Revenues in the Expense Month.}$$

(For purposes of this formula, Total Company Revenues do not include Non-Physical Revenues.)

$$\text{RR(m)} = \text{Average Kentucky Residential Retail Revenues for the Preceding Twelve Month Period}$$

$$\text{OR(m)} = \text{Average Kentucky All Other Classes Retail Revenues for the Preceding Twelve Month Period}$$

$$\text{OF(m)} = \text{Average Kentucky All Other Classes Fuel Revenues for the Preceding Twelve Month Period.}$$

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6. Environmental costs "E" shall be the Company's costs of compliance with the Clean Air Act and those environmental requirements that apply to coal combustion wastes and by-products, as follows:

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Total Company:

- return on Title IV and CSAPR SO₂ allowance inventory
- over/under recovery balances between the actual costs incurred less the amount collected through the environmental surcharge
- costs associated with any Commission's consultant approved by the Commission
- costs associated with the consumption of Title IV and CSAPR SO₂ allowances
- costs associated with the consumption of NO_x allowances
- return on NO_x allowance inventory
- costs associated with maintaining approved pollution control equipment including material and contract labor (excluding plant labor)
- costs associated with consumables used in conjunction with approved environmental projects.
- return on inventories of consumables used in conjunction with approved environmental projects.
- return on environmental compliance rate base including construction work in progress.
- Monthly expense to amortize the \$1,446,998.35 regulatory asset for prudently incurred ELG (Effluent Limitation Guidelines) project costs over a two-year period to begin with July 2022 billing and conclude with June 2024 billing.

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The Company's share of costs associated with the following environmental equipment at the Mitchell Plant:

- Mitchell Unit Nos 1 and 2 Water Injection, Low NO_x burners, Low NO_x burner Modification, SCR, FGD, Landfill, Coal Blending Facilities and SO₃ Mitigation
- Mitchell Plant Common CEMS, Replace Burner Barrier Valves and Gypsum Material Handling Facilities
- Air Emission Fees
- Precipitator Modifications and Upgrades
- Coal Combustion Waste Landfill
- Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Handling
- Mercury Monitoring (MATS)
- Dry Fly Ash Handling Conversion
- Wastewater Ponds (for the Mitchell CCR compliance project) with depreciation expense calculated using a 20 percent depreciation rate approved by the Commission's July 15, 2021 and May 3, 2022 Orders in Case No. 2021-00004.

7. The monthly environmental surcharge shall be filed with the Commission ten (10) days before it is scheduled to go into effect, along with all necessary supporting data to justify the amount of the adjustments which shall include data and information as may be required by the Commission.

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KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
Environmental Surcharge
Form 1.00 - Summary

Month Ended: X

Residential Environmental Surcharge Factor = $\frac{X}{X}$ = X

All Other Classes Environmental Surcharge = $\frac{X}{X}$ = X

Effective Date for Billing X

Submitted by: _____
(Signature)

Title: X

Date Submitted: X

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KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
Environmental Surcharge
Form 1.10 - Calculation of E(m) and Surcharge Factors

1	CRR from ES FORM 1.20	X	
2	BRR from ES FORM 1.10	X	
3	Mitchell FGD Expenses (E.S. Form 3.13)	X	
4	E(m) (Line 1 - Line 2 + Line 3)	X	
5	Kentucky Retail Jurisdictional Allocation Factor, from ES FORM 3.30, Schedule of Revenues	X	
6	KY Retail E(m) (Line 4 * Line 5)	X	
7	Under/ (Over) Collection, ES Form 3.30	X	
8	Net KY Retail E(m) (Line 6 + Line 7)	X	
	SURCHARGE FACTORS	Residential	All Other Classifications
9	Allocation Factors, % of revenue during previous Calendar Year	X	X
10	Current Month's Allocation E(m) (Line 8* Line 9)	X	X
10A	Levelized CCR CWIP	X	X
10B	Current Month's Total	X	X
11	Kentucky Residential Revenues/All Other Non-Fuel Revenues	X	X
12	Surcharge Factors (Line 10/Line 11)	X	X

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KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
Environmental Surcharge
Form 2.00 - Monthly Base Environmental Revenue Requirement

Billing Month	Base Environmental Costs
January	X
February	X
March	X
April	X
May	X
June	X
July	X
August	X
September	X
October	X
November	X
December	<u>X</u>
TOTAL	X

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KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
Environmental Surcharge
Form 3.00 - Calculation of Current Environmental Revenue Requirement

Line No.	COMPONENTS		
1	First Component: Mitchell Non-FGD expenses (Form 3.10)		X
2	Second Component: Net Proceeds from Emission Allowances Sales a) CAIR SO2 - EPA Auction Proceeds received during Expense Month b) CSAPR SO2 - Net Gain or (Loss) from Allowance Sales, received during Expense Month <div style="text-align: right;">Total Net Proceeds from SO2 Allowances</div> c) NOx - EPA Auction Proceeds, received during Expense Month d) NOx - Net Gain or (Loss) from NOx Allowances Sales, received during Expense Month <div style="text-align: right;">Total Net Proceeds from NOx Allowances</div> Total Net Gain or (Loss) from Emission Allowance Sales	 X X X X X -----	 X -----
3	Total Current Period Revenue Requirement, CRR Recorded on ES FORM 1.10. (Line 1 - Line 2)	-----	----- X

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KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
Environmental Surcharge
Form 3.10 - Mitchell Environmental Costs

Ln. No.	Cost Component	Non-FGD Costs	FGD Costs	Total Costs
1	Utility Plant at Original Cost	X	X	X
2	Less Accumulated Depreciation	X	X	X
3	Less Accumulated Deferred Income Tax	X	X	X
4	Net Utility Plant	X	X	X
5	*SO2 Emission Allowance Inventory	X	X	X
6	*CSAPR S02 Emission Allowance Inventory	X	X	X
7	*CSAPR NOx Emission Allowance Inventory (Seasonal)	X	X	X
8	*CSAPR AN Emission Allowance Inventory (Annual)	X	X	X
9	Limestone Inventory (1540006)	X	X	X
10	Urea Inventory (1540012)	X	X	X
11	Limestone In-Transit Inventory (1540022)	X	X	X
12	Urea In-Transit Inventory (1540023)	X	X	X
13	Construction Work in Progress (CWIP)	X	X	X
14	Cash Working Capital Allowance	X	X	X
15	Non-FGD Rate Base as of 3/31/2023	X	X	X
16	Additional Non-FGD Rate Base Post 3/31/2023	X	X	X
17	Total Rate Base	X	X	X
18	***WACC for Non-FGD Rate Base as of 3/31/2023	8.35%	X	X
19	***WACC for FGD and Non-FGD Additions to 3/31/2023 Rate Base	8.35%	X	X
20	Monthly Return for Non-FGD Rate Base as of 3/31/2023	X		
21	Monthly Return for FGD and Non-FGD Additions to 3/31/2023 Rate Base	X	X	X
22	Monthly Disposal (5010000)	X	X	X
23	Monthly Fly Ash Sales (5010012)	X	X	X
24	Monthly Urea Expense (5020002)	X	X	X
25	Monthly Trona Expense (5020003)	X	X	X
26	Monthly Lime Stone Expense (5020004)	X	X	X
27	Monthly Polymer Expense (5020005)	X	X	X
28	Monthly Lime Hydrate Expense (5020007)	X	X	X
29	Monthly WV Air Emission Fee	X	X	X
30	SO2 Consumption **	X	X	X
31	CSAPR S02 Consumption **	X	X	X
32	CSAPR Annual NOx Consumption	X	X	X
33	CSAPR Seasonal NOx consumption	X	X	X
34	Total Monthly Operation Costs	X	X	X
35	Monthly FGD Maintenance Expense	X	X	X
36	Monthly Non-FGD Maintenance Expense	X	X	X
37	Total Monthly Maintenance Expense	X	X	X
38	Monthly Depreciation Expense	X	X	X
39	Monthly Catalyst Amortization Expense	X	X	X
40	Monthly CCR Depreciation Expense****	X	X	X
41	Monthly Installment of ELG Regulatory Asset Amortization****	X	X	X
42	Monthly Property Tax	X	X	X
43	Total Monthly Other Expenses	X	X	X
44	Total Monthly Operation, Maintenance, and Other Expenses	X	X	X
45	O&M for corresponding month of test year	X	X	X
46	Difference in Test Year Month O&M & Current Month O&M	X	X	X
47	Gross-up for Uncollectible Expense & KPSC Maint Fee	1.339896	X	X
48	Total Revenue Requirement	X	X	X

* Inventory Includes Total Kentucky Power allowances inventory.

** Includes Consumption for Mitchell only.

*** In accordance with the Commission's February 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00174 Mitchell Non-FGD rate base as of 3/31/2020 is to utilize an ROE of 9.3 percent and the return on additional Mitchell Non-FGD plant an ROE of 9.1 percent.

**** In accordance with the Commission's July 15, 2021 and May 3, 2022 Orders in Case No. 2021-00004.

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KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
Environmental Surcharge
Form 3.20 - Mitchell Plant Cost of Capital

LINE NO.	Component	Balances	Cap. Structure	Cost Rates		WACC (Net of Tax)	GRCF	WACC (PRE-TAX)
		As of 3/31/2023*						
1	L/T DEBT	\$962,401,699	53.10%	4.91%		2.61%	1.005523	2.62%
2	S/T DEBT	\$95,743,648	5.28%	3.73%		0.20%	1.005523	0.20%
3	ACCTS REC							
3	FINANCING	\$0	0.00%	0.00%		0.00%	1.005523	0.00%
4	C EQUITY	\$754,394,228	41.62%	9.90% **		4.12%	1.339896	5.52%
5	TOTAL	\$1,812,539,575	100.00%			6.93%		8.35%

6	Operating Revenues		<u>Debt</u>	<u>Equity</u>
			100.0000	100.0000
7	Less Uncollectible Accounts Expense		0.4000	0.4000
8	KPSC Maintenance Assessment Fee		0.1493	0.1493
9	Income Before Income Taxes		99.4507	99.4507
10	Less State Income Taxes (Ln 4 x 5.0065)		5.0065%	4.9790
11	Taxable Income for Federal Income Taxes			94.4717
12	Less Federal Income Taxes (Ln 11*21%)			19.8391
13	Operating Income Percentage			74.6326
14	Gross Up Factor (100.00/Ln 9)		1.005523	1.339896

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KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
Environmental Surcharge
Form 3.30 - Mitchell Plant Original Plant and Accumulated Depreciation

Plant	Description	Total In Service Cost	Accumulated Depreciation
Mitchell	FGD	X	X
Mitchell	Mitchell Units 1 and 2 Water Injection	X	X
Mitchell	Low NOX Burners	X	X
Mitchell	Low NOX Burner Modification,	X	X
Mitchell	SCR	X	X
Mitchell	Landfill	X	X
Mitchell	Coal Blending Facilities	X	X
Mitchell	SO3 Mitigation	X	X
Mitchell	Mitchell Plant Common CEMS	X	X
Mitchell	Replace Burner Barrier Valves	X	X
Mitchell	Gypsum Material Handling Facilities	X	X
Mitchell	Precipitator Modifications - Mitchell Plant Units 1 and 2	X	X
Mitchell	Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Handling - Mitchell Plant Units 1 and 2	X	X
Mitchell	Mercury Monitoring (MATS) - Mitchell Plant Units 1 and 2	X	X
Mitchell	Dry Fly Ash Handling Conversion - Mitchell Plant Units 1 and 2	X	X
Mitchell	Coal Combustion Waste Landfill - Mitchell Plant Units 1 and 2	X	X
Mitchell	Electrostatic Precipitator Upgrade - Mitchell Plant Unit 2	X	X
Mitchell	Non-FGD Total	X	X

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KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
Environmental Surcharge
Form 3.40 A - SO2 Emissions Allowance Inventory

	(1) Total Allowance Inventory (Quantity)	(2) Total Allowance Inventory (Dollar Value)	(3) Current Allowance Inventory (Quantity)	(4) Current Allowance Inventory (Dollar Value)	(5) Average Cost per Allowance (Current Allowances)
BEGINNING BALANCE	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Additions</i>					
Original Issuance	X	X	X	X	X
Internal Purchases	X	X	X	X	X
External Purchases	X	X	X	X	X
Power Sale/Coal Contracts	X	X	X	X	X
Consumption Adjustments for Prior Year	X	X	X	X	X
Other Acquisitions	X	X	X	X	X
Swaps & Loans	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Withdrawals</i>					
Internal Sales	X	X	X	X	X
External Sales	X	X	X	X	X
Power/Coal Contracts	X	X	X	X	X
Surrenders (Regular)	X	X	X	X	X
Surrenders (Consent Decree)	X	X	X	X	X
Other Issuances	X	X	X	X	X
Swaps & Loans	X	X	X	X	X
Consumption Adjustment for Mitchell	X	X	X	X	X
Consumption Adjustment for Big Sandy	X	X	X	X	X
Emissions Allowances Consumed By Kentucky Power - 1:1 (Year 2009 & Prior)	X	X	X	X	X
Emissions Allowances Consumed By Mitchell	X	X	X	X	X
Emissions Allowances Consumed By Big Sandy	X	X	X	X	X
ENDING BALANCE - Recorded on Form 2.20	X	X	X	X	X

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KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
Environmental Surcharge
Form 3.40 B - CSAPR SO2 Emissions Allowance Inventory

	(1) Total Allowance Inventory (Quantity)	(2) Total Allowance Inventory (Dollar Value)	(3) Current Allowance Inventory (Quantity)	(4) Current Allowance Inventory (Dollar Value)	(5) Average Cost per Allowance (Current Allowances)
BEGINNING BALANCE	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Additions</i>					
Original Issuance	X	X	X	X	X
Internal Purchases	X	X	X	X	X
External Purchases	X	X	X	X	X
Power Sale/Coal Contracts	X	X	X	X	X
Consumption Adjustments for Prior Year	X	X	X	X	X
Other Acquisitions	X	X	X	X	X
Swaps & Loans	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Withdrawals</i>					
Internal Sales	X	X	X	X	X
External Sales	X	X	X	X	X
Power/Coal Contracts	X	X	X	X	X
Surrenders (Regular)	X	X	X	X	X
Surrenders (Consent Decree)	X	X	X	X	X
Other Issuances	X	X	X	X	X
Swaps & Loans	X	X	X	X	X
Consumption Adjustment for Mitchell	X	X	X	X	X
Consumption Adjustment for Big Sandy	X	X	X	X	X
Emissions Allowances Consumed By Kentucky Power - 1:1 (Year 2009 & Prior)	X	X	X	X	X
Emissions Allowances Consumed By Mitchell	X	X	X	X	X
Emissions Allowances Consumed By Big Sandy	X	X	X	X	X
ENDING BALANCE - Recorded on Form 2.20	X	X	X	X	X

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KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
Environmental Surcharge
Form 3.40 C - CSAPR Annual NOx Emissions Allowance Inventory

	(1) Total Allowance Inventory (Quantity)	(2) Total Allowance Inventory (Dollar Value)	(3) Current Allowance Inventory (Quantity)	(4) Current Allowance Inventory (Dollar Value)	(5) Average Cost per Allowance (Current Allowances)
BEGINNING BALANCE	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Additions</i>					
Original Issuance	X	X	X	X	X
Internal Purchases	X	X	X	X	X
External Purchases	X	X	X	X	X
Power Sale/Coal Contracts	X	X	X	X	X
Consumption Adjustments for Prior Year	X	X	X	X	X
Other Acquisitions	X	X	X	X	X
Swaps & Loans	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Withdrawals</i>					
Internal Sales	X	X	X	X	X
External Sales	X	X	X	X	X
Power/Coal Contracts	X	X	X	X	X
Surrenders (Regular)	X	X	X	X	X
Surrenders (Consent Decree)	X	X	X	X	X
Other Issuances	X	X	X	X	X
Swaps & Loans	X	X	X	X	X
Consumption Adjustment for Mitchell	X	X	X	X	X
Consumption Adjustment for Big Sandy	X	X	X	X	X
Emissions Allowances Consumed By Kentucky Power - 1:1 (Year 2009 & Prior)	X	X	X	X	X
Emissions Allowances Consumed By Mitchell	X	X	X	X	X
Emissions Allowances Consumed By Big Sandy	X	X	X	X	X
ENDING BALANCE - Recorded on Form 2.20	X	X	X	X	X

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KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
Environmental Surcharge
Form 3.40 D - CSAPR Seasonal NOx Emissions Allowance Inventory

	(1) Total Allowance Inventory (Quantity)	(2) Total Allowance Inventory (Dollar Value)	(3) Current Allowance Inventory (Quantity)	(4) Current Allowance Inventory (Dollar Value)	(5) Average Cost per Allowance (Current Allowances)
BEGINNING BALANCE	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Additions</i>					
Original Issuance	X	X	X	X	X
Internal Purchases	X	X	X	X	X
External Purchases	X	X	X	X	X
Power Sale/Coal Contracts	X	X	X	X	X
Consumption Adjustments for Prior Year	X	X	X	X	X
Other Acquisitions	X	X	X	X	X
Swaps & Loans	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Withdrawals</i>					
Internal Sales	X	X	X	X	X
External Sales	X	X	X	X	X
Power/Coal Contracts	X	X	X	X	X
Surrenders (Regular)	X	X	X	X	X
Surrenders (Consent Decree)	X	X	X	X	X
Other Issuances	X	X	X	X	X
Swaps & Loans	X	X	X	X	X
Consumption Adjustment for Mitchell	X	X	X	X	X
Consumption Adjustment for Big Sandy	X	X	X	X	X
Emissions Allowances Consumed By Kentucky Power - 1:1 (Year 2009 & Prior)	X	X	X	X	X
Emissions Allowances Consumed By Mitchell	X	X	X	X	X
Emissions Allowances Consumed By Big Sandy	X	X	X	X	X
ENDING BALANCE - Recorded on Form 2.20	X	X	X	X	X

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KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
Environmental Surcharge
Form 3.50 - Cash Working Capital Calculation

Line	Month/Year	Mitchell Non-FGD	Mitchell FGD
1	MM YYYY	X	X
2	MM YYYY	X	X
3	MM YYYY	X	X
4	MM YYYY	X	X
5	MM YYYY	X	X
6	MM YYYY	X	X
7	MM YYYY	X	X
8	MM YYYY	X	X
9	MM YYYY	X	X
10	MM YYYY	X	X
11	MM YYYY	X	X
12	MM YYYY	X	X
13	<i>12 Month Expense</i>	X	X
14	<i>Line 13 Divided by 365 Equals Avg Daily Expense</i>	X	X
15	<i>Net (Lead/Lag) Days</i>	-6.95	-6.95
16	<i>Line 14 multiplied by Line 15 Equals Working Capital Requirement for Form 3.20</i>	X	X

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KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
Environmental Surcharge
Form 4.00 - Monthly Revenues, Jurisdictional Allocation Factor, and (Over)/Under

Schedule of Monthly Revenues

Line No.	Description	Monthly Revenues	Percentage of Total Revenues
1	Kentucky Retail Revenues*	X	X
2	FERC Wholesale Revenues	X	X
3	Associated Utilities Revenues	X	X
4	Non-Assoc. Utilities Revenues	X	X
		-----	-----
5	Total Revenues for Surcharges Purposes	X	X
6	Non-Physical Revenues for Month	X	
7	Total Revenues for Month	X	

* Recorded on Form 1.10 for the Kentucky Retail Jurisdictional Allocation Factor.

Over/(Under) Recovery Adjustment

Line No.	Description	
1	Surcharge Amount To Be Collected	X
2	Actual Billed Environmental Surcharge Revenues	X
3	(Over) / Under Recovery (1) - (2) = (3)	X

* Recorded on Form 1.10.

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KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
Environmental Surcharge
Form 5.00 - Allocation Factors for Residential and All Other
Based on Calendar Year XXXX

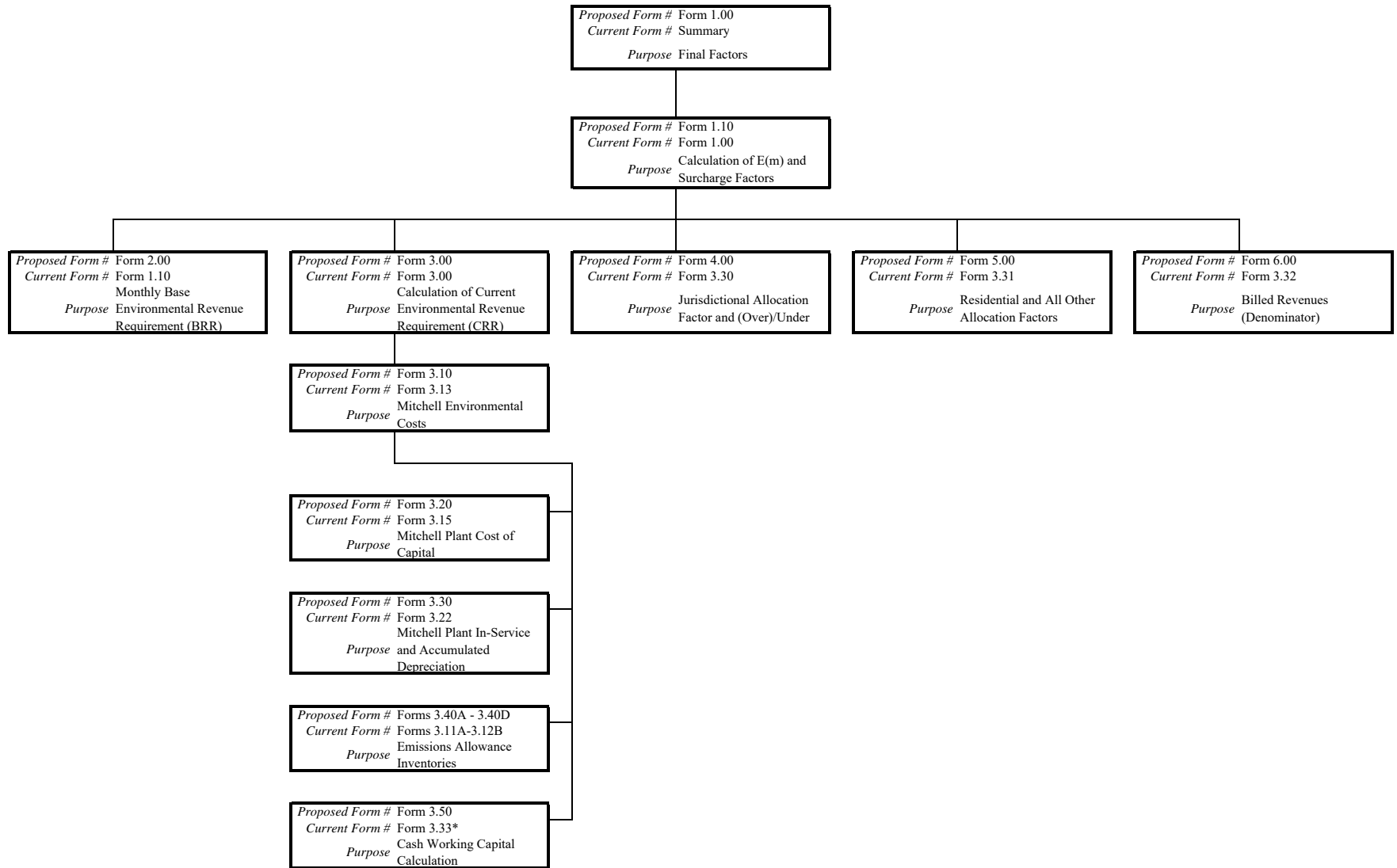
Line No.	Revenue Category	Total	Percentage of Total	Allocation
1	Residential	\$X	X%	X%
2	All Other Classes	\$X	X%	X%
3	Total Retail Revenues	\$X	X%	X%
4	FERC Wholesale Revenues	\$X	X%	
5	Associated Utilities Revenues	\$X	X%	
6	Non Associated Utilities Revenues	\$X	X%	
7	Non-Physical Sales	\$X	X%	
8	Total Revenues	\$X		

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KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
Environmental Surcharge
Form 5.00 - Billed Revenues for Residential and All Other

Residential				
Month	Total Revenues	Decommissioning Rider Revenues	Environmental Surcharge Revenues	Non-Percentage of Revenue Rider Revenues
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5) (2)-(3)-(4)
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X
Average monthly residential revenues for 12-Month Period ended with most recent expense month				X

Non-Residential, Non-Fuel Revenues						
Month	Total Revenues	Base Rate Fuel Revenue	Fuel Adjustment Clause Revenue	Decommissioning Rider Revenues	Environmental Surcharge Revenues	Non-Percentage of Revenue Rider Total Revenues
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7) (2)-(3)-(4)-(5)-(6)
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X	X	X
MM YYYY	X	X	X	X	X	X
Average monthly non-residential revenues for 12-month period ended with most recent expense month						X



Note:

Forms 3.20 (Rockport Environmental Costs) and 3.21 (Rockport UPA Cost of Capital) have been removed in their entirety
Current Form 3.33 while filed monthly is not utilized within the calculation for the environmental surcharge factors per the Commission's January 13, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-0017-

Kentucky Power Company's Approved Environmental Compliance Plan

Project	Plant	Pollutant	Description	In-Service Year
1	Mitchell	NO _x , SO ₂ , and SO ₃	Mitchell Units 1 and 2 Water Injection, Low NO _x Burners, Low NO _x Burner Modification, SCR, FGD, Landfill, Coal Blending Facilities and SO ₃ Mitigation	1993-1994-2002-2007
2	Mitchell	SO ₂ , NO _x , and Gypsum	Mitchell Plant Common CEMS, Replace Burner Barrier Valves and Gypsum Material Handling Facilities	1993-2004-2007
3-Obsolete				
4-Obsolete				
5	Mitchell	SO ₂ /NO _x /Particulates/VOC and etc.	Title V Air Emission Fees at the Mitchell Plant	Annual
6	Big Sandy and Mitchell	NO _x	Costs Associated with Nox Allowances	As-Needed
7	Big Sandy and Mitchell	SO ₂	Costs Associated with SO ₂ Allowances	As-Needed
8	Big Sandy and Mitchell	SO ₂ / NO _x	Costs associated with the CSAPR Allowances	As-Needed
9	Mitchell	Particulates	Precipitator Modifications - Mitchell Plant Units 1 and 2	2007-2013
10	Mitchell	Particulates	Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Handling - Mitchell Plant Units 1 and 2	2008 & 2010
11	Mitchell	Mercury	Mercury Monitoring (MATS) - Mitchell Plant Units 1 and 2	2014
12	Mitchell	Selenium	Dry Fly Ash Handling Conversion - Mitchell Plant Units 1 and 2	2015
13	Mitchell	Fly Ash, Bottom Ash, Gypsum, and WWTP Solids	Coal Combustion Waste Landfill - Mitchell Plant Units 1 and 2	2014 & 2015
14	Mitchell	Particulates	Electrostatic Precipitator Upgrade - Mitchell Plant Unit 2	2015
15-Obsolete				
16-Obsolete				
17-Obsolete				
18-Obsolete				
19-Obsolete				
20	Mitchell	Consumables	Costs associated with the use of consumables used in conjunction with approved ECP projects. These costs include the return on inventory of consumables as well as consumption of consumables. These consumables include but are not limited to sodium bicarbonate, activated carbon, anhydrous ammonia, trona, lime hydrate, limestone, polymer, and urea.	As-Needed
21-Obsolete				
22	Mitchell	Bottom Ash and Gypsum	Costs associated with CCR compliance at the Mitchell Plant.	2023

Replacement Capacity Costs Due to the Expiration of the Rockport UPA

Year	Month	Days of the Month	MW Purchased	\$/MW-Day	Cost	
2022	December 8-31	24	152.4	50	\$ 182,880	
2023	January	31	152.4	50	\$ 236,220	
2023	February	28	152.4	50	\$ 213,360	
2023	March	31	152.4	50	\$ 236,220	\$ 868,680
2023	April	30	152.4	50	\$ 228,600	Within Test Year
2023	May	31	152.4	50	\$ 236,220	
2023	June	30	70.2	34.13	\$ 71,878	
2023	July	31	70.2	34.13	\$ 74,274	
2023	August	31	70.2	34.13	\$ 74,274	
2023	September	30	70.2	34.13	\$ 71,878	
2023	October	31	70.2	34.13	\$ 74,274	
2023	November	30	70.2	34.13	\$ 71,878	
2023	December	31	70.2	34.13	\$ 74,274	
2024	January	31	70.2	34.13	\$ 74,274	
2024	February	29	70.2	34.13	\$ 69,482	
2024	March	31	70.2	34.13	\$ 74,274	
2024	April	30	70.2	34.13	\$ 71,878	
2024	May	31	70.2	34.13	\$ 74,274	
2024	June	30	80	54	\$ 129,600	
2024	July	31	80	54	\$ 133,920	
2024	August	31	80	54	\$ 133,920	
2024	September	30	80	54	\$ 129,600	
2024	October	31	80	54	\$ 133,920	
2024	November	30	80	54	\$ 129,600	
2024	December	31	80	54	\$ 133,920	\$ 1,288,661
2025	January	31	80	54	\$ 133,920	Calendar year 2024
2025	February	28	80	54	\$ 120,960	
2025	March	31	80	54	\$ 133,920	
2025	April	30	80	54	\$ 129,600	
2025	May	31	80	54	\$ 133,920	

P.S.C. KY. NO. 13
CANCELLING P.S.C. KY. NO. 12

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Terms and Conditions of Service

1. Application

Applications may be made in writing, on-line, or via telephone for customers who wish to have the Company provide electric service. Requests for service are to be made in the Customer's legal name by telephone or online at: www.kentuckypower.com. The Company has the right to reject any request for service based on 807 KAR 5:006 Section 15 and associated tariffs.

The Company may require verification of ownership of property, lease, applicant's identity, or other requested information.

A copy of the tariffs and standard terms and conditions under which service is to be rendered to the Customer will be furnished upon request and the Customer shall elect upon which tariff applicable to his service his application shall be based. A copy of the tariff is also available online at www.kentuckypower.com.

If the Company requires a written agreement from a Customer before service will be commenced, a copy of the agreement will be furnished to the Customer upon request.

When the Customer desires delivery of energy at more than one point, a separate agreement may be required for each separate point of delivery. Service delivered at each point of delivery will be billed separately under the applicable tariff.

2. Inspection

The Customer is responsible for the proper installation and maintenance of the customer's wiring and electrical equipment and the customer shall at all times be responsible for the character and condition thereof. The Company has no obligation to undertake inspection thereof and in no event shall be responsible therefore. However, the Company may disconnect or refuse to connect service if the customer's wiring is deemed unsafe by the Company.

Company may also require a new state electrical inspection should tampering, illegal use or theft of service be the basis for disconnection service.

Where a Customer's premises are located in a municipality or other governmental subdivision where inspection laws or ordinances are in effect, the Company may withhold furnishing service to new installations until the Company has received evidence that the inspection laws or ordinances have been complied with.

Where a Customer's premises are located outside of an area where inspection service is in effect, the Company may require the delivery by the Customer to the Company of an agreement duly signed by the owner and/or tenant of the premises authorizing the connection to the wiring system of the Customer and assuming responsibility therefore. No responsibility shall attach to the Company because of any waiver of this requirement.

3. Service Connections

Service connections will be provided in accordance with 807 KAR-5:041, Section 10.

The Customer should in all cases consult the Company before the Customer's premises are wired to determine the location of Company's point of service connection.

The Company will, when requested to furnish service, designate the location of its service connection. The Customer's wiring must, except for those cases listed below, be brought outside the building wall nearest the Company's service wires so as to be readily accessible thereto. When service is from an overhead system, the Customer's wiring must extend at least 18 inches beyond the building. Where Customers install service entrance facilities which have capacity and layout specified by the Company and/or install and use certain equipment specified by the Company, the Company may supply or offer to own certain facilities on the Customer's side of the point where the service wires attach to the building.

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All inside wiring must be grounded in accordance with the requirements of the National Electrical Code or the requirements of any local inspection service authorized by a state or local authority.

When a Customer desires that energy be delivered at a point or in a manner other than that designated by the Company, the Customer shall pay the additional cost of same.

4. Deposits

Prior to providing service or at any time thereafter, the Company may require a cash deposit or other guaranty acceptable to the Company to secure payment of bills except for customers qualifying for service reconnection pursuant to 807 KAR 5:006, Section 16, Winter Hardship Reconnection. Service may be refused or discontinued for failure to pay the requested deposit. Upon request from a residential customer the deposit will be returned after 18 months if the customer has established a satisfactory payment record; but commercial deposits will be retained by the Company during the entire time that the account remains active.

A. Interest

Interest will be paid on all sums held on deposit at the rate indicated in KRS 278.460. The interest will be applied by the Company as a credit to the Customer's bill or will be paid to the Customer on an annual basis. If the deposit is refunded or credited to the Customer's bill prior to the deposit anniversary date, interest will be paid or credited to the Customer's bill on a pro-rated basis.

The Company will not pay interest on deposits after discontinuance of service to the Customer. Retention of any deposit or guaranty by the Company prior to final settlement is not a payment or partial payment of any bill for service. The Company shall have a reasonable time in which to obtain a final reading and to ascertain that the obligations of the Customer have been fully performed before being required to return any deposits.

B. Criteria for Waiver of Deposit Requirement

The Company may waive any deposit requirement based upon the following criteria, which may be considered by the Company cumulatively:

- i. Satisfactory payment history with the Company, which may be established by paying all bills by due date, having no disconnections for nonpayment, having no late notices, having no defaulted credit arrangements, having no returned payments and having no energy diversion or theft of service;
- ii. Satisfactory payment history with another utility acceptable to the Company;
- iii. Another customer with satisfactory payment history is willing to sign as a guarantor for an amount equal to the required deposit; or
- iv. Providing evidence of other collateral acceptable to Company.

C. Method of Determination – Calculated Deposits

~~1. Calculated Deposits~~

- a. Deposit amounts paid by residential customers shall not exceed a calculated amount based upon actual usage data of the Customer at the same or similar premises for the most recent 12-month period, if such information is available. If the actual usage data is not available, the deposit amount shall be based on the average bills of similar customers and premises in the customer class. The deposit shall not exceed 2/12 of the Customer's actual or estimated annual bill.
- b. Deposit amounts paid by commercial and industrial customers shall not exceed a calculated amount based upon actual usage data of the customer at the same or similar premises for the most recent 12-month period, if such information is available. If the actual usage data is not available, the deposit amount shall be based on the typical bills of similar customers and premises in the customer class. The deposit shall not exceed 2/12 of the customer's actual or estimated annual bill.

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D. Additional or Supplemental Deposit Requirement

An additional or supplemental deposit may be required if the Customer does not maintain a satisfactory credit criteria or payment history. If a change in usage or classification of service has occurred, the customer may be required to pay an additional deposit up to 2/12 of the annual usage. The Customer will receive a message on the bill informing the Customer that if the account is not current by the specified date listed an additional or supplement deposit will be charged to the account the next time the account is billed.

- i. Satisfactory payment history is defined as paying all bills by due date, having no disconnections for nonpayment, having no defaulted credit arrangements, having no returned payments and having no meter diversion or theft of service.
- ii. A nonresidential customer does not maintain satisfactory credit criteria when its credit score at any national independent credit rating service falls to a level that is deemed to present a risk of nonpayment, including but not limited to: below a "BB+" level at Standard and Poor's or below "Ba1" at Moody's. If a nonresidential customer is not rated by a national independent credit rating service, its credit may be evaluated by using credit scoring services, public record financial information, or financial scoring and modeling services, and if it is deemed that the customer presents a risk of nonpayment, a deposit may be required.

E. Recalculation of Customer Deposit

When a deposit is held longer than 18 months, the Customer may request that the deposit be recalculated based on the Customer's actual usage. If the amount of deposit on the account differs from the recalculated amount by more than \$10.00 for a residential Customer or 10 percent for a non-residential Customer, the Company may collect any underpayment and shall refund any overpayment. No refund will be made if the Customer's bill is delinquent at the time of the recalculation.

5. Payments

Bills will be rendered by the Company to the Customer monthly or in accordance with the tariff selected applicable to the Customer's service.

A. Equal Payment Plan (Budget)

Nonresidential customers with accounts that are current and that maintain satisfactory credit criteria per paragraph 4(D) above and all residential customers have the option of paying a fixed amount each month under the Company's Equal Payment Plan. The monthly payment amount will be based on one-twelfth of the Customer's estimated annual usage. The payment amount is subject to periodic review and adjustment during the budget year to more accurately reflect actual usage. The normal plan period is 12 months, which may commence April through December.

In the last month of the plan (the "settle-up month") if the actual usage during the plan period exceeds the amount billed, the Customer will be billed for the balance due. If an overpayment exists, the amount of overpayment will either be refunded to the Customer or credited to the last bill of the period. If a Customer discontinues service with the Company under the Equal Payment Plan, any amounts not yet paid shall become payable immediately.

If a Customer fails to pay bills as rendered under the Equal Payment Plan, the Company reserves the right to revoke the plan, restore the Customer to regular billing, require immediate payment of any deficiency, and require a cash deposit or other guaranty to secure payment of bills.

Customers currently enrolled in the Equal Payment Plan whose settle-up month falls within the period December through February may elect to change their settle-up month to November or March if their Equal Payment Plan account is current.

If a customer who is currently enrolled in the Equal Payment Plan elects to take service under Tariff N.M.S. II, such customer will be removed from the Equal Payment Plan and restored to regular billing.

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B. Average Monthly Payment Plan

The Average Monthly Payment Plan (AMP Plan) is available to all residential customers and nonresidential customers with accounts that are current and that maintain satisfactory credit criteria per paragraph 4(D) above.

The AMP Plan is designed to allow the Customer to pay an average amount each month based upon the actual billed amounts during the past twelve (12) months. The average payment amount is based upon the current month's total bill plus the eleven (11) preceding months. That result is divided by the total billing days associated with the billings to determine a per day average. The daily average amount is multiplied by thirty (30) to determine the current month's payment under the AMP Plan. At the next billing period, the oldest month's billing history is removed, the current month's billing is added and the total is again divided by the total billing days associated with the billings to determine a per day average. Again the daily average amount is multiplied by thirty (30) to find the new average payment amount. The average monthly payment amount is calculated each and every month in this manner.

If a customer who is currently enrolled in the AMP Plan elects to take service under Tariff N.M.S. II, such customer will be removed from the AMP Plan and restored to regular billing.

The difference between the actual billings and the AMP Plan billings will be carried in a deferred balance. Both the debit and credit differences will accumulate in the deferred balance for the duration of the AMP Plan year, which is twelve (12) consecutive billing months. At the end of the AMP Plan year (anniversary month), the current month's billing plus the eleven (11) preceding month's billing is summed and divided by the total billing days associated with the billings to determine a per day average. That result is multiplied by thirty (30) to calculate the AMP Plan's monthly payment amount. In addition, the net accumulated deferred balance is divided by 12. This result is added or subtracted to the calculated average payment amount starting with the next billing of the new AMP Plan year and will be used in the average payment amount calculation for the remaining AMP plan year. Settlement occurs only when participation in the AMP Plan is terminated. This happens if any account is final billed, if the customer requests termination, or at the Company's discretion when the customer fails to make two or more consecutive monthly payments on an account by the due date. The deferred balance (debit or credit) is then applied to the billing now due.

In such instances where sufficient billing history is not available, an AMP Plan may be established by using the actual billing history available throughout the first AMP Plan year.

C. All Payments

All bills are due and payable within twenty-one (21) days after their mailing date, the time limits specified in the tariff. Failure to receive a bill will not entitle a Customer to any discount or to the remission of any charges for non-payment within the time specified. The word "month" as used herein and in the tariffs is hereby defined to be the elapsed time between 2 successive meter readings approximately 30 days apart.

In the event of the stoppage of or the failure of any meter to register the full amount of energy consumed, the Customer will be billed for the period based on an estimated consumption of energy in a similar period of like use.

Delayed Payment Charge

The tariffs of the Company are met if the account of the Customer is paid within the time limit specified in the tariff applicable to the Customer's service. ~~On all non-residential accounts not so paid, an additional charge of 5% of the unpaid balance will be applied. To discourage delinquency and encourage prompt payment within the specified time limit, certain tariffs contain a delayed payment charge, which may be added in accordance with the tariff under which service is provided.~~ Any one delayed payment charge billed against the Customer for non-payment of bill or any one forfeited discount applied against the Customer for non-payment of bill may be remitted, provided the Customer's previous accounts are paid in full and provided no delayed payment charge or forfeited discount has been remitted under this clause during the preceding six months.

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6. Payment Arrangements

In accordance with 807 KAR 5:006 Section 14(2), Kentucky Power shall negotiate and accept reasonable payment arrangements at the request of a residential customer who has received a termination notice for failure to pay. Payment arrangements will include the following reasonable provisions:

- a. Partial Payment Plans are available up to the day prior to the termination date printed on a customer's termination notice.
- b. Partial Payment Plans are available only for current balances and balances up to 30 days in arrears.
- c. Any balance more than 30 days in arrears must be paid in full at least one business day prior to the date the Partial Payment Plan is established.
- d. Customers with delinquent or otherwise unsatisfied Partial Payment Plans may not be eligible for a Partial Payment Plan.
- e. Unpaid deposit amounts are not eligible for inclusion in a Partial Payment Plan.
- f. Company reserves the right to refuse unverifiable third-party pledges toward a customer's obligations under a Partial Payment Plan.
- g. Customer shall be advised, in writing or by telephone, the date and the amount of payment(s) due. Service may be terminated without additional notice if the Customer fails to meet the obligations of the agreed plan.
- h. It is the responsibility of the customer presenting the Medical Certificate to contact the Company to negotiate a payment arrangement based upon the customer's ability to pay. The payment arrangement shall require that the account become current no later than October 15.
- i. Customers presenting Certification from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services must do so during the initial 10 day termination notice period. As a condition of the 30-day extension, the customer shall exhibit good faith by entering into a payment arrangement.

7. Underground Service

When a real estate developer desires an underground distribution system within the property which he is developing or when a Customer desires an underground service, the real estate developer or the Customer as the case may be, shall pay the Company the difference between the anticipated cost of the underground facilities so requested and the cost of the overhead facilities which would ordinarily be installed in accordance with 807 KAR 5:041, Section 21, and the Company's underground service plan as filed with the Public Service Commission. Upon receipt of payment, the Company will install the underground facilities and will own, operate and maintain the same.

Please see Tariff Sheet No. 1440-1 for the underground differential cost schedule.

8. Company's Liability

The Company will use reasonable diligence in furnishing a regular and uninterrupted supply of energy, but does not guarantee uninterrupted service. The Company shall not be liable for damages in case such supply should be interrupted or fail by reason of an event of Force Majeure. Force Majeure consists of an event or circumstance which prevents Company from providing service, which event or circumstance was not anticipated, which is not in the reasonable control of, or the result of negligence of, the Company, and which, by the exercise of due diligence, Company is unable to overcome or avoid or cause to be avoided. Force Majeure events includes acts of God, the public enemy, accidents, labor disputes, orders or acts of civil or military authority, breakdowns or injury to the machinery, transmission lines, distribution lines or other facilities of the Company, or extraordinary repairs.

Unless otherwise provided in a contract between the Company and Customer, the point at which service is delivered by Company to Customer, to be known as "delivery point," shall be the point at which the Customer's facilities are connected to the Company's facilities. The metering device is the property of the Company. The meter base, connection, grounds and all associated internal parts inside the meter base are customer owned and are the responsibility of the customer to install and maintain. The Company shall not be liable for any loss, injury, or damage resulting from the Customer's use of their equipment or occasioned by the energy furnished by the Company beyond the delivery point.

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Any new installation, upgrade or other modification of an existing meter installation shall be made using only Company-supplied or Company-approved meter bases. A list of Company-approved meter bases and specifications can be found on the Company's website at: www.kentuckypower.com.

The Customer shall provide and maintain suitable protective devices on their equipment to prevent any loss, injury or damage that might result from single phasing conditions or any other fluctuation or irregularity in the supply of energy. The Company shall not be liable for any loss, injury or damage resulting from a single phasing condition or any other fluctuation or irregularity in the supply of energy which could have been prevented by the use of such protective devices. The Company shall not be liable for any damages, whether direct, incidental or consequential, including, without limitation, loss of profits, loss of revenue, or loss of production capacity occasioned by interruptions, fluctuations, or irregularity in the supply of energy.

The Company is not responsible for loss or damage caused by the disconnection or reconnection of its facilities. The Company is not responsible for loss or damages caused by the theft or destruction of Company facilities by a third party.

The Company will provide and maintain the necessary line or service connections, transformers (when same are required by conditions of contract between the parties thereto), meters and other apparatus, which may be required for the proper measurement of and protection to its service. All such apparatus shall be and remain the property of the Company.

9. Customer's Liability

In the event of loss or injury to the property of the Company through misuse by, or the negligence of, the Customer or the employees of the same, the cost of the necessary repairs or replacement thereof shall be paid to the Company by the Customer.

Customers will be responsible for tampering with, interfering with, or breaking the seals of meters, or other equipment of the Company installed on the Customer's premises. The Customer hereby agrees that no one except the employees of the Company shall be allowed to make internal or external adjustments to any meter or any other piece of apparatus, which shall be the property of the Company.

The Company shall have the right at all reasonable hours to enter the premises of the Customer for the purpose of installing, reading, removing, testing, replacing or otherwise disposing of its apparatus and property, and the right of entire removal of the Company's property in the event of the termination of the contract for any cause. The Company may assess charges based on electric usage and damages to all Company equipment.

10. Extension of Service

The electric facilities of the Company shall be extended or expanded to supply electric service to all residential Customers and small commercial Customers which require single phase line where the installed transformer capacity does not exceed 25 KVA in accordance with 807 KAR 5:041, Section 11.

The electric facilities of the Company shall be extended or expanded to supply electric service to Customers other than those named in the above paragraph when the estimated revenue is sufficient to justify the estimated cost of making such extensions or expansions as set forth below.

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Extension of Service Continued

For services to be delivered to Commercial, Industrial, Mining and multiple housing project Customers up to and including estimated demands of 500 KW requiring new facilities, the Company will: (a) where the estimated revenue for one year exceeds the estimated installed cost of new local facilities required, provide such new facilities at no cost to the Customer; (b) where the estimated revenue for one year is less than the installed cost of new local facilities required, the Customer will be required to pay a contribution in aid of construction equal to the difference between the installed cost of the new facilities required to service the load and the estimated revenue for one year; (c) if the Company has reason to question the financial stability of the Customer and/or the life of the operation is uncertain or temporary in nature, such as construction projects, oil and gas well drilling, sawmills and mining operations, the Customer shall pay a contribution in aid of construction, consisting of the estimated labor cost to install and remove the facilities required plus the cost of unsalvageable material, before the facilities are installed.

For service to be delivered to Customers with demand levels higher than those specified above, the annual cost to serve the Customer's requirements shall be compared with the estimated revenue for one year to determine if a contribution in aid of construction, and/or a special minimum and/or other arrangement may be necessary. The annual cost to serve shall be the sum of the following components:

- i. The annual fixed costs of the generation, transmission and distribution facilities related to the Customer's requirements. These fixed costs will be calculated at 21.95% of the value to be based on the year-end embedded investment depreciated in all similar facilities of the Company.
- ii. The annual energy cost based on the latest available production costs related to the Customer's estimated annual energy use requirements.
- iii. The annual fixed costs of the new local facilities necessary to provide the service requested calculated at 21.95% of the installed cost of such facilities.

If the estimated revenue for one year is greater than the cost to serve as describe herein, the Company may provide any new local facilities required at no cost to the Customer. If the estimated revenue for one year is less than the cost to serve as described herein, the Company will require the Customer to pay a contribution in aid of construction equal to the difference between the annual cost to serve as calculated and the estimated revenue for one year divided by 21.95%, but in no case to exceed the installed cost of the new facilities required. If, however, the annual cost to serve excluding the cost of new facilities paid for by the Customer exceeds the estimated revenue for one year, the Company, will, in addition to a contribution in aid of construction, require a special minimum or other arrangement to compensate the Company for such deficiency in venue.

Except where service is rendered in accordance with 807 KAR 5:041, Section 11, as described herein, the Company may require the Customer to execute an Advance and Refund Agreement where the Company reasonably questions the longevity of the service or the estimated energy use and demand requirements provided by the Customer. Under the Advance and Refund Agreement, the Customer shall pay the company the estimated total installed cost of the required new facilities which advance could be refunded over a five year period under certain circumstances. Over the five year period the Customer' electric bill would be credited each month up to the amount of 1/60th of the total amount advanced.

11. Extension of Service to Mobile Home

The electrical facilities of the Company will be extended or expanded to supply electric service to mobile homes in accordance with 807 KAR 5:041, Section 12.

12. Location and Maintenance of Company Equipment

The Company shall have the right to construct its poles, lines and circuits on the property, and to place its transformers and other apparatus on the property or within the building of the Customer, at a point or points convenient for such purposes, as required to serve such Customer, and the Customer shall provide suitable space for the installation of necessary measuring instruments so that the latter may be protected from injury by the elements or through the negligence or deliberate acts of the Customer or of any employee of the same.

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13. Billing Form

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:006, Section 7, copies of the billing forms used by the Company are shown on Sheet Nos. 2-147 thru 2-234.

14. Rate Schedule Selection

The Company will explain to the Customer, at the beginning of service or upon request, the Company's rates available to the Customer. Company will assist Customer in the selection of the rate schedule best adapted to Customer's service requirements, provided, however, that Company does not assume responsibility for the selection or that Customer will at all times be served under the most favorable rate schedule.

Customer may change their initial rate schedule selection to another applicable rate schedule at any time by either written notice to Company and/or by executing a new contract for the rate schedule selected, provided that the application of such subsequent selection shall continue for 12 months before any other selection may be made. In no case will the Company refund any monetary difference between the rate schedule under which service was billed in prior periods and the newly selected rate schedules.

15. Monitoring Usage

At least once quarterly the Company will monitor the usage of each customer according to the following procedure:

- a. The Customer's monthly usage will be compared with the usage of the corresponding period of the previous year.
- b. If the monthly usage for the two periods is substantially the same or if any difference is known to be attributed to unique circumstances, such as unusual weather conditions, common to all customers, no further review will be made.
- c. If the monthly usage is not substantially the same and cannot be attributed to a readily identified common cause, the Company will compare the Customer's monthly usage records for the 12-month period with the monthly usage for the same months of the preceding year.
- d. If the cause for the usage deviation cannot be determined from analysis of the Customer's meter reading and billing records, the company will contact the Customer to determine whether there have been changes that explain the increased or decreased usage.
- e. Where the deviation is not otherwise explained, the Company will test the Customer's meter to determine whether it shows an average error greater than 2 percent fast or slow.
- f. The Company will notify the Customer of the investigation, its findings, and any refunds or back billing in accordance with 807 KAR 5:006, Section 11(4) and (5).

In addition to the quarterly monitoring, the Company will immediately investigate usage deviations brought to its attention as a result of its on-going meter reading, billing processes, or customer inquiry.

16. Use of Energy by Customer

The tariffs for electric energy given herein are classified by the character of use of such energy and are not available for service except as provided herein.

Upon the expiration of an electric service contract, if required by the terms of the tariff, the Customer may elect to renew the contract upon the same or another tariff published by the Company available to the Customer and applicable to the Customer's requirements, except that in no case shall the Company be required to maintain transmission, switching or transformation equipment different from or in addition to that generally furnished to other Customers receiving electrical supply under the terms of the tariff elected by the Customer.

The service connections, transformers, meters and appliances supplied by the Company for each Customer have a definite capacity and no additions to the equipment, or load connected thereto, will be allowed except by consent of the Company.

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The Customer shall install only motors, apparatus or appliances which are suitable for operation with the character of the service supplied by the Company, and which shall not be detrimental to same, and the electric energy must not be used in such a manner as to cause unprovided-for voltage fluctuations or disturbances in the Company's transmission or distribution system. The Company shall be the sole judge as to the suitability of apparatus or appliances, and also as to whether the operation of such apparatus or appliances is or will be detrimental to its general service.

No attachment of any kind whatsoever may be made to the Company's lines, poles, cross arms, structures or other facilities without the express written consent of the Company.

All apparatus used by the Customer shall be of such type as to secure the highest practicable commercial efficiency, power factor and the proper balancing of phases. Motors which are frequently started or motors arranged for automatic control must be of a type to give maximum starting torque with minimum current flow, and must be of a type, and equipped with controlling devices, approved by the Company. The Customer agrees to notify the Company of any increase or decrease in his connected load

The Company will not supply service to Customers who have other sources of electrical energy supply except under tariffs that specifically provide for same.

The Customer shall not be permitted to operate generating equipment in parallel with the Company's service except with express written consent of the Company.

Resale of energy will be permitted only with express written consent by the Company.

17. Residential Service

Except as otherwise provided in these tariffs, individual residences shall be served individually with single-phase secondary service under the applicable residential service tariff. Customer may not take service for 2 or more separate residences through a single point of delivery under any tariff. Exclusions may be allowed pursuant to 807 KAR 5:046 (Prohibition of master metering).

The residential service tariff shall cease to apply to that portion of a residence which becomes regularly used for business, professional, institutional or gainful purposes, which requires three phase service or primary service or which requires service to motors in excess of 10 HP each. Under these circumstances, Customer shall have the choice of: (1) separating the wiring so that the residential portion of the premises is served through a separate meter under the residential service tariff, and the other uses as enumerated above are served through a separate meter or meters under the applicable general service tariff; or (2) taking the entire service under the applicable general service tariff.

Detached building or buildings, actually appurtenant to the residence, such as a garage, stable or barn, may be served by an extension of the Customer's residence wiring through the residence meter and under the applicable residential service tariff.

18. Denial or Discontinuance of Service

The Company reserves the right to refuse or discontinue service to any customer if the customer is indebted to the Company for any service theretofore rendered at any location. Service will not be supplied or continued to any premises if at the time of application for service the Applicant is merely acting as an agent or person or former customer who is indebted to the Company for service previously supplied at the same, or other premises, until payment of such indebtedness shall have been made.

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Unpaid balances of previously rendered Final Bills may be transferred to any account for which Customer has responsibility and may be included on initial or subsequent bills for the account to which the transfer was made. Such transferred Final Bills, if unpaid, will be a part of the past due balance of the account to which they are transferred. When there is no lapse in service, such transferred Final Bills will be subject to Company’s collections and disconnect procedures in accordance with 807 KAR 5:006, Section 15(1)(f). Final Bills transferred following a lapse in service will not be subject to disconnection unless: (1) such service was provided pursuant to a fraudulent application submitted by Customer; (2) Customer and Company have entered into a contractual agreement which allows for such a disconnection; or (3) the current account is subsequently disconnected for service supplied at that point of delivery, at which time, all unpaid and past due balances must be paid prior to reconnect.

19. Special Charges

a. Reconnection and Disconnect Charges

In cases where the Company has discontinued service as herein provided for, the Company reserves the right to assess a reconnection charge pursuant to 807 KAR 5:006, Section 9 (3)(b), payable in advance, in accordance with the following schedule. However, those Customers qualifying for Winter Hardship Reconnection under 807 KAR 5:006 Section 16 shall be exempt from the reconnect charges.

Reconnect for nonpayment during regular hours	\$4.70
Reconnect at the end of the day (no “Call Out” required)	\$30.00
Reconnect for nonpayment when a “Call Out” is required prior to 8:00PM (A “Call Out” is when an employee must be called in to work on overtime basis to make the reconnect trip. Reconnection for nonpayment will not be made when a “Call Out” after 8:00 p.m. is required)	\$95.00
Reconnect for nonpayment when double time is required (Sunday and Holiday)	\$124.00
Termination or field trip	\$4.70

The reconnection charge for all Customers where service has been disconnected for fraudulent use of electricity will be the actual cost of the reconnection.

b. Meter Read Check

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:006, Section 9(3)(d) in cases where a customer requests a meter be reread, and the second reading shows the original reading was correct, the Customer will be charged a fee of \$21.00 to cover the handling cost.

c. Returned Check Charge

In cases where a customer pays by check, which is later returned as unpaid by the bank for any reason, the Customer will be charged a fee of \$14.65 to cover the handling costs.

d. Meter Test Charge

Where test of a meter is made upon written request by the Customer pursuant to 807 KAR 5:006, Section 19, the Customer will be charged \$48.00 if such test shows that the meter was not more than two percent (2%) fast.

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e. Work Performed on Company's Facilities at Customer's Request

Whenever, at the request and for the benefit of the Customer, work is performed on the Company's facilities, including the relocation, or replacement of the Company's facilities, the Customer shall pay to the Company in advance of the Company undertaking the work the estimated total cost of such work. This cost shall be itemized by major categories and shall include the Company's overheads and shall be credited with the net value of any salvageable material. The actual cost for the work performed shall be calculated at the completion of the work and the appropriate charge or refund will be made to the Customer.

Reasonable notice of not less than three working days shall be given to the Company for all requested work except for the covering of the Company's lines. Notice of any request for the Company to cover its lines shall be given at least two days in advance. The Company will endeavor to comply with all timely requests, but work may be delayed because of demands on the Company's personnel and equipment.

If the cost, as calculated above, is \$500 or less for covering the Company's distribution facilities no charge will be imposed. All costs in excess of \$500 for covering the Company's distribution facilities shall be paid by the Customer, in advance of the Company undertaking the work. The actual cost for the work performed shall be calculated at the completion of the work and the appropriate charge or refund will be made to the customer.

20. Refunds to Residential Customers

The Company may make a refund to residential customers by one of the following means: a credit to the Customer's bill, a prepaid card, or a check or electronic funds transfer (EFT).

The Company acting through its customer service representative shall fully address and resolve any customer complaints or disputes related to: (a) the accuracy of the names and last known addresses of the customer to receive prepaid cards; (b) the effective delivery and receipt of the prepaid cards; and (c) the amount of any refunds.

21. Alerts and Subscriptions

Kentucky Power offers an optional Mobile Alert Service for customers through which participating customers can elect to receive notifications from the Company via e-mail or text message. The Company provides billing and payment alerts and alerts relating to outages. These alerts are supplemental to standard communications from the Company and to the extent any discrepancies exist between the information contained in the mobile alerts and the information contained in standard communications from the Company, the information in the standard communications from the Company shall prevail.

Customers interested in receiving mobile alerts from Kentucky Power may sign up for the service through the Company's website at www.kentuckypower.com. The full terms and conditions of participating in the Kentucky Power Mobile Alert Service are included on the Company's website. Customers wishing to participate in Kentucky Power's Mobile Alert Service and to receive alerts via e-mail should add communications@kentuckypower-mail.com to the customer's email address book or spam filter to avoid alert communications from Kentucky Power being directed to spam. Customers are advised to contact their e-mail service provider for instructions on how to add addresses to an address book or spam filter if needed.

E-mail addresses from which alerts are sent through the Mobile Alert Service are used for sending e-mails only. Any e-mails sent to those addresses will not be received by the Company and the Company will not respond. Any electronic communication to the Company should be sent to Communications@kentuckypower-mail.com.

There is no charge from the Company for the Mobile Alert Service; however, message and data rates may apply. Customers are advised to verify message and data rates with their cellular and internet service providers.

Information regarding the types of alerts and the Mobile Alert Service in general are provided below.

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Billing and Payment Alerts

Billing and payment alerts provided through Kentucky Power's Mobile Alert Service are in addition to regular billing statements, payment notifications, disconnect notices, or other standard communications sent by Kentucky Power or its third party partners as required by law, regulation, or tariff filed by Kentucky Power or its subsidiaries. These alerts are not a replacement for any regular billing statement, payment notifications, disconnect notices, or other standard communications. In the event of a discrepancy between the information provided in a billing or payment alert provided through the Mobile Alert Service and the information provided in the Company's standard communication, the information in the standard communication shall prevail.

Kentucky Power shall not have any liability for any delay or failure to deliver a billing or payment alert or for any mistakes or errors in any billing or payment alert provided through the Mobile Alerts Service.

Outage Alerts

Kentucky Power provides alerts relating to system outages through its Mobile Alert Service. Outage alerts will be sent when the Company has evidence of an outage at a subscribed address. Due to variations in equipment from one area to another, it is possible that the accuracy of outage alerts will vary from one area to another. Recipients shall consider any outage related information as guidance and not as an absolute guarantee. Kentucky Power will send outage related notifications based upon available information and does not guarantee that the notifications will be without error.

Planned outages and short-duration outages will normally not generate an outage-related notification. During large-scale outage events, the frequency and timeliness of outage updates may be impacted.

Kentucky Power shall not have any liability for any delay or failure to deliver an outage-related notification.

General

Kentucky Power does not warrant or guarantee that alerts will be sent or received, and Kentucky Power shall not be responsible for any lost or misdirected messages.

Customers electing to participate in Kentucky Power's Mobile Alert Service authorize the Company to contact them via their elected communication method with transactional messages pertaining to the service. Participation in the Mobile Alert Service shall be considered as affirmative consent to receive the related messages should these messages ever be classified as commercial in nature.

Kentucky Power shall not have any liability under any theory of recovery, whether in contract or tort, for any loss or damages due to delay or failure to deliver an alert through the Mobile Alert Service. Without limiting the previous sentence, Kentucky Power disclaims any liability, expressed or implied, for indirect or consequential damages arising from a customer's subscription to Kentucky Power's Mobile Alert Service.

Customer agrees not to publish, copy, communicate to the public, edit, retransmit, or amend any data received as part of Kentucky Power's Mobile Alert Service. The data communicated via the Mobile Alert Service is provided for the participating customer's personal non-commercial use only and may not be used for any other purpose.

Personal information and data ("Personal Data") provided by customers when using Kentucky Power's Mobile Alert Service will only be used by Kentucky Power and its suppliers and contractors for Mobile Alert Service-related purposes. Data other than Personal Data may be aggregated and used by the Company for the purpose of undertaking market research or in facilitating reviews, developments and improvements to Kentucky Power's Mobile Alert Service.

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Customers participating in the Mobile Alert Service may discontinue a portion of or all alerts at any time by modifying their alert subscription or by unsubscribing entirely. Customers wishing to modify or unsubscribe from the Mobile Alert Service may do so at the Company's website: www.kentuckypower.com or by contacting Kentucky Power's Customer Operations Centers at 1-800-572-1113. Kentucky Power will process a request to unsubscribe from the Mobile Alert Service within ten days of receiving the request. Kentucky Power is authorized to send a communication to a customer requesting to unsubscribe from the Mobile Alert Service to confirm the request.

The terms and conditions the Company's Mobile Alert Service shall be governed by applicable state law.

Customers electing to participate in the Company's Mobile Alert Service agree to the terms and conditions of the service and further agree that the terms and conditions may be updated from time to time. The Company will provide customers participating in the Mobile Alert Service with updated terms and conditions as they become effective. Customers participating in the Mobile Alert Service must take affirmative action to withdraw from the service if the customer does not agree with any new or updated term or condition of service. Failure to withdraw after an updated term and condition is provided by the Company means that the customer accepts the new or updated terms and conditions.

Additional Terms and Conditions for E-mail Alerts

If a customer sends an email to Kentucky Power with questions or comments, Kentucky Power may use the customer's e-mail address and other personal information included in the correspondence in order to respond. If a customer provides the Company with an e-mail address in order to receive alerts, Kentucky Power may use that e-mail address to send the customer other types of information.

A customer may unsubscribe from receiving e-mail alerts by clicking the "Unsubscribe" link near the bottom of an e-mail alert.

Additional Terms and Conditions for Text Message Alerts

Customers may elect to receive text alerts through Kentucky Power's Mobile Alert Service. For text alerts, message and data rates may apply consistent with the customer's mobile phone service agreement. Kentucky Power assumes no responsibility for any service charges received from customer's mobile phone service providers for text alerts received through the Mobile Alert Service. Kentucky Power is not responsible for and will not be liable for any breach of the terms of an agreement between a customer electing to receive text alerts through the Mobile Alert System and that customer's mobile phone service provider or for any mistake that may arise in the billing process.

To receive text alerts from the Company through the Mobile Alert Service, the customer must be the owner or legitimate user of the mobile phone registered or have the express consent of the owner or legitimate user. Customers electing to receive text alerts from the Company through the Mobile Alert Service are responsible for providing and maintaining a mobile phone and ensuring connection to a mobile network capable of receiving the text alerts.

Customers electing to receive text alerts through the Mobile Alert Service acknowledge that the text alerts may, at any time, be adversely affected by problems with the mobile phone network including, without limitation, interference to the network coverage. Kentucky Power shall not be responsible or liable for any loss, damage, or expense incurred directly or indirectly by customers electing to receive text alerts through the Mobile Alert Service as a result of any difficulties experienced by any cellular phone service provider.

In the event a customer electing to receive text alerts through the Mobile Alert Service changes mobile phone service providers or telephone number, that customer is required to subscribe again to receive text alerts. If no alerts are sent or received for eighteen months, a customer's opt-in to that offering will expire. A customer must opt-in again to the program in order to receive alerts.

Kentucky Power may discontinue text alerts at any time. Customers electing to receive text alerts through the Mobile Alert Service will receive text alerts from 23711. Customers may unsubscribe from text alerts by texting STOP to 23711 and may obtain assistance via text by texting HELP to 23711.

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KENTUCKY POWER
 Non-Payment/Return Mail:
 PO BOX 24401
 CANTON, OH 44701-4401

Amount due on or before **\$XXX.XX**
 Month DD, YYYY
 Bill mailing date is Month DD, YYYY
 Account #XXX-XXX-XXX-X-X

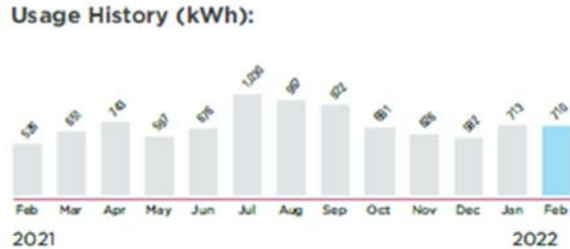
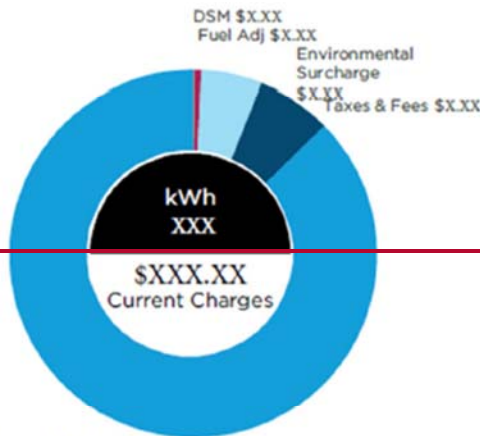
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KENTUCKY RESIDENTIAL ACCOUNT

Notes from KPCO:
 Make this bill the last one sent in the mail! Go paperless and get email alerts when your bill is ready. Sign up at AEPpaperless.com!

Current bill summary:
 Billing from MM/DD/YY - MM/DD/YY (XX days)



Methods of Payment

- kentuckypower.com
- PO Box 371420
Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7420
- 1-800-611-0964 (fee may apply)

Need to get in touch?
 Customer Operations Center: 1-800-572-1113
 Outages: kentuckypower.com/outages
 or 1-800-572-1113

Please tear on dotted line. Turn over for important information! >

Thank you for your prompt payment. Please include your account number on your check and return this stub with your payment.
 KENTUCKY RESIDENTIAL ACCOUNT

KENTUCKY POWER
 Non-Payment/Return Mail:
 PO BOX 24401
 CANTON, OH 44701-4401

10196
 Account #XXX-XXX-XXX-X-X
 KENTUCKY RESIDENTIAL ACCOUNT
 Amount due on or before **\$XXX.XX**
 Month DD, YYYY

Payment Amount \$

Make check payable and send to:
 KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
 PO BOX 371420
 PITTSBURGH, PA 15250-7420



The HEART program helps low-income customers pay their electric bill. I want to help. My payment reflects my gift of \$ _____

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Non-Payment/Return Mail:
PO BOX 24401
CANTON, OH 44701-4401

Amount due on or before **\$XXX.XX**
MM DD, YYYY

Bill mailing date is MM DD, YYYY
Account #XXX-XXX-XXX-X-X

SERVICE ADDRESS: KENTUCKY RESIDENTIAL, ADDRESS 123, ABC, KY XXXXX-XXXX

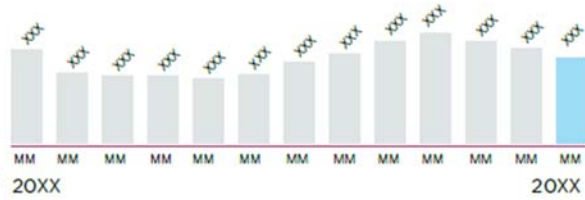


KENTUCKY RESIDENTIAL
ADDRESS 123
ABC, KY XXXXX-XXXX

Notes from KPCO:

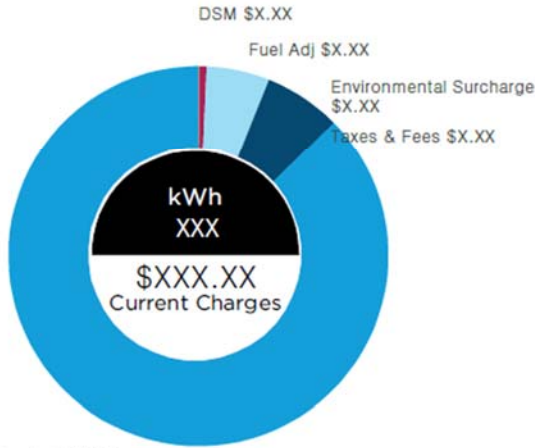
Make this bill the last one sent in the mail! Go paperless and get email alerts when your bill is ready. Sign up at kentuckypower.com/paperless!

Usage History (kWh):



Current bill summary:

Billing from MM/DD/YY - MM/DD/YY (XX days)



Electric Service \$XX.XX

Methods of Payment

- kentuckypower.com
- PO Box 371420
Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7420
- 1-800-611-0964 (fee may apply)

Please tear on dotted line.

Turn over for important information! >

Thank you for your prompt payment. Please include your account number on your check and return this stub with your payment.

KENTUCKY RESIDENTIAL, ADDRESS 123, ABC, KY XXXXX-XXXX



Non-Payment/Return Mail:
PO BOX 24401
CANTON, OH 44701-4401

Account #XXX-XXX-XXX-X-X
KENTUCKY RESIDENTIAL

Amount due on or before **\$XXX.XX**
MM DD, YYYY

Payment Amount \$

Pay \$XX,XXX.XX after MM/DD/YYYY

Make check payable and send to:
KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
PO BOX 371420
PITTSBURGH, PA 15250-7420



The HEART program helps low-income customers pay their electric bill. I want to help. My payment reflects my gift of \$_____

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Service Address:

XXXX-XX
KPCO RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER
 123 ANYWHERE CT
 ANYWHERE, KY 12345-1234

Account #XXX-XXX-XXX-X-X

Line Item Charges:

Previous Charges	
Total Amount due at last billing	\$ XXXXX
Payment MM/DD/YY - Thank you	-XXXXX
Previous Balance Due	\$ X.XX
Current KPCO Charges	
Tariff OIS - Residential Service MM/DD/YY	
Rate Billing	\$ XXXXX
Federal Tax Cut Credit @ X.XXXXXX	-XXX
Fuel Adj @ X.XXXXXX Per kWh	XXXX
DSM Adj @ X.XXXXXX Per kWh	XXXX
Residential Energy Assistance @ \$XXX	XXXX
Capacity Charge @ X.XXXXXX Per kWh	XXXX
Environmental Adj X.XXXXXX%	XXX
Decommissioning Rider XXXXXXX%	XXX
Purchase Power Adj @X.XXXXXX Per kWh	XXXX
Renewable Power Option Rider	XXXX
School Tax	XXXX
Franchise Tax	XXXX
State Sales Tax	XXXX
Current Balance Due	\$ XXX.XX
Homeserve Warranty Service (855-769-6267)	\$ XXXX
Total Balance Due	\$ XXX.XX

Meter Read Details:

Meter Details:

Meter #XXXXXXXXXX					
Prev.	Type	Current	Type	Metered	Usage
XXXXX	Actual	XX,XXX	Actual	X,XXX	X,XXX kWh
Service Period MM/DD - MM/DD				Multiplier XXXXXXX	
Next scheduled read date should be between Month DD and Month DD.					

Notes from KPCO:

Kentucky Power provides online access to customer rate schedules at <https://kentuckypower.com/account/bills/rates/>. You can access a copy of your rates by clicking the "Kentucky Tariffs" link at that website. You can also view rates at our office, or request that a copy be sent to you via U.S. Postal Service or via email by calling customer service at 1-800-572-1113.

Homeserve USA is optional. Homeserve USA is not the same as KPCO and is not regulated by the KY Public Service Commission. A customer does not have to buy the Warranty Service in order to continue to receive quality regulated services from KPCO

www.kyelectricalprotectionplan.com

Usage Details:

Values reflect changes between current month and previous month.



Total usage for the past 12 months: X,XXX kWh
 Your average monthly usage: X,XXX kWh

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Service Address:

KENTUCKY RESIDENTIAL
ADDRESS 123
ABC, KY XXXXX – XXXX

Account #XXX-XXX-XXX-X-X

Line Item Charges:

Previous Charges	
Total Amount Due At Last Billing	\$ XXX.XX
Payment 02/07/22 - Thank You	-XXX.XX
Previous Balance Due	\$ X.XX
Current KPCO Charges	

Tariff XXX - Residential Service XX/XX/XX	
Rate Billing	\$ XXX.XX
Federal Tax Change @ X.XXXXX- Per kWh	-XX.XX
Fuel Adj @ X.XXXXX Per kWh	XX.XX
DSM Adj @ X.XXXXX Per kWh	XX.XX
Residential Energy Assistance @ \$X.XX	XX.XX
Distribution Reliability Rider @ \$X.XX	X.XX
Purchased Power Adj. \$X.XXXXX/kWh	XX.XX
Renewable Power Option Rider	XX.XX
Securitization Financing Rider X.XXXXX%	XX.XX
Decommissioning Rider X.XXXXX%	XX.XX
Environmental Adj. X.XXXXX%	XX.XX
School Tax	XX.XX
City's Franchise Fee	XX.XX
State Sales Tax	XX.XX
Current Balance Due	\$ XXX.XX
Homeserve Warranty Service	\$ XX.XX

Meter Read Details:

Meter #XXXXXXXX					
Previous	Type	Current	Type	Metered	Usage
XXXX	Actual	XXXX	Actual	XXX	XXX kWh
Service Period XX/XX – XX/XX				Multiplier 1	
Next scheduled read date should be between MM DD and MM DD.					

Notes from KPCO:

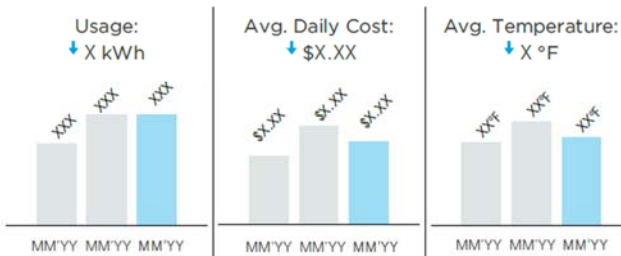
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Homeserve USA is optional. Homeserve USA is not the same as KPCO and is not regulated by the KY Public Service Commission. A customer does not have to buy the Warranty Service in order to continue to receive quality regulated services from KPCO.

www.kyelectricalprotectionplan.com

Usage Details:

↑↓ Values reflect changes between current month and previous month.




Total usage for the past 12 months: X,XXX kWh

Average (Avg.) monthly usage: XXX kWh

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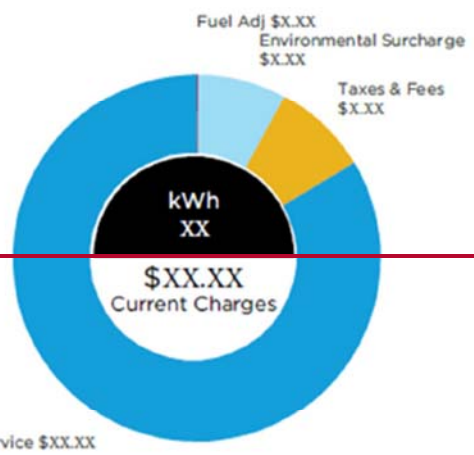
Amount due on or before **\$XX.XX**
Month DD, YYYY
Bill mailing date is Month DD, YYYY
Account #XXX-XXX-XXX-X-X

SERVICE ADDRESS: KENTUCY COMMERCIAL ACCOUNT, CY 15
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KENTUCKY COMMERCIAL ACCOUNT

Notes from KPCO:
Make this bill the last one sent in the mail! Go paperless and get email alerts when your bill is ready. Sign up at AEPaperless.com!

Current bill summary:
Billing from MM/DD/YY - MM/DD/YY (XX days)



Usage History (kWh):



Methods of Payment

-  kentuckypower.com
-  PO Box 371420
Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7420
-  1-800-611-0964 (fee may apply)

Need to get in touch?

Customer Operations Center: 1-800-572-1113
Outages: kentuckypower.com/outages
or 1-800-572-1113

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Thank you for your prompt payment. Please include your account number on your check and return this stub with your payment.

KENTUCKY COMMERCIAL ACCOUNT,



Non-Payment/Return Mail:
PO BOX 24401
CANTON, OH 44701-4401

Make check payable and send to:
KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
PO BOX 371420
PITTSBURGH, PA 15250-7420



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Account #XXX-XXX-XXX-X-X
KENTUCKY COMMERCIAL ACCOUNT

Amount due on or before **\$XX.XX**
Month DD, YYYY

Payment Amount \$

Pay \$XX.XX after MM/DD/YYYY

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CANTON, OH 44701-4401

Amount due on or before **\$XXX.XX**
MM DD, YYYY

Bill mailing date is MM DD, YYYY
Account #XXX-XXX-XXX-X-X

SERVICE ADDRESS: KENTUCKY GENERAL SERVICE, ADDRESS 123, ABC, KY XXXXX-XXXX

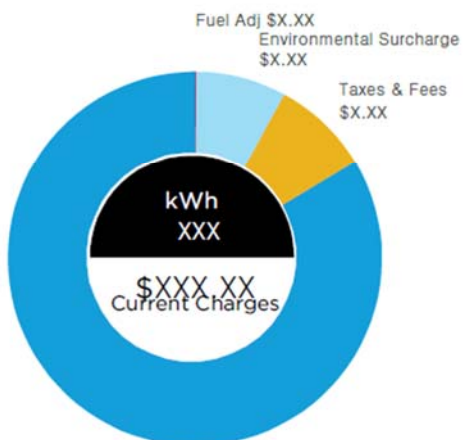
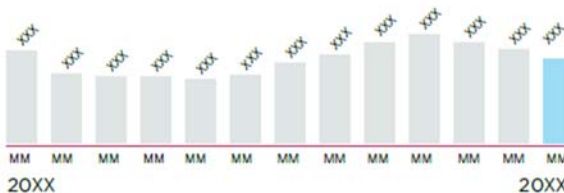


KENTUCKY GENERAL SERVICE
ADDRESS 123
ABC, KY XXXXX-XXXX

Notes from KPCO:

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Usage History (kWh):



Methods of Payment

-  kentuckypower.com
-  PO Box 371420
Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7420
-  1-800-611-0964 (fee may apply)

Need to get in touch?

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KENTUCKY GENERAL SERVICE, ADDRESS 123, ABC, KY XXXXX-XXXX



Non-Payment/Return Mail:
PO BOX 24401
CANTON, OH 44701-4401

Account #XXX-XXX-XXX-X-X
KENTUCKY GENERAL SERVICE

Amount due on or before **\$XXX.XX**
MM DD, YYYY

Payment Amount \$

Pay \$XX,XXX.XX after MM/DD/YYYY

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Service Address:

GENERAL SERVICE
10 MEDIUM RD
MEDIUM, KY 41701

Account #XXX-XXX-XXX-X-X

Line Item Charges:

Previous Charges	
Total Amount due at last billing	\$ XXX.XX
Payment MM/DD/YY - Thank You	-XXX.XX
Previous Balance Due	\$ X.XX
Current KPCO Charges	
Tariff 211 - Small General Service MM/DD/YY	
Rate Billing	\$ XXXXX
Federal Tax Cut Credit @ X.XX/XXXXX	-X.XX
Fuel Adj @ XXXXXXXX Per kWh	XX.XX
DSM Adj @ XXXXXXXX Per kWh	XX.XX
Capacity Charge @ XXXXXXXX Per kWh	XX.XX
Kentucky Economic Development Surcharge @ \$X.XX	XX.XX
Environmental Adj XXXXXXXX%	X.XX
Decommissioning Rider XXXXXXXX%	XX.XX
Purchase Power Adj @ XXXXXXXX Per kWh	XX.XX
Renewable Power Option Rider	X.XX
School Tax	X.XX
Franchise Tax	X.XX
State Sales Tax	X.XX
Current Balance Due	\$ XXX.XX
Total Balance Due	\$ XXX.XX

Meter Details:

Meter #123456789					
Previous	Type	Current	Type	Metered	Usage
XXXXX	Actual	XXXXX	Actual	X,XXX	X,XXX kWh
Service Period MM/DD - MM/DD				Multiplier XXXXXXXX	
MM:1 scheduled read data should be between MM/DD and MM/DD.					

Notes from KPCO:

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Usage Details:

Values reflect changes between current month and previous month.



Total usage for the past 12 months: X,XXX kWh
Your average monthly usage: XXX kWh

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Service Address:

KENTUCKY GENERAL SERVICE
ADDRESS 123
ABC, KY XXXXX – XXXX
Account #XXX-XXX-XXX-X-X

Line Item Charges:

Previous Charges		
Total Amount Due At Last Billing	\$	XX.XX
Payment XX/XX/XX - Thank You		-XX.XX
Previous Balance Due	\$	X.XX
Current KPCO Charges		
Tariff XXX - General Service XX/XX/XX		
Rate Billing	\$	XX.XX
Federal Tax Change @ XXXXXX- Per kWh		-XX.XX
Fuel Adj @ X.XXXXX Per kWh		XX.XX
DSM Adj @ X.XXXXX Per kWh		XX.XX
Kentucky Economic Development Surcharge @ \$XXX		XX.XX
Distribution Reliability Rider @ \$X.XX		XX.XX
Purchased Power Adj. \$X.XXXXX/kWh		XX.XX
Renewable Power Option Rider		XX.XX
Securitization Financing Rider X.XXXXX%		XX.XX
Decommissioning Rider X.XXXXX%		XX.XX
Environmental Adj. X.XXXXX%		XX.XX
School Tax		XX.XX
City's Franchise Fee		XX.XX
State Sales Tax		XX.XX
Current Balance Due	\$	XX.XX

Meter Read Details:

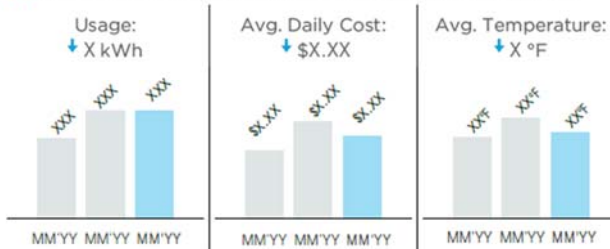
Meter #XXXXXXXXXX					
Previous	Type	Current	Type	Metered	Usage
XXX	Actual	XXX	Actual	XXX	XXX kWh
Service Period XX/XX - XX/XX				Multiplier 1	
Next scheduled read date should be between MM DD and MM DD.					

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Usage Details:

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Total usage for the past 12 months: XXX kWh
Average (Avg.) monthly usage: XXX kWh

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Amount due on or before
Month DD, YYYY **\$X,XXX.XX**
Bill mailing date is Month DD, YYYY
Account #XXX-XXX-XXX-X-X

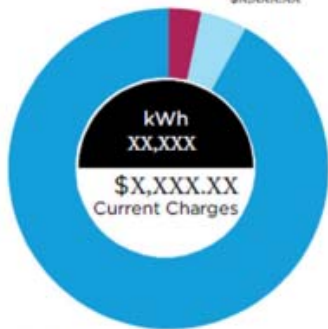
SERVICE ADDRESS: INDUSTRIAL TEST CASE, 5 CY 11

INDUSTRIAL TEST CASE

Current bill summary:
Billing from XX/XX/XX - XX/XX/XX (XX days)

Fuel Adj \$XXX.XX

Environmental Surcharge \$X,XXX.XX




kWh
XX,XXX
\$X,XXX.XX
Current Charges

Electric Service \$X,XXX.XX

Notes from KPCC:

Thank you for being a paperless customer! Sign up for billing and outage alerts to stay informed. You can manage your account by logging in at kentuckypower.com.

Usage History (kWh):



Methods of Payment

- kentuckypower.com
- PO Box 371420
Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7420
- 1-800-611-0964 (fee may apply)

Need to get in touch?
Customer Operations Center: 1-888-710-4237
Outages: kentuckypower.com/outages
or 1-800-572-1113

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Account #XXX-XXX-XXX-X-X

Make check payable and send to:
KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
PO BOX 371420
PITTSBURGH, PA 15250-7420



Amount due on or before
Month DD, YYYY **\$X,XXX.XX**

Payment Amount \$

Pay \$X,XXX.XX after MM/DD/YYYY

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Amount due on or before
MM DD, YYYY **\$XXX.XX**

Bill mailing date is MM DD, YYYY
Account #XXX-XXX-XXX-X-X

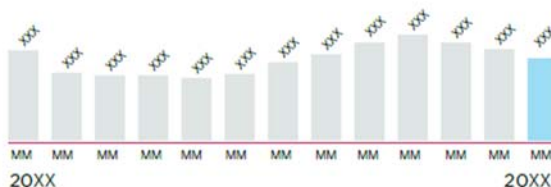
SERVICE ADDRESS: KENTUCKY LARGE GENERAL SERVICE, ADDRESS 123, ABC, KY XXXXX-XXXX


KENTUCKY LARGE GENERAL SERVICE
ADDRESS 123
ABC, KY XXXXX-XXXX

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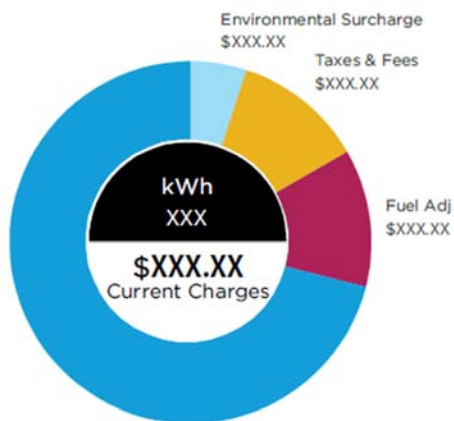
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Usage History (kWh):



Current bill summary:

Billing from MM/DD/YY - MM/DD/YY (XX days)



Electric Service
\$XXX.XX

Methods of Payment

-  kentuckypower.com
-  PO Box 371420
Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7420
-  1-800-611-0964 (fee may apply)

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KENTUCKY LARGE GENERAL SERVICE, ADDRESS 123, ABC, KY XXXXX-XXXX

 **Non-Payment/Return Mail:**
PO BOX 24401
CANTON, OH 44701-4401

Account #XXX-XXX-XXX-X-X
KENTUCKY LARGE GENERAL SERVICE

Amount due on or before
MM DD, YYYY **\$XXX.XX**

Payment Amount \$

Pay \$XXX.XX after MM/DD/YYYY

Make check payable and send to:
KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
PO BOX 371420 PITTSBURGH,
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Service Address:

LARGE GENERAL SERVICE
170 LARGE WAY DRIVE
LARGERSVILLE, KY 41465

Account #XXX-XXX-XXX-X-X

Line Item Charges:

Previous Charges	
Total Amount due at last billing	\$ XXX.XX
Payment MM/DD/YY - Thank You	-XXX.XX
Previous Balance Due	\$ X.XX
Current KPCO Charges	
Tariff 240 - Large General Service MM/DD/YY	
Rate Billing	\$ XXX.XX
Federal Tax Cut Credit @ X.XXXXXXX	-X.XX
Economic Development Rider - EBDD	XX.XX
Economic Development Rider - SBDD	XX.XX
Fuel Adj @ X.XXXXXXX Per kWh	XX.XX
Kentucky Economic Development Surcharge @ X.XX	XX.XX
DSM Adj. @ X.XXXXXXX Per kWh	XX.XX
Capacity Charge @ X.XXXXXXX Per kWh	XX.XX
Environmental Adj XX.XXXXX%	X.XX
Decommissioning Rider X.XXXXX%	XX.XX
Purchased Power Adj @ X.XXXXX Per kWh	XX.XX
Renewable Power Option Rider	XX.XX
School Tax	XX.XX
Franchise Tax	XX.XX
State Sales Tax	X.XX
Current Balance Due	\$ XXX.XX
Total Balance Due	\$ XXX.XX

Usage Details:

Values reflect changes between current month and previous month.



Billed Usage MM/DD				
Usage	Power Factor	Power Factor Constant	Meter Location Comp.	Billed Usage
	(XX.X)	(X,XXX)		
XX,XXX	-	-	-	XX,XXX kWh
XX,XXX	-	-	-	XX,XXX kWh
XX,XXX	-	-	-	XX,XXX kWh

Meter Details:

Meter #123456789					
Prev.	Type	Current	Type	Metered	Usage
XX,XXX	Actual	XX,XXX	Actual	XX,XXX	XX,XXX kWh
-	Actual	-	Actual	XXX,XXX	XXX,XXX kWh
XXX	Actual	XXX	Actual	XX,XXX	XX,XXX kWh
Service Period MM/DD - MM/DD				Multiplier XX.XXXXXX	
Next scheduled read date should be between Month DD and Month DD.					

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Service Address:

KENTUCKY LARGE GENERAL SERVICE
ADDRESS 123
ABC, KY XXXXX – XXXX
Account #XXX-XXX-XXX-X-X

Billed Usage MM/YY				
Usage	Power Factor	Power Factor Constant	Meter Location Comp.	Billed Usage
XXX	-	-	-	XXXX kWh
XXX	-	-	-	XXX kW
XXX	-	-	-	XXX.XXX KVA

Line Item Charges:

Previous Charges	
Total Amount Due At Last Billing	\$ XXX.XX
Payment XX/XX/XX - Thank You	-XXX.XX
Previous Balance Due	\$ XX.XX
Current Charges	
Tariff XXX - Large General Service XX/XX/XX	
Rate Billing	\$ XXX.XX
Economic Development Rider - IBDD	-XXX.XX
Economic Development Rider - SBDD	-XXX.XX
Federal Tax Change @ X.XXXXXX- Per kWh	-XXX.XX
Fuel Adj @ X.XXXXXX Per kWh	XXX.XX
DSM Adj @ X.XXXXXX Per kWh	XXX.XX
Kentucky Economic Development Surcharge @ \$X.XX	XXX.XX
Distribution Reliability Rider @ \$X.XX	XXX.XX
Purchased Power Adj. \$X.XXXXXX/kWh	XXX.XX
Renewable Power Option Rider	XXX.XX
Securitization Financing Rider X.XXXXXX%	XXX.XX
Decommissioning Rider X.XXXXXX%	XXX.XX
Environmental Adj. X.XXXXXX%	XXX.XX
School Tax	XXX.XX
City's Franchise Fee	XXX.XX
State Sales Tax	XXX.XX
Current Balance Due	\$ XXX.XX

Meter Read Details:

Meter #XXXXXXXXXX					
Previous	Type	Current	Type	Metered	Usage
X	X	X.XXX	Actual	X	X kVAR
X	X	X.XXX	Actual	X.XXX	XXX.XX kW
XXXXX	Actual	XXXXX	Actual	XXX	XXX.XXX kWh
Service Period MM/DD - MM/DD				Multiplier XXX	
Next scheduled read date should be between MM DD and MM DD.					

Net Usage : XXX,XXX kWh Billable Usage: XXX,XXX kWh

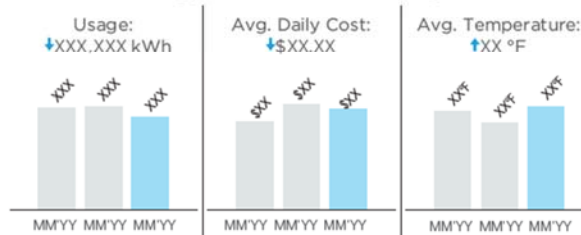
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Due date does not apply to previous balance due.

Usage Details:

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Total usage for the past 12 months: XXX kWh

Average (Avg.) monthly usage: XXX kWh

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CANTON, OH 44701-4401

Amount due on or before **\$XX,XXX.XX**
MM DD, YYYY

Bill mailing date is MM DD, YYYY
Account #XXX-XXX-XXX-X-X

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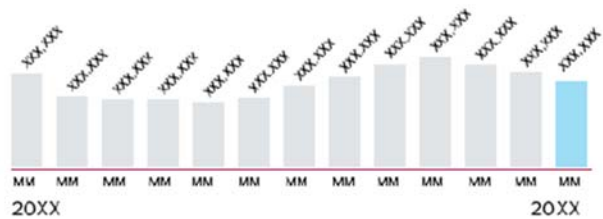


KENTUCKY INDUSTRIAL
ADDRESS 123
ABC, KY XXXXX-XXXX

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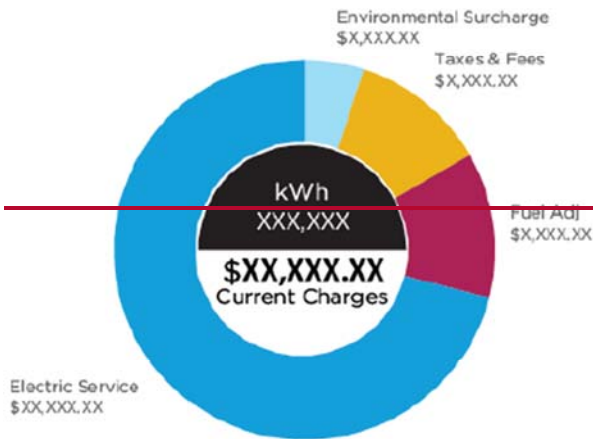
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Usage History (kWh):



Current bill summary:

Billing from MM/DD/YY - MM/DD/YY (XX days)



Methods of Payment

- kentuckypower.com
- PO Box 371420
Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7420
- 1-800-611-0964 (fee may apply)

Need to get in touch?

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Non-Payment/Return Mail:
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Account #XXX-XXX-XXX-X-X
KENTUCKY INDUSTRIAL

Amount due on or before **\$XX,XXX.XX**
MM DD, YYYY

Payment Amount \$

Pay \$XX,XXX.XX after MM/DD/YYYY

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Amount due on or before
MM DD, YYYY **\$XX,XXX.XX**

Bill mailing date is MM DD, YYYY
Account #XXX-XXX-XXX-X-X

SERVICE ADDRESS: KENTUCKY INDUSTRIAL-PRIMARY & SECONDARY, ADDRESS 123, ABC, KY XXXXX-XXXX

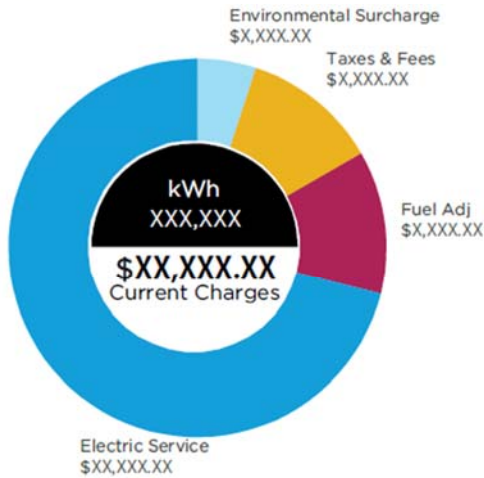

KENTUCKY INDUSTRIAL- PRIMARY & SECONDARY
ADDRESS 123
ABC, KY XXXXX-XXXX

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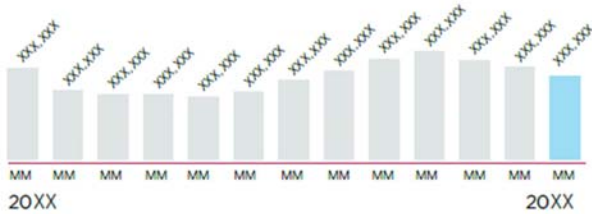
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Current bill summary:

Billing from MM/DD/YY - MM/DD/YY (XX days)



Usage History (kWh):



Methods of Payment

-  kentuckypower.com
-  PO Box 371420
Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7420
-  1-800-611-0964 (fee may apply)

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Turn over for important information! 

Thank you for your prompt payment. Please include your account number on your check and return this stub with your payment.

KENTUCKY INDUSTRIAL-PRIMARY & SECONDARY, ADDRESS 123, ABC, KY XXXXX-XXXX



Non-Payment/Return Mail:
PO BOX 24401
CANTON, OH 44701-4401

Make check payable and send to:
KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
PO BOX 371420 PITTSBURGH,
PA 15250-7420



Account #XXX-XXX-XXX-X-X
KENTUCKY INDUSTRIAL - PRIMARY & SECONDARY

Amount due on or before
MM DD, YYYY **\$XX,XXX.XX**

Payment Amount \$

Pay \$XX,XXX.XX after MM/DD/YYYY

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Service Address:

KENTUCKY INDUSTRIAL-PRIMARY & SECONDARY
ADDRESS 123
ABC, KY XXXXX-XXXX

Account #XXX-XXX-XXX-X-X

Billed Usage MM/YY				
Usage	Power Factor	Power Factor Constant	Meter Location Comp.	Billed Usage
XXX.XXX	-	-	-	XXX.XXX kWh
XXX.XXX	-	-	-	XXX.XXX kW On-Pk
XXX.XXX	-	-	-	XXX.XXX kW Off-Pk
Contract Capacity = X,XXX.X			High Prev Demand = X,XXX.X On-Pk	
			High Prev Demand = X,XXX.X Off-Pk	

Line Item Charges:

Previous Charges	
Total Amount Due At Last Billing	\$ XX,XXX.XX
Payment XX/XX/XX - Thank You	-XX,XXX.XX
Previous Balance Due	\$ XX.XX
Current Charges	
Tariff XXX - Industrial General Service XX/XX/XX	
Rate Billing	\$ XX,XXX.XX
Economic Development Rider - IBDD	-X,XXX.XX
Economic Development Rider - SBDD	-X,XXX.XX
Federal Tax Change @ X,XXXXX- Per kWh	-X,XXX.XX
Fuel Adj @ X,XXXXX Per kWh	X,XXX.XX

Meter Read Details:

Meter #XXXXXXXXXX					
Previous	Type	Current	Type	Metered	Usage
X	X	X.XXX	Actual	X	X kVAR
X	X	X.XXX	Actual	X.XXX	XXX.XX kW On-Pk
XXXXX	Actual	XXXXX	Actual	XXX	XXX.XXX kWh
X	X	X.XXX	Actual	X.XX	XXX.X kW Off-Pk
X	X	X.XXX	Actual	X.XXX	XXX.XX kVAR
Service Period MM/DD - MM/DD				Multiplier XXX	
Next scheduled read date should be between MM DD and MM DD.					
Net Usage : XXX,XXX kWh			Billable Usage: XXX,XXX kWh		

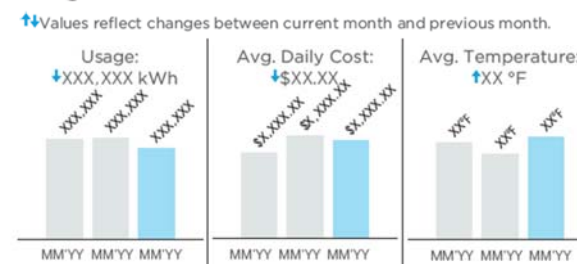
Kentucky Economic Development Surcharge @ \$X.XX	XXX
Distribution Reliability Rider @ \$X.XX	X.XX
Purchased Power Adj. \$X,XXXXX/kWh	XX.XX
Purchased Power Adj. \$X,XXXXX/kW	X,XXX.XX
Renewable Power Option Rider	X,XXX.XX
Securitization Financing Rider X,XXXXX%	XX.XX
Decommissioning Rider X,XXXXX%	XX.XX
Environmental Adj. X,XXXXX%	X,XXX.XX
School Tax	X,XXX.XX
City's Franchise Fee	X,XXX.XX
State Sales Tax	X,XXX.XX
Total Balance Due	\$ XX,XXX.XX

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Due date does not apply to previous balance due.

Usage Details:



Total usage for the past 12 months: X,XXX,XXX kWh
Average (Ava.) monthly usage: XXX,XXX kWh

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Service Address:

KENTUCKY INDUSTRIAL
ADDRESS 123
ABC, KY XXXXX - XXXX
Account #XXX-XXX-XXX-X-X

Line Item Charges:

Previous Charges	
Total Amount Due At Last Billing	\$ XX,XXX.XX
Payment 04/28/22 - Thank You	-XX,XXX.XX
Previous Balance Due	\$ XX.XX
Current Liberty Charges	
Tariff XXX - Industrial General Service XX/XX/XX	
Rate Billing	\$ XXXXXX
Economic Development Rider - IBDD	-X,XXX.XX
Economic Development Rider - SBDD	-X,XXX.XX
Federal Tax Credit @ X,XXXXX- Per kWh	-X,XXX.XX
Fuel Adj @ X,XXXXX Per kWh	X,XXX.XX
Kentucky Economic Development Surcharge @ \$X.XX	X.XX
Capacity Charge @ X,XXXXX Per kWh	XXX.XX
Purchased Power Adj. \$X,XXXXX/kWh	XX.XX
Purchased Power Adj. \$X,XXXXX/kWh	X,XXX.XX
Renewable Power Option Rider	X,XXX.XX
Decommissioning Rider X,XXXXX%	XX.XX
Environmental Adj. X,XXXXX%	X,XXX.XX
School Tax	X,XXX.XX
Franchise Tax	X,XXX.XX
State Sales Tax	X,XXX.XX
Current Balance Due	\$ XX,XXX.XX
Total Balance Due	\$ XX,XXX.XX
Pay \$XX,XXX.XX after MM/DD/YYYY	

Billed Usage MM/YY				
Usage	Power Factor	Power Factor Constant	Meter Location Comp.	Billed Usage
XXX,XXX	-	-	-	XXX,XXX kWh
XXX,XXX	-	-	-	XXX,XXX kW On-Pk
XXX,XXX	-	-	-	XXX,XXX kW Off-Pk
Contract Capacity = X,XXX.X			High Prev Demand = X,XXX.X On-Pk	
			High Prev Demand = X,XXX.X Off-Pk	

Meter Read Details:

Meter #XXXXXXXXXX					
Previous	Type	Current	Type	Metered	Usage
X	X	X,XXX	Actual	X	X kVAR
X	X	X,XXX	Actual	X,XXX	XXX,XXX kW On-Pk
XXXXX	Actual	XXXXX	Actual	XXX	XXX,XXX kWh
X	X	X,XXX	Actual	X,XX	XXX,XXX kW Off-Pk
X	X	X,XXX	Actual	X,XXX	XXX,XXX kVAR
Service Period MM/DD - MM/DD				Multiplier: XXX	
Next scheduled read date should be between MM DD and MM DD.					

Net Usage : XXX,XXX kWh Billable Usage: XXX,XXX kWh

Notes from Kentucky Power:

If you are an AutoPay customer, we will continue to process your monthly AutoPay withdrawals. If you do not wish to continue AutoPay, please log in to your electric account on our website and select Manage AutoPay to un-enroll.

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Due date does not apply to previous balance due.

Usage Details:

↑↓ Values reflect changes between current month and previous month.



Total usage for the past 12 months: X,XXX,XXX kWh

Average (Avg.) monthly usage: XXX,XXX kWh

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Non-Payment/Return Mail:
PO BOX 24401
CANTON, OH 44701-4401

Amount due on or before
MM DD, YYYY **\$XX,XXX.XX**

Bill mailing date is MM DD, YYYY
Account #XXX-XXX-XXX-X-X

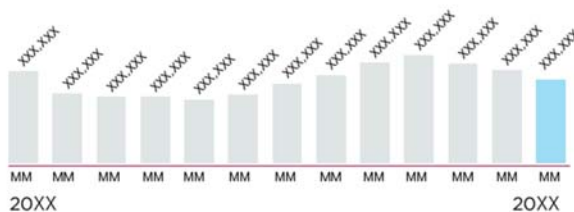
SERVICE ADDRESS: KENTUCKY INDUSTRIAL-SUBTRANSMISSION & TRANSMISSION, ADDRESS 123, ABC, KY XXXXX-XXXX


KENTUCKY INDUSTRIAL-
SUBTRANSMISSION & TRANSMISSION
ADDRESS 123
ABC, KY XXXXX-XXXX

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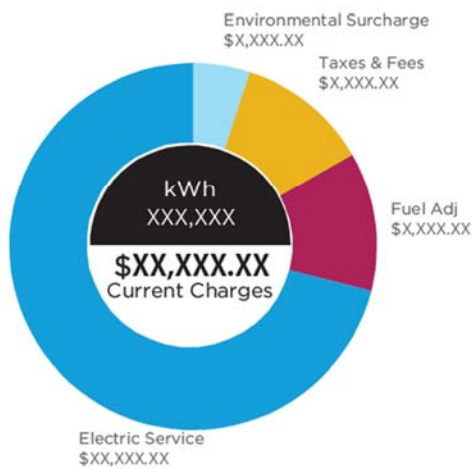
Make this bill the last one sent in the mail! Go paperless and get email alerts when your bill is ready. Sign up at kentuckypower.com/paperless!

Usage History (kWh):



Current bill summary:

Billing from MM/DD/YY - MM/DD/YY (XX days)



Methods of Payment

-  kentuckypower.com
-  PO Box 371420
Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7420
-  1-800-611-0964 (fee may apply)

Need to get in touch?

Customer Operations Center: 1-888-710-4237
Outages: kentuckypower.com/outages
or 1-800-572-1113

Please tear on dotted line.

Turn over for important information! 

Thank you for your prompt payment. Please include your account number on your check and return this stub with your payment.

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Non-Payment/Return Mail:
PO BOX 24401
CANTON, OH 44701-4401

KENTUCKY INDUSTRIAL - SUBTRANSMISSION & TRANSMISSION

Account #XXX-XXX-XXX-X-X
Amount due on or before
MM DD, YYYY **\$XX,XXX.XX**

Payment Amount \$

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KENTUCKY INDUSTRIAL –
SUBTRANSMISSION AND TRANSMISSION
ADDRESS 123
ABC, KY XXXXX – XXXX
Account #XXX-XXX-XXX-X-X

Billed Usage MM/YY				
Usage	Power Factor	Power Factor Constant	Meter Location Comp.	Billed Usage
XXX.XXX	-	-	-	XXX.XXX kWh
XXX.XXX	-	-	-	XXX.XXX kW On-Pk
XXX.XXX	-	-	-	XXX.XXX kW Off-Pk
Contract Capacity = X.XXX.X			High Prev Demand = X.XXX.X On-Pk	
			High Prev Demand = X.XXX.X Off-Pk	

Previous Charges	
Total Amount Due At Last Billing	\$ XX,XXX.XX
Payment XX/XX/XX - Thank You	-XX,XXX.XX
Previous Balance Due	\$ XX.XX
Current Charges	
Tariff XXX - Industrial General Service XX/XX/XX	
Rate Billing	\$ XX,XXX.XX
Economic Development Rider - IBDD	-X,XXX.XX
Economic Development Rider - SBDD	-X,XXX.XX
Federal Tax Change @ X.XXXXX- Per kWh	-X,XXX.XX
Fuel Adj @ X.XXXXX Per kWh	X,XXX.XX

Meter Read Details:

Meter #XXXXXXXXXX					
Previous	Type	Current	Type	Metered	Usage
X	X	X.XXX	Actual	X	X kVAR
X	X	X.XXX	Actual	X.XXX	XXX.XX kW On-Pk
XXXXX	Actual	XXXXX	Actual	XXX	XXX.XXX kWh
X	X	X.XXX	Actual	X.XX	XXX.X kW Off-Pk
X	X	X.XXX	Actual	X.XXX	XXX.XX kVAR
Service Period MM/DD - MM/DD				Multiplier XXX	
Next scheduled read date should be between MM DD and MM DD.					
Net Usage : XXX,XXX kWh			Billable Usage: XXX,XXX kWh		

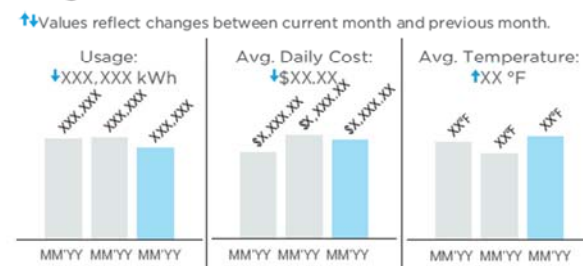
Kentucky Economic Development Surcharge @ \$X.XX	XXX
Purchased Power Adj. \$X.XXXXX/kWh	XX.XX
Purchased Power Adj. \$X.XXXXX/kW	X,XXX.XX
Renewable Power Option Rider	X,XXX.XX
Securitization Financing Rider X.XXXXX%	XXX.XX
Decommissioning Rider X.XXXXX%	XX.XX
Environmental Adj. X.XXXXX%	X,XXX.XX
School Tax	X,XXX.XX
City's Franchise Fee	X,XXX.XX
State Sales Tax	X,XXX.XX
Total Balance Due	\$ XX,XXX.XX

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Due date does not apply to previous balance due.

Usage Details:



Total usage for the past 12 months: X,XXX,XXX kWh
Average (Avg.) monthly usage: XXX,XXX kWh

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Capacity and Energy Control Program

Introduction

Kentucky Power Company's Capacity and Energy Control Program outlines the procedures the Company will follow in the event of an emergency that threatens the continued reliable operation of bulk power supply system. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Capacity and Energy Control Program, the Company shall have the right to take whatever steps, with or without notice and without liability on Company's part, that Company believes necessary, in whatever order consistent with good utility practices and not on an unduly discriminatory basis, to preserve system integrity and to prevent the collapse of Company's electric system or interconnected electric network or to restore service following an outage. Such actions will be taken giving priority to maintaining service to Company's retail and full requirements customers relative to other sales whenever feasible and as allowed by law. The Company's Capacity and Energy Control Program consists of three sets of procedures:

- I. Procedures During Abnormal System Frequency
- II. Capacity Deficiency Program
- III. Energy Emergency Control Program

Specific details regarding the Company's Capacity and Energy Control Program are included in the Company's Emergency Operating Plan ("EOP"). A copy of the Company's current EOP is on file with the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Administrative Case No. 345. Where this tariff diverts from the Company's EOP, the EOP Plan shall govern.

I. AEP/PJM Procedures During Abnormal System Frequency (EOP Section IV)

a. Purpose

Precautionary procedures are required to meet emergency conditions such as system separation and operation at subnormal frequency. In addition, the coordination of these emergency procedures with neighboring companies is essential. The AEP/PJM program described below provides procedures for reducing the consumption of electric energy on the Company's system in the event of a period of abnormal system frequency.

b. AEP/PJM Procedures

From 59.8 – 60.2 Hz, to the extent practicable, the Company will utilize all operating and emergency reserves. The manner of utilization of these reserves depends on the behavior of the System during the emergency.

For rapid frequency decline, the Company will utilize capacity that is on-line and automatically responsive to frequency (spinning reserve) and such measures as interconnection assistance and automatic load reductions to arrest the decline in frequency.

If the frequency decline is gradual, the Generation/Production Optimization Group, particularly in the deficient area, will invoke non-automatic procedures involving operating and emergency reserves. These efforts will continue until the frequency decline is arrested or until automatic load-shedding devices operate at subnormal frequencies. A deficient Balancing Authority shall only use the assistance provided by the Interconnection's frequency bias for the time needed to implement corrective actions. The Balancing Authority shall not unilaterally adjust generation in an attempt to return Interconnection frequency to normal beyond that supplied through frequency bias action and Interchange Schedule changes. Such unilateral adjustment may overload transmission facilities. At 59.75 Hz, the Company will suspend Automatic Generation Control (AGC) and notify Interruptible Customers to drop load.

If at any time the decline in area frequency is arrested below 59.5 Hz, the Company will evaluate whether the area should manually shed an additional 5% of its initial load. If, after five minutes, shedding 5% of load has not returned the area frequency to 59.5 Hz or above, the area shall manually shed an additional 5% of its remaining load and continue to repeat in five-minute intervals until 59.5 Hz is reached. These steps must be completed within the time constraints imposed upon the operation of generating units that are discussed in the EOP subsection titled, "Isolation of Coal-fired Generating Units."

Automatic Load Shedding Program details are located in Section IV of the Company's EOP.

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II. Capacity Deficiency Program (EOP Section III)

a. Purpose

The purpose of the Capacity Deficiency Program is to provide a plan for full utilization of emergency capacity resources and for orderly reduction in the aggregate customer demand on the American Electric Power (AEP) East/PJM Eastern System in the event of a capacity deficiency. A capacity deficiency is a shortage of generation versus load and can be caused by generating unit outages and/or extreme internal load requirements.

b. AEP East/PJM Procedures

There are three general levels of emergency actions for capacity deficiencies:

- Alerts - issued in advance of the operating day for elevated awareness and to give time for advanced preparations.
- Warnings - issued real time, typically preceding, and with an estimated time/window for a potential future action.
- Actions - issued real time and requires PJM and/or Member response. PJM actions are consistent with NERC and RFC EOP standards.

The Company may also issue an Advisory, one or more days in advance of the operating day during which a capacity deficiency may occur, that are general in nature and are for elevated awareness only. No preparations or actions are required in response to an Advisory.

Alerts

Voluntary Customer Load Curtailment Alert

The purpose of the Voluntary Customer Load Curtailment Alert is to alert members of the probable future need to implement a voluntary customer load curtailment. It is implemented whenever the estimated operating reserve capacity indicates a probable future need for voluntary customer load curtailment.

Real Time Emergency Procedures (Warnings and Actions)

Warnings

Warnings are issued in real time during present operations to inform members of actual capacity shortages or contingencies that may jeopardize the reliable operation of the PJM RTO. Generally, a warning precedes an associated action. The intent of warnings is to keep all affected system personnel aware of the forecast and/or actual status of the PJM RTO.

Actions

The PJM RTO is normally loaded according to bid prices; however, during periods of reserve deficiencies, other measures must be taken to maintain system reliability. These measures involve:

- loading generation that is restricted for reasons other than cost
- recalling non-capacity backed off-system sales
- purchasing emergency energy from participants / surrounding pools
- load relief measures

The Company's EOP includes a nine-step warning and action procedure during capacity deficiency conditions.

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c. Priority Levels

For the purpose of these capacity deficiency procedures, the following Priority Levels for loads have been established:

- I. Essential Health and Safety Uses – to be given special consideration in these procedures shall, insofar as the situation permits, include the following types of use:
 - a. Hospitals, which shall be limited to institutions providing medical care to patients.
 - b. Life Support Equipment, which shall be limited to kidney machines, respirators, and similar equipment used to sustain the life of a person.
 - c. Police Stations and Government Detention Institutions, which shall be limited to essential uses required for police activities and the operation of facilities used for the detention of persons.
 - d. Fire Stations, which shall be limited to facilities housing mobile fire-fighting apparatus.
 - e. Communication Services, which shall be limited to essential uses required for telephone, telegraph, television, radio and newspaper operations, and operation of state and local emergency services.
 - f. Water and Sewage Services, which shall be limited to essential uses required for the supply of water to a community, flood pumping and sewage disposal.
 - g. Transportation and Defense-related Services, which shall be limited to essential uses required for the operation, guidance control and navigation of air, rail and mass transit systems, including those uses essential to the national defense and operation of state and local emergency services. These uses shall include essential services such as street, highway and signal-lighting.

Although, when practical, these types of uses will be given special consideration when implementing the manual load-shedding provisions of this program, any customer may be affected by rotating or unplanned outages and should install emergency generation equipment if continuity of service is essential. Where the emergency is system-wide in nature, consideration will be given to the use of rotating outages as operationally practicable. In case of customers supplied from two utility sources, only one source will be given special consideration. Also, any other customers who, in their opinion, have critical equipment should install emergency generation equipment.

Company maintains lists of customers with life support equipment and other critical needs for the purpose of curtailments and service restorations. Company, lacking knowledge of changes that may occur at any time in Customer's equipment, operation, and backup resources, does not assume the responsibility of identifying customers with priority needs. It shall, therefore, be Customer's responsibility to notify Company if Customer has critical needs.

- II. Critical Commercial and Industrial Uses – Except as described in Section C.III below, these uses shall include commercial or industrial operations requiring regimented shutdowns to prevent conditions hazardous to the general population, and to energy utilities and their support facilities critical to the production, transportation, and distribution of service to the general population. Company shall maintain a list of such customers for the purpose of curtailments and service restoration.
- III. Residential Use – Residential use during certain weather conditions (for example severe winter weather) will receive precedence over critical commercial and industrial uses. The availability of Company service personnel and the circumstances associated with the outage will also be considered in the restoration of service.

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Priority Levels Continued

- IV. Non-critical commercial and industrial uses.
- V. Nonessential Uses – The following and similar types of uses of electric energy shall be considered nonessential for all customers:
 - a. Outdoor flood and advertising lighting, except for the minimum level to protect life and property, and a single illuminated sign identifying commercial facilities when operating after dark.
 - b. General interior lighting levels greater than minimum functional levels.
 - c. Show-window and display lighting.
 - d. Parking lot lighting above minimum functional levels.
 - e. Energy use to lower the temperature below 78 degrees during operation of cooling equipment and above 65 degrees during operation of heating equipment.
 - f. Elevator and escalator use in excess of the minimum necessary for non-peak hours of use.
 - g. Energy use greater than that which is the minimum required for lighting, heating, or cooling of commercial or industrial facilities for maintenance cleaning or business-related activities during non-business hours.

Non-jurisdictional customers will be treated in a manner consistent with the curtailment procedures contained in the service agreement between the parties or the applicable tariff.

d. Curtailment Procedures

In the event Company's load exceeds internal generation, transmission, or distribution capacity, or other system disturbances exist, and internal efforts have failed to alleviate the problem, including emergency energy purchases, the following steps may be taken, individually or in combination, in the order necessary as time permits:

1. Customers having their own internal generation capacity will be curtailed, and customers on interruptible contracts will be curtailed for the maximum hours and load allowable under their contract. Nothing in this procedure shall limit Company's rights under the Contract Service – Interruptible Power Tariff or the Alternate Feed Service Rider.
2. Power output will be maximized at Company's generating units.
3. Company use of energy at its generating stations will be reduced to a minimum.
4. Company's use of electric energy in the operation of its offices and other facilities will be reduced to a minimum.
5. The Kentucky Public Service Commission will be advised of the situation.
6. An appeal will be made to customers through the news media and/or personal contact to voluntarily curtail as much load as possible. The appeal will emphasize the defined priority levels as set forth above.
7. Customers will be advised through the use of the news media and personal contact that load interruption is imminent.
8. Implement procedures for interruption of selected distribution circuits.

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e. Service Restoration Procedures

Where practical, priority uses will be considered in restoring service and service will be restored in the order I through V as defined under Priority Levels described above. However, because of the varieties of unpredictable circumstances which may exist or precipitate outages, it may be necessary to balance specific individual needs with infrastructure needs that affect a larger population. When practical, Company will attempt to provide estimates of repair times on its website to aid customers in assessing the need for alternative power sources and temporary relocations.

III. Energy Emergency Control Program (EOP Section V)

a. Introduction

The purpose of this plan is to provide for the reduction of the consumption of electric energy on the American Electric Power Company System in the event of a severe coal fuel shortage, such as might result from a general strike, or severe weather.

b. Procedures

In the event of a potential severe coal shortage, such as one resulting from a general coal strike, the following steps will be implemented. These steps will be carried out to the extent permitted by contractual commitments or by order of the regulatory authorities having jurisdiction. For further information, see EOP Section V.

With regard to mandatory curtailments, the Company proposes to monitor compliance after the fact. A customer exceeding his electric allotment would be warned to curtail his usage or face, upon continuing noncompliance and upon one day's actual written notice, disconnection of electric service for the duration of the energy emergency.

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Standard Nominal Voltages

The voltage available to any individual customer shall depend upon the voltage of the Company's lines serving the area in which customer is provided service.

Electric service provided under the Company's rate schedules will be 60 hertz alternating current delivered from various load centers at nominal voltages and phases as available in a given location as follows:

Secondary Distribution Voltages

Residential Service

Single phase 120/240 volts three wire or 120/208 volts three wire on network system.

General Service - All Except Residential

Single-phase 120/240 volts three wire or 120/208 volts three wire on network system. Three-phase 120/208 volts four wire on network system, 120/240 volts four wire, 240 volts three wire, 480 volts three wire and 277/480 volts four wire, Single-phase 480 volts two wire, and Single-phase 240/480 volts three wire.

Primary Distribution Voltages

The Company's primary distribution voltage levels at load centers are 2,400; 4,160Y; 7,200; 12,470Y; 19,900 and 34,500Y.

Subtransmission Line Voltages

The Company's sub transmission voltage levels are 34,500; 46,000; and 69,000.

Transmission Line Voltages

The Company's transmission voltage levels are 138,000; 161,000; 345,000; and 765,000.

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**Tariff R.S.
(Residential Service)**

Availability of Service

Available for full domestic electric service through 1 (one) meter to individual residential customers including rural residential customers engaged principally in agricultural pursuits.

Rate (*Tariff Codes 015, 017, 022*)

Service Charge	\$2017.0050	per month
Energy Charge	120.947799¢	per kWh

Minimum Charge

This tariff is subject to a minimum monthly charge equal to the Service Charge.

Adjustment Clauses

The bill amount computed at the charges specified above shall be increased or decreased in accordance with the following:

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Due Date

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Volunteer Departments (*Tariff Code 024*)

Volunteer Fire Departments may qualify pursuant to KRS 278.172 for this tariff but will be required to provide a completed Form 990 and update it annually.

Optional Seasonal Provision (*Tariff Code XXX*)

For residential customers desiring to take seasonal rate service. Service under this provision shall be for a minimum of 12 consecutive billing months.

Service Charge	<u>\$20.00</u>	per month
Energy Charge		
All kWh used during winter billing months (December-March)	<u>11.947¢</u>	per kWh

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All kWh used during all other months (April-November) 13.762¢ per kWh

This provision is subject to the Service Charge, and the adjustment clauses as stated in the Adjustment Clause section.

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**Tariff R.S. Continued
(Residential Service)**

Storage Water Heating Provision

This provision is withdrawn except for the present installations of current customers receiving service hereunder at premises served prior to April 1, 1997.

If the customer installs a Company approved storage water heating system which consumes electrical energy only during off-peak hours as specified by the Company and stores hot water for use during on-peak hours, the following shall apply:

Tariff Code

012	For Minimum Capacity of 80 gallons, the last 300 kWh of use in any month shall be billed at	87.603 888¢	per kWh
013	For Minimum Capacity of 100 gallons, the last 400 kWh of use in any month shall be billed at	87.603 888¢	per kWh
014	For Minimum Capacity of 120 gallons or greater, the last 500 kWh of use in any month shall be billed at	87.603 888¢	per kWh

These provisions, however, shall in no event apply to the first 200 KWH used in any month, which shall be billed in accordance with the “Monthly Rate” as set forth above.

For purpose of this provision, the on-peak billing period is defined as 7:00A.M. to 9:00P.M. for all weekdays, Monday through Friday. The off-peak billing period is defined as 9:00PM to 7:00AM for all weekdays and all hours of Saturday and Sunday.

The Company reserves the right to inspect at all reasonable times the storage water heating system and devices which qualify the residence for service under the storage water heater provision, and to ascertain by any reasonable means that the time-differentiated load characteristics of such devices meet the Company’s specifications. If the Company finds that in its sole judgment the availability conditions of this provision are being violated, it may discontinue billing the Customer under this provision and commence billing under the standard monthly rate.

This provision is subject to the Service Charge, and the adjustment clauses as stated in the Adjustment Clauses section.

Load Management Water-Heating Provision (*Tariff Code 011*)

For residential customers who install a load management water-heating system which consumes electrical energy during off-peak hours specified by the Company and stores hot water for use during on-peak hours, of minimum capacity of 80 gallons, the last 250 kWh of use in any month shall be billed at ~~87.603~~888¢ per kWh.

This provision, however, shall in no event apply to the first 200 kWh used in any month, which shall be billed in accordance with the “Monthly Rate” as set forth above.

For the purpose of this provision, the on-peak billing period is defined as 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. for all weekdays, Monday through Friday. The off-peak billing period is defined as 9:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. for all weekdays and all hours of Saturday and Sunday.

The Company reserves the right to inspect at all reasonable times the load management water-heating system(s) and devices which qualify the residence for service under the Load Management Water-Heating Provision. If the Company finds that, in its sole judgment, the availability conditions of this provision are being violated; it may discontinue billing the Customer under this provision and commence billing under the standard monthly rate.

This provision is subject to the Service Charge, and the adjustment clauses as stated in the Adjustment Clauses section.

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Tariff R.S. Continued (Residential Service)

Special Terms and Conditions

This tariff is subject to the Company's Terms and Conditions of Service.

This service is available to rural domestic customers engaged principally in agricultural pursuits where service is taken through one meter for residential purposes as well as for the usual farm uses outside the home, but it is not extended to operations of a commercial nature or operations such as processing, preparing or distributing products not raised or produced on the farm, unless such operation is incidental to the usual residential and farm uses.

The Company shall have the option of reading meters monthly or bimonthly and rendering bills accordingly. When bills are rendered bimonthly, the minimum charge and the quantity of KWH in each block of the rates shall be multiplied by two.

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:041, Section 11, paragraph (1), of Public Service Commission Regulations, the Company will make an extension of 1,000 feet or less to its existing distribution line without charge for a prospective permanent residential customer served under this R.S.Tariff. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:041 Section 12 extensions of up to 150 feet for a mobile home are provided without charge.

This tariff is available for single-phase, residential service. Where the residential customer requests three-phase service, this tariff will apply if the residential customer pays to the Company the difference between constructing single-phase service and three-phase service. Where motors or heating equipment are used for commercial or industrial purposes, the applicable general service tariff will apply to such service.

Customers with PURPA Section 210 qualifying cogeneration and/or small power production facilities shall take service under Tariff COGEN/SPP I or by special agreement.

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**Tariff R.S.-L.M.-T.O.D.
(Residential Service Load Management Time of Day)**

Availability of Service

Available to customers eligible for Tariff R.S. (Residential Service) who use energy storage devices with time-differentiated load characteristics approved by the Company which consume electrical energy only during off-peak hours specified by the Company and store energy for use during on-peak hours.

Households eligible to be served under this tariff shall be metered through a multiple-register meter capable of measuring electrical energy consumption during the on-peak and off-peak billing periods.

Rate (Tariff Codes 028, 030, 032, 034)

Service Charge	\$243.00	per month
Energy Charge		
All kWh used during on-peak billing period	184.6465 34¢	per kWh
All kWh used during off-peak billing period	87.60388 8¢	per kWh

For the purpose of this tariff, the on-peak billing period is defined as 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. for all weekdays, Monday through Friday. The off-peak period is defined as 9:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. for all weekdays and all hours of Saturday and Sunday.

Conservation and Load Management Credit

For the combination of an approved electric thermal storage space heating system and water heater, both of which are designed to consume electrical energy only between the hours of 9:00P.M. and 7:00A.M. for all days of the week, each residence will be credited 0.745¢ per kWh for all energy used during the off-peak billing period, for a total of 60 monthly billing periods following the installation and use of these devices in such residence.

Minimum Charge

This tariff is subject to a minimum monthly charge equal to the Service Charge.

Adjustment Clauses

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Due Date

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**Tariff R.S.-L.M.-T.O.D. Continued
(Residential Service Load Management Time of Day)**

Separate Metering Provision

Customers who use electric thermal storage space heating and water heaters which consume energy only during off-peak hours specified by the Company, or other automatically controlled load management devices such as space and/or water heating equipment that use energy only during off-peak hours specified by the Company, shall have the option of having these approved load management devices separately metered. The service charge for the separate meter shall be \$4.30 per month.

Separate Terms and Conditions

This tariff is subject to the Company's Terms and Conditions of Service. Existing customers may initially choose to take service under this tariff without satisfying any requirements to remain on their current tariff for at least 12 months.

The Company reserves the right to inspect at all reasonable times the energy storage and load management devices which qualify the residence for service and for conservation and load management credits under this tariff, and to ascertain by any reasonable means that the time-differentiated load characteristics of such devices meet the Company's specifications. If the Company finds, that in its sole judgment, the availability conditions of this tariff are being violated; it may discontinue billing the Customer under this tariff and commence billing under the appropriate Residential Service Tariff.

This tariff is available for single-phase, residential service. Where the residential customer requests three-phase service, this tariff will apply if the residential customer pays to the Company the difference between constructing single-phase service and three-phase service. Where motors or heating equipment are used for commercial or industrial purposes, the applicable general service tariff will apply to such service.

Customers with PURPA Section 210 qualifying cogeneration and/or small power production facilities shall take service under Tariff COGEN/SPP I or by special agreement with the Company.

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**Tariff R.S.-T.O.D.
(Residential Service Time of Day)**

Availability of Service

Available for residential electric service through a multiple-register meter capable of measuring electrical energy consumption during the on-peak and off-peak billing periods to individual residential customers, including residential customers engaged principally in agricultural pursuits. Availability is limited to the first 1,000 customers applying for service under this tariff.

Rate (Tariff Code 036)

Service Charge	\$ 231 .00	per month
Energy Charge		
All kWh used during on-peak billing period	184.6465 34¢	per kWh
All kWh used during off-peak billing period	87.60388 8¢	per kWh

For the purpose of this tariff, the on-peak billing period is defined as 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. for all weekdays, Monday through Friday. The off-peak period is defined as 9:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. for all weekdays and all hours of Saturday and Sunday.

Minimum Charge

This tariff is subject to a minimum monthly charge equal to the Service Charge.

Adjustment Clauses

The bill amount computed at the charges specified above shall be increased or decreased in accordance with the following:

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Due Date

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This tariff is subject to the Company's Terms and Conditions of Service.

This tariff is available for single-phase, residential service. Where the residential customer requests three-phase service, this tariff will apply if the residential customer pays to the Company the difference between constructing single-phase service and three-phase service. Where motors or heating equipment are used for commercial or industrial purposes, the applicable general service tariff will apply to such service.

Customers with PURPA Section 210 qualifying cogeneration and/or small power production facilities shall take service under Tariff COGEN/SPP I or by special agreement with the Company.

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Tariff R.S.-T.O.D.2
(Experimental Residential Service Time of Day 2)

Availability of Service

Available on a voluntary, experimental basis to individual residential customers for residential electric service through a multi-register meter capable of measuring electrical energy consumption during variable pricing periods. Availability is limited to the first 500 customers applying for service under this tariff.

Rate (Tariff Code 027)

Service Charge	\$ 234 .00	per month
Energy Charge		
All kWh used during Summer on-peak billing period	18. 92184 9¢	per kWh
All kWh used during Winter on-peak billing period	136. 6423 52¢	per kWh
All kWh used during off-peak billing period	129. 2779 85¢	per kWh

For the purpose of this tariff, the on-peak and off-peak billing periods shall be defined as follows:

Months Approximate Percent (%) of Annual Hours	On-Peak 16%	Off-Peak 84%
Winter Period: November 1 to March 31	7:00 AM to 11:00 AM 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM	11:00 AM to 6:00 PM 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM
Summer Period: May 15 to September 15	Noon to 6:00 PM	6:00 PM to Noon
All Other Calendar Periods	None	Midnight to Midnight

Note: All kWh consumed during Saturday and Sunday are billed at the off-peak level.

Minimum Charge

This tariff is subject to a minimum monthly charge equal to the Service Charge.

Adjustment Clauses

The bill amount computed at the charges specified above shall be increased or decreased in accordance with the following:

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Due Date

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Special Terms and Conditions

This tariff is subject to the Company's Terms and Conditions of Service.

This tariff is available for single-phase, residential service. Where the residential customer requests three-phase service, this tariff will apply if the residential customer pays to the Company the difference between constructing single-phase service and three-phase service. Where motors or heating equipment are used for commercial or industrial purposes, the applicable general service tariff will apply to such service.

Customers with PURPA Section 210 qualifying cogeneration and/or small power production facilities shall take service under Tariff COGEN/SPP I or by special agreement with the Company.

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Tariff R.S.D.
(Residential Demand-Metered Electric Service)

Availability of Service

Available for residential electric service through one single-phase multiple-register demand meter. Availability is limited to the first 1,000 customers applying for service under this tariff.

Monthly Rate (Tariff Code 018)

Service Charge	\$ 234 .00	per customer
Energy Charge		
All kWh used during on-peak billing period	1 12.843354 ¢	per kWh
All kWh used during off-peak billing period	8 7.603888 ¢	per kWh
Demand Charge	\$ 63.7790	for each kW of monthly billing demand

For the purpose of this tariff, the on-peak billing period is defined as follows:

Months of October – May: 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM for all weekdays
Months of June – September 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM for all weekdays

The off-peak billing period is defined as all weekday hours not defined above as on-peak and all hours of Saturday and Sunday

Minimum Charge

This tariff is subject to a minimum monthly charge equal to the Service Charge.

Adjustment Clauses

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Monthly Billing Demand

Customer's demand will be taken monthly to be the highest registration of a 60 minute integrating demand meter or indicator during the on- peak period.

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Due Date

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Special Terms and Conditions

This Rider is subject to the Company's Terms and Conditions of Service and all provisions of the tariff under which the customer takes service, including all payment provisions. Where the residential customer requests three-phase service, this tariff will apply if the residential customer pays the Company the difference between constructing single-phase service and three-phase service. Where motors or heating equipment are used for commercial or industrial purposes, the applicable general service tariff will apply to such service.

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Tariff G.S. (General Service)

Availability of Service

Available for general service customers. Customers may continue to qualify for service under this tariff until their average maximum demand exceeds 100 kW (excluding the demand served by the Load Management Time-of-Day provision).

Existing customers not meeting the above criteria will be permitted to continue service under present conditions only for continuous service at the premises occupied on or prior to December 5, 1984.

Rate

Tariff Code	Service Voltage	Demand Charge (\$/kW)	First 4,450 kWh (¢/kWh)	Over 4,450 kWh (¢/kWh)	Monthly Service Charge (\$)
211, 212, 215, 216, 218	Secondary	86.8264	120.292907	100.813204	285.00
217, 220	Primary	86.034	109.790574	98.533993	1200.00
236	Subtransmission	64.3868	98.763663	88.629141	4600.00

The Demand Charge shall apply to all monthly billing demand in excess of 10 kW.

Minimum Charge

This tariff is subject to a minimum charge equal to the sum of the service charge plus the demand charge multiplied by the monthly billing demand in excess of 10 kW.

Adjustment Clauses

The bill amount computed at the charges specified above shall be increased or decreased in accordance with the following:

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Delayed Payment Charge

~~This tariff is due and payable in full on or before the due date stated on the bill. On all accounts not so paid, an additional charge of 5% of the unpaid balance will be made.~~

Metered Voltage

The rates set forth in this tariff are based upon the delivery and measurements of energy at the same voltage, thus measurement will be made at or compensated to the delivery voltage. At the sole discretion of the Company, such compensation may be

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achieved through the use of loss compensating equipment, the use of formulas to calculate losses or the application of multipliers to the metered quantities. In such cases, the metered KWH and KW values will be adjusted for billing purposes. If the Company elects to adjust KWH and KW based on multipliers, the adjustment shall be in accordance with the following:

1. Measurements taken at the low-side of a Customer-owned transformer will be multiplied by 1.01.
2. Measurements taken at the high-side of a Company-owned transformer will be multiplied by 0.98.

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**Tariff G.S. Continued
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Monthly Billing Demand

Energy supplied hereunder will be delivered through not more than one single phase and/or polyphase meter. Customer's demand will be taken monthly to be the highest registration of a 15-minute integrating demand meter or indicator, or the highest registration of a thermal type demand meter. The monthly billing demand shall be the greater of: (1) Customer's metered kW demand, (2) 60% of the Customer's contract capacity in excess of 100 kW, or (3) 60% of the customer's highest previously established monthly billing demand during the past 11 months in excess of 100 KW.

The Company reserves the right to install a demand meter on any customer receiving service under this tariff. A demand meter will be installed by the Company for customers with monthly kWh usage of 4,450 kWh or greater.

Recreational Lighting Service Provision

Available for service to customers with demands of 5 KW or greater and who own and maintain outdoor lighting facilities and associated equipment utilized at baseball diamonds, football stadiums, parks and other similar recreational areas. This service is available only during the hours between sunset and sunrise. Daytime use of energy under this rate is strictly forbidden except for the sole purpose of testing and maintaining the lighting system. All Terms and Conditions of Service applicable to Tariff G.S. customers will also apply to recreational lighting customers except for the Availability of Service.

Rate (Tariff Code 214)

Service Charge	\$ 285.00	per month
Energy Charge	130.336838¢	per kWh

Load Management Time of Day Provision

Available to customers who use energy storage devices with time-differentiated load characteristics approved by the Company which consume electrical energy only during off-peak hours specified by the Company and store energy for use during on-peak hours, and who desire to receive service under this provision for their total requirements. This provision is also available for electric vehicle charging if separately metered.

Customers who desire to separately wire their load management load to a time-of-day meter and their general-use load to a standard meter shall receive service for both under the appropriate provision of this tariff.

Rate (Tariff Codes 223 and 225)

Service Charge	\$ 258.00	per month
Energy Charge		
All kWh used during on-peak billing period	185.567908¢	per kWh
All kWh used during off-peak billing period	87.558915¢	per kWh

For the purpose of this tariff, the on-peak billing period is defined as 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. for all weekdays, Monday through Friday. The off-peak billing period is defined as 9:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. for all weekdays and all hours of Saturday and Sunday.

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Optional Unmetered Service Provision

Available to customers who qualify for Tariff G.S., have a demand of less than 10 KW, and use the Company’s service for commercial purposes consisting of small fixed electric loads such as traffic signals and signboards which can be served by a standard service drop from the Company’s existing secondary distribution system. This service will be furnished at the option of the Company.

Each separate service delivery point shall be considered a contract location and shall be separately billed under the service contract. In the event one Customer has several accounts for like service, the Company may meter one account to determine the appropriate kilowatt-hour usage applicable for each of the accounts.

The Customer shall furnish switching equipment satisfactory to the Company. The Customer shall notify the Company in advance of every change in connected load, and the Company reserves the right to inspect the customer’s equipment at any time to verify the actual load. In the event of the customer’s failure to notify the Company of an increase in load, the Company reserves the right to refuse to serve the contract location thereafter under this provision, and shall be entitled to bill the customer retroactively on the basis of the increased load for the full period such load was connected or the earliest date allowed by Kentucky statute whichever is applicable.

Calculated energy use per month shall be equal to the contract capacity specified at the contract location times the number of days in the billing period times the specified hours of operation. Such calculated energy shall then be billed at the following rates:

Rate (Tariff Codes 204 (Metered) and 213 (Unmetered))

Customer Charge	\$15.00	per month
Energy Charge		
First 4,450 kWh per month	120.292907¢	per kWh
All Over 4,450 kWh per month	10.813204¢	per kWh

Term of Contract

Contracts under this tariff may be required of customers. Contracts under this tariff will be made for an initial period of not less than 1 (one) year and shall remain in effect thereafter until either party shall give at least 6 months’ written notice to the other of the intention to terminate the contract. The Company will have the right to make contracts for periods of longer than 1 (one) year.

Special Terms and Conditions

This tariff is subject to the Company’s Terms and Conditions of Service.

This tariff is also available to Customers having other sources of energy supply but who desire to purchase standby or back-up electric service from the Company. Where such conditions exist the Customer shall contract for the maximum demand in KW which the Company might be required to furnish, but no less than 10 KW. The Company shall not be obligated to supply demands in excess of that contracted for. Where service is supplied under the provisions of this paragraph, the billing demand each month shall be the highest determined for the current and previous two billing periods, and the minimum charge shall be as set forth under paragraph “Minimum Charge” above.

This tariff is available for resale service to mining and industrial customers who furnish service to customer-owned camps or villages where living quarters are rented to employees and where the Customer purchases power at a single point of both their power and camp requirements.

Customers with PURPA Section 210 qualifying cogeneration and/or small power production facilities shall take service under Tariff COGEN/SPP I or II or by special agreement with the Company.

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Tariff S.G.S.-T.O.D.
(Small General Service Time of Day Service)

Availability of Service

Available on a voluntary, basis for general service to customers being served at secondary distribution voltage with one single-phase, multi-register meter capable of measuring electrical energy consumption during variable pricing periods. Availability is limited to the first 500 customers applying for service under this tariff.

Customers not meeting the requirements for availability under this tariff will be permitted to continue service under this tariff only for continuous service at the premises occupied on or prior to June 30, 2015.

Rate (Tariff Code 227)

Service Charge	\$258.00	per month
Energy Charge		
All kWh used during Summer on-peak billing period	1920.545846¢	per kWh
All kWh used during Winter on-peak billing period	138.784172¢	per kWh
All kWh used during off-peak billing period	124.349279¢	per kWh

For the purpose of this tariff, the on-peak and off-peak billing periods shall be defined as follows:

Months Approximate Percent (%) of Annual Hours	On-Peak 16%	Off-Peak 84%
Winter Period: November 1 to March 31	7:00 AM to 11:00 AM 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM	11:00 AM to 6:00 PM 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM
Summer Period: May 15 to September 15	Noon to 6:00 PM	6:00 PM to Noon
All Other Calendar Periods	None	Midnight to Midnight

Note: All kWh consumed weekends are billed at the off-peak level.

Minimum Charge

This tariff is subject to a minimum monthly charge equal to the Service Charge.

Adjustment Clauses

The bill amount computed at the charges specified above shall be increased or decreased in accordance with the following:

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<u>Demand-Side Management Adjustment Clause</u>	<u>Sheet No. 28</u>
<u>System Sales Clause</u>	<u>Sheet No. 29</u>
<u>Fuel Adjustment Clause</u>	<u>Sheet No. 30</u>
<u>Purchase Power Adjustment</u>	<u>Sheet No. 31</u>
<u>Environmental Surcharge</u>	<u>Sheet No. 32</u>
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**Tariff S.G.S.-T.O.D. Continued
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Delayed Payment Charge

~~Bills under this tariff are due and payable within fifteen (15) days of the mailing date. On all accounts not paid in full by the next billing date, an additional charge of 5% of the unpaid portion will be made.~~

Special Terms and Conditions

This tariff is subject to the Company's Terms and Conditions of Service.

Customers with PURPA Section 210 qualifying cogeneration and/or small power productions facilities shall take service under Tariff COGEN/SPP I or by special agreement with the Company.

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**Tariff M.G.S.-T.O.D.
(Medium General Service Time of Day)**

Availability of Service

Available for general service to customers with average maximum demands greater than 10 KW but not more than 100 KW being served by a multi- register meter capable of measuring electrical energy consumption during variable pricing periods. Availability is limited to the first 500 customers applying for service under this tariff.

Rate (Tariff Code 229)

Service Charge	\$ 285 .00	per month
Energy Charge		
All kWh used during on-peak billing period	185.567908 ¢	per kWh
All kWh used during off-peak billing period	87.558945 ¢	per kWh

For the purpose of this tariff, the on-peak billing period is defined as 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. for all weekdays, Monday through Friday. The off-peak billing period is defined as 9:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. for all weekdays and all hours of Saturday and Sunday.

Minimum Charge

This tariff is subject to a minimum monthly charge equal to the Service Charge.

Adjustment Clauses

The bill amount computed at the charges specified above shall be increased or decreased in accordance with the following:

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Delayed Payment Charge

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Metered Voltage

The rates set forth in this tariff are based upon the delivery and measurements of energy at the same voltage, thus measurement will be made at or compensated to the delivery voltage. At the sole discretion of the Company, such compensation may be achieved through the use of loss compensating equipment, the use of formulas to calculate losses or the application of multipliers to the metered quantities. In such cases, the metered KWH and KW values will be adjusted for billing purposes. If the Company elects to adjust KWH and KW based on multipliers, the adjustment shall be in accordance with the following:

1. Measurements taken at the low-side of a Customer-owned transformer will be multiplied by 1.01.
2. Measurements taken at the high-side of a Company-owned transformer will be multiplied by 0.98.

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**Tariff M.G.S.-T.O.D. Continued
(Medium General Service Time of Day)**

Special Terms and Conditions

This tariff is subject to the Company's Terms and Conditions of Service. Existing customers may initially choose to take service under this tariff without satisfying any requirements to remain on their current tariff for at least 12 months.

Customers with PURPA Section 210 qualifying cogeneration and/or small power production facilities shall take service under Tariff COGEN/SPP I or by special agreement with the Company.

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Tariff L.G.S. (Large General Service)

Availability of Service

Available for general service to customers with average maximum demands greater than 100 KW but not more than 1,000 KW (excluding the demand served by the Load Management Time-of-Day provision).

Existing customers not meeting the above criteria will be permitted to continue service under present conditions only for continuous service at the premises occupied on or prior to December 5, 1984.

Rate

Tariff Code	Service Voltage			
	Secondary	Primary	Subtransmission	Transmission
	240, 242, 260	244, 246, 264	248, 268	250, 270
Service Charge per Month	\$ 9785.00	\$ 14527.00 50	\$ 750660.00	\$ 750660.00
Demand Charge per kW	\$ 108.3977	\$ 87.950	\$ 56.3964	\$ 56.2546
Excess Reactive Charge per KVA	\$3.46	\$3.46	\$3.46	\$3.46
Energy Charge per kWh	8. 796432 c	7. 867356 c	5. 975230 c	5. 874085 c

Minimum Charge

Bills computed under the above rate are subject to a monthly minimum charge comprised of the sum of the service charge and the minimum demand charge. The minimum demand charge is the product of the demand charge per KW and the monthly billing demand.

Adjustment Clauses

The bill amount computed at the charges specified above shall be increased or decreased in accordance with the following:

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Delayed Payment Charge

~~This tariff is due and payable in full on or before the due date stated on the bill. On all accounts not so paid, an additional charge of 5% of the unpaid balance will be made.~~

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Metered Voltage

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1. Measurements taken at the low-side of a Customer-owned transformer will be multiplied by 1.01.
2. Measurements taken at the high-side of a Company-owned transformer will be multiplied by 0.98.

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Monthly Billing Demand

Billing demand in KW shall be taken each month as the highest 15-minute integrated peak in kilowatts as registered during the month by a 15-minute integrating demand meter or indicator, or at the Company’s option as the highest registration of a thermal type demand meter or indicator. The monthly billing demand so established shall in no event be less than 60% of the greater of (a) the customer’s contract capacity or (b) the customer’s highest previously established monthly billing demand during the past 11 months.

Determination of Excess Kilovolt-Ampere (KVA) Demand

The maximum KVA demand shall be determined by the use of a multiplier equal to the reciprocal of the average power factor recorded during the billing month, leading or lagging, applied to the metered demand. The excess KVA demand, if any, shall be the amount by which the maximum KVA demand established during the billing period exceeds 115% of the kilowatts of metered demand.

Load Management Time of Day Provision

Available to customers who use energy storage devices with time-differentiated load characteristics approved by the Company which consume electrical energy only during off-peak hours specified by the Company and store energy for use during on-peak hours, and who desire to receive service under this provision for their total requirements. This provision is also available for electric vehicle charging if separately metered.

Customers who desire to separately wire their load management load to a time-of-day meter and their general-use load to a standard meter shall receive service for both under the appropriate provision of this tariff.

Rate (Tariff Code 251)

Service Charge	\$9785.00	per month
Energy Charge		
All kWh used during on-peak billing period	14.934426¢	per kWh
All kWh used during off-peak billing period	87.695888¢	per kWh

For the purpose of this tariff, the on-peak billing period is defined as 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. for all weekdays, Monday through Friday. The off-peak billing period is defined as 9:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. for all weekdays and all hours of Saturday and Sunday.

Term of Contract

Contracts under this tariff will be made for customers requiring a average maximum monthly demand between 500 KW and 1,000 KW and be made for an initial period of not less than 1 (one) year and shall remain in effect thereafter until either party shall give at least 6 months written notice to the other of the intention to terminate the contract. The Company reserves the right to require initial contracts or periods greater than 1 (one) year. For customers with demands less than 500 KW, a contract may, at the Company’s option, be required.

Where new Company facilities are required, the Company reserves the right to require initial contracts for periods greater than one year for all customers served under this tariff.

A new initial contract period will not be required for existing customers who change their contract requirements after the original initial period unless new or additional facilities are required.

Contract Capacity

The Customer shall set forth the amount of capacity contracted for (the “contract capacity”) in an amount up to 1,000 KW. Contracts will be made in multiples of 25 KW. The Company is not required to supply capacity in excess of such contract capacity except with express written consent of the Company.

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Special Terms and Conditions

This tariff is subject to the Company's Terms and Conditions of Service.

This tariff is also available to Customers having other sources of energy supply but who desire to purchase standby or back-up electric service from the Company. Where such conditions exist the customer shall contract for the maximum amount of demand in KW, which the Company might be required to furnish, but not less than 100 KW nor more than 1,000 KW. The Company shall not be obligated to supply demands in excess of the contract capacity. Where service is supplied under the provisions of this paragraph, the billing demand each month shall be the highest determined for the current and previous two billings periods, and the minimum charge shall be as set forth under paragraph "Minimum Charge" above.

This tariff is available for resale service to mining and industrial customers who furnish service to customer-owned camps or villages where living quarters are rented to employees and where the customer purchases power at a single point for both his power and camp requirements.

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Availability of Service

Available for general service customers with average maximum demands of 100 KW or greater. Customers may continue to qualify for service under this tariff until their 12-month average demand exceeds 1,000 KW. Availability is limited to the first 500 customers applying for service under this tariff.

Rate

Tariff Code	Service Voltage			
	Secondary	Primary	Subtransmission	Transmission
	256	257	258	259
Service Charge per Month	\$9785.00	\$14527.050	\$750660.00	\$750660.00
Demand Charge per kW	\$940.9213	\$78.7647	\$41.4077	\$41.3375
Excess Reactive Charge per KVA	\$3.46	\$3.46	\$3.46	\$3.46
On-Peak Energy Charge per kWh	110.793284¢	110.238442¢	110.07555¢	109.938969¢
Off-Peak Energy Charge per kWh	65.194360¢	65.021318¢	5.970293¢	5.927267¢

For the purpose of this tariff, the on-peak billing period is defined as 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., for all weekdays Monday through Friday. The off-peak billing period is defined as 9:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. for all weekdays and all hours of Saturday and Sunday.

Minimum Charge

Bills computed under the above rate are subject to a monthly minimum charge comprised of the sum of the service charge and the minimum demand charge. The minimum demand charge is the product of the demand charge per KW and the monthly billing demand.

Adjustment Clauses

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Metered Voltage

The rates set forth in this tariff are based upon the delivery and measurement of energy at the same voltage, thus measurement will be made at or compensated to the delivery voltage. At the sole discretion of the Company, such compensation may be achieved through the use of loss compensating equipment, the use of formulas to calculate losses or the application of multipliers to the metered quantities. In such cases, the metered KWH and KW values will be adjusted for billing purposes. If the Company elects to adjust KWH and KW based on multipliers, the adjustment shall be in accordance with the following:

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Monthly Billing Demand

Billing demand in KW shall be taken each month as the highest 15-minute integrated peak in kilowatts as registered during the month by a 15-minute integrating demand meter or indicator, or at the Company's option as the highest registration of a thermal type demand meter or indicator. The monthly billing demand so established shall in no event be less than 60% of the greater of (a) the customer's contract capacity or (b) the customer's highest previously established monthly billing demand during the past 11 months.

Determination of Excess Kilovolt-Ampere (KVA) Demand

The maximum KVA demand shall be determined by the use of a multiplier equal to the reciprocal of the average power factor recorded during the billing month, leading or lagging, applied to the metered demand. The excess KVA demand, if any, shall be the amount by which the maximum KVA demand established during the billing period exceeds 115% of the kilowatts of metered demand.

Term of Contract

Contracts under this tariff will be made for customers requiring a average maximum monthly demand between 500 KW and 1,000 KW and be made for an initial period of not less than 1 (one) year and shall remain in effect thereafter until either party shall give at least 6 months written notice to the other of the intention to terminate the contract. The Company reserves the right to require initial contracts or periods greater than 1 (one) year. For customers with demands less than 500 KW, a contract may, at the Company's option, be required.

Where new Company facilities are required, the Company reserves the right to require initial contracts for periods greater than one year for all customers served under this tariff.

A new initial contract period will not be required for existing customers who change their contract requirements after the original initial period unless new or additional facilities are required.

Contract Capacity

The Customer shall set forth the amount of capacity contracted for (the "contract capacity") in an amount up to 1,000 KW. Contracts will be made in multiples of 25 KW. The Company is not required to supply capacity in excess of such contract capacity except with express written consent of the Company.

Special Terms and Conditions

This tariff is subject to the Company's Terms and Conditions of Service.

This tariff is also available to Customers having other sources of energy supply but who desire to purchase standby or back-up electric service from the Company. Where such conditions exist the customer shall contract for the maximum amount of demand in KW, which the Company might be required to furnish, but not less than 100 KW nor more than 1,000 KW. The Company shall not be obligated to supply demands in excess of the contract capacity. Where service is supplied under the provisions of this paragraph, the billing demand each month shall be the highest determined for the current and previous two billings periods, and the minimum charge shall be as set forth under paragraph "Minimum Charge" above.

This tariff is available for resale service to mining and industrial customers who furnish service to customer-owned camps or villages where living quarters are rented to employees and where the customer purchases power at a single point for both his power and camp requirements.

Customers with PURPA Section 210 qualifying cogeneration and/or small power production facilities shall take service under Tariff COGEN/SPP I or II or by special agreement with the Company.

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**Tariff I.G.S.
(Industrial General Service)**

Availability of Service

Available for commercial and industrial customers with contract demands of at least 1,000 KW. Customers shall contract for a definite amount of electrical capacity in kilowatts, which shall be sufficient to meet average maximum requirements.

Rate

Tariff Code	Service Voltage			
	Secondary	Primary	Subtransmission	Transmission
Service Charge per Month	\$276.00	\$276.00	\$794.00	\$1,353.00
Demand Charge per kW				
Of monthly on-peak billing demand	\$275.3288	\$252.3196	\$167.8933	\$176.5208
Of monthly off-peak billing demand	\$1.840	\$1.78	\$1.756	\$1.735
Energy Charge per kWh	32.214698¢	32.063660¢	32.018635¢	2.981642¢

Reactive Demand Charge for each kilovar of maximum leading or lagging reactive demand in excess of 50 percent of the KW of monthly metered demand..... \$0.69/KVAR

For the purpose of this tariff, the on-peak billing period is defined as 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM for all weekdays, Monday through Friday. The off-peak billing period is defined as 9:00 PM to 7:00 AM for all weekdays and all hours of Saturday and Sunday.

Minimum Demand Charge

The minimum demand charge shall be equal to the minimum billing demand times the following minimum demand rates:

Secondary	Primary	Subtransmission	Transmission
\$268.0177 / kW	\$245.0581 / kW	\$1469.6447 / kW	\$168.2988 / kW

The minimum billing demand shall be the greater of 60% of the contract capacity set forth on the contract for electric service or 60% of the highest billing demand, on-peak or off-peak, recorded during the previous eleven months.

Minimum Charge

This tariff is subject to a minimum charge equal to the Service Charge plus the Minimum Demand Charge.

Adjustment Clauses

The bill amount computed at the charges specified above shall be increased or decreased in accordance with the following:

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System Sales Clause	Sheet No. 29
Fuel Adjustment Clause	Sheet No. 30
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~~Delayed Payment Charge~~

~~Bills under this tariff are due and payable within fifteen (15) days of the mailing date. On all accounts not paid in full by the next billing date, an additional charge of 5% of the unpaid portion will be made.~~

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Tariff I.G.S. Continued (Industrial General Service)

Metered Voltage

The rates set forth in this tariff are based upon the delivery and measurement of energy at the same voltage, thus measurement will be made at or compensated to the delivery voltage. At the sole discretion of the Company, such compensation may be achieved through the use of loss compensating equipment, the use of formulas to calculate losses or the application of multipliers to the metered quantities. In such cases, the metered KWH and KVA values will be adjusted for billing purposes. If the Company elects to adjust KWH and KW based on multipliers, the adjustment shall be in accordance with the following:

1. Measurements taken at the low-side of a Customer-owned transformer will be multiplied by 1.01.
2. Measurements taken at the high-side of a Company-owned transformer will be multiplied by 0.98.

Monthly Billing Demand

The monthly on-peak and off-peak billing demands in KW shall be taken each month as the highest single 15-minute integrated peak in KW as registered by a demand meter during the on-peak and off-peak billing periods, respectively.

The reactive demand in KVARs shall be taken each month as the highest single 15-minute integrated peak in KVARs as registered during the month by a demand meter or indicator.

Term of Contract

Contracts under this tariff will be made for an initial period of not less than two years and shall remain in effect thereafter until either party shall give at least 12 months' written notice to the other of the intention to terminate the contract. The Company reserves the right to require initial contracts for periods greater than two years.

A new initial contract period will not be required for existing customers who change their contract requirements after the original initial period unless new or additional facilities are required.

Contract Capacity

The Customer shall set forth the amount of capacity contracted for ("the contract capacity") in an amount equal to or greater than 1,000 KW in multiples of 100 KW. The Company is not required to supply capacity in excess of such contract capacity except with express written consent of the Company.

Special Terms and Conditions

This tariff is subject to the Company's Terms and Conditions of Service.

This tariff is available for resale service to mining and industrial Customers who furnish service to Customer-owned camps or villages where living quarters are rented to employees and where the Customer purchases power at a single point for both the power and camp requirements.

This tariff is also available to Customers having other sources of energy supply, but who desire to purchase standby or back-up electric service from the Company. Where such conditions exist the Customer shall contract for the maximum amount of demand in KW which the Company might be required to furnish, but not less than 1,000 KW. The Company shall not be obligated to supply demands in excess of that contracted capacity. Where service is supplied under the provisions of this paragraph, the billing demand each month shall be the highest determined for the current and previous two billing periods, and the minimum charge shall be as set forth under paragraph "Minimum Charge" above.

A Customer's plant is considered as one or more buildings, which are served by a single electrical distribution system provided and operated by the Customer. When the size of the Customer's load necessitates the delivery of energy to the Customer's plant over more than one circuit, the Company may elect to connect its circuits to different points on the Customer's system irrespective of contrary provisions in Terms and Conditions of Service.

Customer with PURPA Section 210 qualifying cogeneration and/or small power production facilities shall take service under Tariff COGEN/SPP II or by special agreement with the Company.

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**Tariff M.W.
(Municipal Waterworks)**

Availability of Service

Available only to incorporated cities and towns and authorized water districts and to utility companies operating under the jurisdiction of Public Service Commission of Kentucky for the supply of electric energy to waterworks systems and sewage disposal systems served under this tariff on September 1, 1982, and only for continuous service at the premises occupied by the Customer on this date. If service hereunder is discontinued, it shall not again be available.

Customer shall contract with the Company for a reservation in capacity in kilovolt-amperes sufficient to meet with the maximum load, which the Company may be required to furnish.

Rate (Tariff Code 540)

Service Charge	\$ 28 5.00	per month
Energy Charge		
All kWh used per month	109.5068 00¢	per kWh

Minimum Charge

This tariff is subject to a minimum monthly charge equal to the sum of the service charge plus \$9.~~5578~~ per KVA as determined from customer's total connected load.

Adjustment Clauses

The bill amount computed at the charges specified above shall be increased or decreased in accordance with the following:

<u>Kentucky Economic Development Surcharge</u>	<u>Sheet No. 27</u>
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Payment

~~Bills will be rendered monthly and will be due and payable on or before the due date stated on the bill.~~

Delayed Payment Charge

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~~Bills under this tariff are due and payable within fifteen (15) days after their mailing date. All accounts not paid in full by the next billing date will be assessed an additional charge of 5% of the outstanding unpaid portion will be made.~~

Term of Contract

Contracts under this tariff will be made for not less than (1) one year with self-renewal provisions for successive periods of (1) one year each until either party shall give at least 60 days' written notice to the other of the intention to discontinue at the end of any yearly period. The Company will have the right to require contracts for periods of longer than (1) one year.

Special Terms and Conditions

This tariff is subject to the Company's Terms and Conditions of Service.

This tariff is not available to customers having other sources of energy supply.

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Tariff O.L. (Outdoor Lighting)

Availability of Service

Available for outdoor lighting to individual customers in locations where municipal street lighting is not applicable provided the lighting location designated by the Customer is reasonably accessible to the Company's service vehicles without causing damage to the Customer's or other's property. New installations of High Pressure Sodium, Mercury Vapor and Metal Halide lamps shall cease on January 14, 2021.

Base Fuel Rate

Customers receiving service under this tariff will receive bills calculated using per lamp and base fuel charge. The base fuel charge will be calculated each month as shown below by multiplying the approved base fuel amount set forth in the Company's Fuel Adjustment Clause tariff by the relevant monthly kWh value set forth in the monthly kWh table included below in the Adjustment Clauses section of this tariff.

Rate

A. Overhead Lighting Service

	Tariff Code	Watts	Rate	
High Pressure Sodium	094	100 (9,500 Lumens)	\$ 109.5306	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 104-45 in Company's tariff
	113	150 (16,000 Lumens)	\$ 120.0133	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 104-45 in Company's tariff
	097	200 (22,000 Lumens)	\$ 142.552	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 104-45 in Company's tariff
	103	250 (28,000 Lumens)	\$ 2017.7484	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 104-45 in Company's tariff
	098	400 (50,000 Lumens)	\$ 2219.9978	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 104-45 in Company's tariff

	Tariff Code	Watts	Rate	
Mercury Vapor	093	175 (7,000 Lumens)	\$ 131.4355	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 104-45 in Company's tariff
	095	400 (20,000 Lumens)	\$ 2319.1188	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 104-45 in Company's tariff

	Tariff Code	Lumens	Rate	
LED	150	6,000- 10,000 -500	\$ 76.7062	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 104-45 in Company's tariff

Company will provide lamp, photo-electric relay control equipment, luminaries and upsweep arm not over six feet in length, and will mount same on an existing pole carrying secondary circuits.

B. Post-Top Lighting Service

	Tariff Code	Watts	Rate	
High Pressure Sodium	111	100 (9,500 Lumens)	\$ 169.0942	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 104-45 in Company's tariff
	122	150 (16,000 Lumens)	\$ 3025.083	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 104-45 in Company's tariff
	121	100 (9,500 Lumens)	\$30.00	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 14-5 in Company's tariff
	120	250 (19,000 Lumens)	\$ 340.9607	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 10-414-5 in Company's tariff

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	126	400 (40,000 Lumens)	\$4539.8847	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 10-414-5 in Company's tariff
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	Tariff Code	Watts	Rate	
Mercury Vapor	099	175 (7,000 Lumens)	\$135.4025	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 104-45 in Company's tariff

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Post-Top Lighting Service Continued

	Tariff Code	Lumens	Rate	
LED	160	6,0004,300- 10,0006,300	\$2249.195	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 104-405 in Company's tariff

Company will provide lamp photo-electric relay control equipment, luminaries, post, and installation including underground wiring for a distance of thirty feet from the Company's existing secondary circuits. Incremental costs of installation beyond thirty feet shall be the responsibility of the customer.

C. Flood Lighting Service

	Tariff Code	Watts	Rate	
High Pressure Sodium	107	200 (22,000 Lumens)	\$164.7238	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 104-45 in Company's tariff
	109	400 (50,000 Lumens)	\$244.4100	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 140-45 in Company's tariff

	Tariff Code	Watts	Rate	
Metal Halide	110	250 (20,500 Lumens)	\$2047.2945	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 104-45 in Company's tariff
	116	400 (36,000 Lumens)	\$254.5598	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 104-45 in Company's tariff
	131	1,000 (110,000 Lumens)	\$460.501	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 104-45 in Company's tariff
	130	250 Mongoose (20,500 Lumens)	\$262.476	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 104-45 in Company's tariff
	136	400 Mongoose (36,000 Lumens)	\$3227.2978	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 104-45 in Company's tariff

	Tariff Code	Lumens	Rate	
LED	165	179,500-224,500	\$284.775	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 104-45 in Company's tariff
	166	4236,500-4738,500	\$350.3440	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 104-45 in Company's tariff

Company will provide lamp, photoelectric relay control equipment, luminaries, mounting bracket, and mount same on an existing pole carrying secondary circuits.

D. LED Lamp Conversion Charge

Existing outdoor lighting customers that wish to convert from non-LED lamps to new LED fixtures shall pay a monthly charge of \$3.33 per lamp replaced, per month for 84 months.

All lumen figures are based upon manufacturer estimates and may vary.

When new or additional facilities, other than those specified in Paragraphs A, B, and C, are to be installed by the Company, the customer in addition to the monthly charges, shall pay in advance the installation cost (labor and material) of such additional facilities extending from the nearest or most suitable pole of the Company to the point designated by the customer for the installation of said lamp, except that customer may, for the following facilities only, elect, in lieu of such payment of the installation cost to pay:

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Wood Pole	\$43,206	per month
Overhead wire span not over 150 feet	\$2,330	per month
Underground wire lateral not over 50 feet	\$76,877	per month

(Price includes pole riser and connections)

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E. Flexible Lighting Option (*Tariff Code 175 for Unmetered and Tariff Code 201 for Metered*)

Applicable for the installation of any outdoor area lighting system (System) on a private or public property and owned by the Company. The customer must be adjacent to an electric power line of the Company that is adequate for supplying the necessary electric service. Service for the System under this tariff shall require a contract addendum agreed to and signed by the customer. The System shall comply with the Company's terms and conditions unless otherwise noted in this section. Included in the contract addendum shall be the installed capital cost of the System and the monthly amount of kWh the System will use if it is not metered. The Company reserves the right to refuse service under this provision based on customer's creditworthiness.

Rate

Customers shall pay the monthly lamp charge for the System, a monthly maintenance charge, a non-fuel energy charge, a base fuel charge, and all applicable adjustment clauses.

Monthly Lamp Charge* = IC x MLFCR

Where:

IC = Installed Cost of System

MLFCR = Monthly Levelized Fixed Cost Rate of 1.4336% which is inclusive of return, depreciation, income taxes, property taxes and A&G expense components

Monthly maintenance charge is \$0.80 per lamp per month

Monthly non-fuel charge is .086985519 \$/kWh

Base fuel charge is 0.02612 \$/kWh

Customers selecting this flexible lighting option to replace existing lamps shall also be subject to the LED Lamp Conversion Charge.

*Customers may pay a portion of the installed cost upfront to reduce the monthly lamp charge component of the rate.

Adjustment Clauses

The bill amount computed at the charges specified above shall be increased or decreased in accordance with the following:

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<u>Fuel Adjustment Clause</u>	<u>Sheet No. 30</u>
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For adjustments calculated on a per kWh basis, ~~including those calculated under the Fuel Adjustment Clause, System Sales Clause, and the Capacity Charge tariffs,~~ the following kWh values will be used in the calculation:

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	Metal Halide			Mercury Vapor		High Pressure Sodium				
	250 Watts	400 Watts	1,000 Watts	175 Watts	400 Watts	100 Watts	150 Watts	200 Watts	250 Watts	400 Watts
Jan	127	199	477	91	199	51	74	106	130	210
Feb	106	167	400	76	167	43	62	89	109	176
Mar	106	167	400	76	167	43	62	89	109	176
Apr	90	142	340	65	142	36	53	76	93	150
May	81	127	304	58	127	32	47	68	83	134
Jun	72	114	272	52	114	29	42	61	74	120
Jul	77	121	291	55	121	31	45	65	79	128
Aug	88	138	331	63	138	35	51	74	90	146
Sep	96	152	363	69	152	39	57	81	99	160
Oct	113	178	427	81	178	45	66	95	116	188
Nov	119	188	449	86	188	48	70	100	122	198
Dec	129	203	486	92	203	52	75	108	132	214
Total	1,204	1,896	4,540	864	1,896	484	704	1,012	1,236	2,000

	Light Emitting Diode (LED)			
	150 Tariff Code 6,000- 10,000 <u>8,500</u> Lumens	160 Tariff Code 4,300-6,300 <u>6,000-10,000</u> Lumens	165 Tariff Code 179,500- 221,500 Lumens	166 Tariff Code 423,500-473 <u>8,500</u> Lumens
Jan	28	33	75	154
Feb	24	28	63	129
Mar	24	28	63	129
Apr	20	24	53	109
May	18	21	48	96
Jun	16	19	43	87
Jul	17	20	46	93
Aug	19	23	52	105
Sep	22	26	58	118
Oct	25	30	67	136
Nov	27	32	71	145
Dec	29	33	77	156
Total	269	317	716	1,457

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Delayed Payment Charge

~~This tariff is due and payable in full on or before the due date stated on the bill. On all accounts not so paid, an additional charge of 5% of the unpaid balance will be made. Residential customers taking service under this tariff will not be subject to the delayed payment charge.~~

Hours of Lighting

All lamps shall burn from one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise every night and all night, burning approximately 4,000 hours per annum.

Ownership of Facilities

All facilities necessary for service including fixtures, controls, poles, transformers, secondaries, lamps and other appurtenances shall be owned and maintained by the Company. All service and necessary maintenance will be performed only during the regular scheduled working hours of the Company.

The Company shall be allowed 3 working days after notification by the customer to replace all burned-out lamps.

Term of Initial Service

Term of initial service shall be required for a period of one year. If early termination is requested or service is terminated during the initial 12 month period, the customer will be billed for the remainder of the 12 month period on the final bill.

Special Terms and Conditions

This tariff is subject to the Company's Terms and Conditions of Service.

The Company shall have the option of rendering monthly or bimonthly bills.

Customer's account balance must be current prior to installation of new or additional lights.

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Tariff S.L. (Street Lighting)

Availability of Service

Available for lighting service for all the lighting of public streets, public highways and other public outdoor areas in municipalities, counties, and other governmental subdivisions where such service can be supplied from the existing general distribution systems provided the lighting location designated by the Customer is reasonably accessible to the Company's service vehicles without causing damage to the Customer's or other's property. New installations of High Pressure Sodium lamps shall cease on January 14, 2021.

Base Fuel Rate

Customers receiving service under this tariff will receive bills calculated using per lamp and base fuel charge. The base fuel charge will be calculated each month as shown below by multiplying the approved base fuel amount set forth in the Company's Fuel Adjustment Clause tariff by the relevant monthly kWh value set forth in the monthly kWh table included below in the Adjustment Clauses section of this tariff.

Rate (Tariff Code 528)

A. Overhead Service on Existing Distribution Poles

	Watts	Rate	
High Pressure Sodium	100 (9,500 Lumens)	\$87.4961	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11-35-4 in Company's tariff
	150 (16,000 Lumens)	\$98.326	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11-35-4 in Company's tariff
	200 (22,000 Lumens)	\$119.0490	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11-35-4 in Company's tariff
	400 (50,000 Lumens)	\$134.5000	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11-35-4 in Company's tariff

	Lumens	Rate	
LED	7,900-9,900 <u>8,000-11,000</u>	\$9.718.71	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11-35-4 in Company's tariff
	10,500-12,500 <u>10,000-14,000</u>	\$12.4811.19	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11-35-4 in Company's tariff
	24,000-26,000 <u>30,000</u>	\$14.8713.34	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11-35-4 in Company's tariff
	Post Top 4,300-6,300 <u>6,000-10,000</u>	\$10.099.05	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11-35-4 in Company's tariff
	Post Top 7,300-9,300 <u>8,000-12,000</u>	\$22.3820.07	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11-35-4 in Company's tariff
	Flood 179,500-224,500	\$16.3814.69	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11-35-4 in Company's tariff

B. Service on New Wood Distribution Poles

	Watts	Rate	
High Pressure Sodium	100 (9,500 Lumens)	\$134.2790	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11-35-4 in Company's tariff
	150 (16,000 Lumens)	\$142.2275	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11-35-4 in Company's tariff
	200 (22,000 Lumens)	\$154.9430	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11-35-4 in Company's tariff
	400 (50,000 Lumens)	\$2018.4635	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11-35-4 in Company's tariff

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	Lumens	Rate	
LED	7,900-9,900 <u>8,000-11,000</u>	\$16.01 <u>14.36</u>	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11-35-4 in Company's tariff
	10,500-12,500 <u>10,000-14,000</u>	\$18.79 <u>16.85</u>	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11-35-4 in Company's tariff
	24,000 26,000 <u>30,000</u>	\$21.19 <u>19.00</u>	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11-35-4 in Company's tariff
	Post Top 6,000-10,000 <u>4,300-6,300</u>	\$16.39 <u>14.70</u>	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11-35-4 in Company's tariff
	Post Top 8,000-12,000 <u>7,300-9,300</u>	\$28.69 <u>25.73</u>	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11-35-4 in Company's tariff
	Flood 17,500-224,500	\$22.69 <u>20.35</u>	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11-35-4 in Company's tariff

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C. Service on New Metal or Concrete Poles*

	Watts	Rate	
High Pressure Sodium	100 (9,500 Lumens)	\$ 274.65 ⁸⁰	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11- 35 ⁴ in Company's tariff
	150 (16,000 Lumens)	\$ 285.66 ⁷⁰	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11- 35 ⁴ in Company's tariff
	200 (22,000 Lumens)	\$ 3027.38 ²⁵	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11- 35 ⁴ in Company's tariff
	400 (50,000 Lumens)	\$ 330.84 ³⁵	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11- 35 ⁴ in Company's tariff

	Lumens	Rate	
LED	7,900-9,900 ^{8,000-11,000}	\$ 27.99 ^{25.10}	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11- 35 ⁴ in Company's tariff
	10,500-12,500 ^{10,000-14,000}	\$ 29.86 ^{26.78}	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11- 35 ⁴ in Company's tariff
	24,000-26,000 ^{30,000}	\$ 31.34 ^{28.11}	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11- 35 ⁴ in Company's tariff
	Post Top 4,300-6,300 ^{6,000-10,000}	\$ 28.82 ^{25.85}	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11- 35 ⁴ in Company's tariff
	Post Top 7,300-9,300 ^{8,000-12,000}	\$ 40.97 ^{36.74}	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11- 35 ⁴ in Company's tariff
	Flood 197,500-212,500	\$ 32.80 ^{29.42}	per lamp + 0.02612 x kWh in Sheet No. 11- 35 ⁴ in Company's tariff

* Effective June 29, 2010 and thereafter these lamps are not available for new installations

D. LED Lamp Conversion Charge

Existing street lighting customers that wish to convert from non-LED lamps to a new LED fixture shall pay a monthly charge of \$2.18 per lamp replaced, per month for 84 months.

All lumen figures are based upon manufacturer estimates and may vary.

E. Flexible Lighting Option (Tariff Code 525 for Unmetered and Tariff Code 526 for Metered)

Applicable for the installation of any street lighting system (System) on a private or public property and owned by the Company. The customer must be adjacent to an electric power line of the Company that is adequate for supplying the necessary electric service. Service for the System under this tariff shall require a contract addendum agreed to and signed by the customer. The System shall comply with the Company's terms and conditions unless otherwise noted in this section. Included in the contract addendum shall be the installed capital cost of the System and the monthly amount of kWh the System will use unless the system is separately metered. The Company reserves the right to refuse service under this provision based on customer's credit worthiness.

Rate

Customers shall pay the monthly lamp charge for the System, a monthly maintenance charge, a non-fuel energy charge, a base fuel charge, and all applicable adjustment clauses.

Monthly Lamp Charge* = IC x MLFCR

Where:

IC = Installed Cost of System

MLFCR = Monthly Levelized Fixed Cost Rate of 1.040.97% which is inclusive of return, depreciation, income taxes, property taxes and A&G expense components

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Monthly maintenance charge is \$2.52 per lamp per month

Monthly non-fuel charge is ~~.052614393~~ \$/kWh

Base fuel charge is 0.02612 \$/kWh

Customers selecting this flexible lighting option to replace existing lamps shall also be subject to the LED Lamp Conversion Charge.

*Customers may pay a portion of the installed cost upfront to reduce the monthly lamp charge component of the rate.

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Adjustment Clauses

The bill amount computed at the charges specified above shall be increased or decreased in accordance with the following:

<u>System Sales Clause</u>	<u>Sheet No. 29</u>
<u>Fuel Adjustment Clause</u>	<u>Sheet No. 30</u>
<u>Purchase Power Adjustment</u>	<u>Sheet No. 31</u>
<u>Environmental Surcharge</u>	<u>Sheet No. 32</u>
<u>Decommissioning Rider</u>	<u>Sheet No. 33</u>
<u>Distribution Reliability Rider</u>	<u>Sheet No. 34</u>
<u>Securitization Financing Rider</u>	<u>Sheet No. 35</u>
<u>Federal Tax Change Tariff</u>	<u>Sheet No. 36</u>
<u>City's Franchise Fee</u>	<u>Sheet No. 37</u>
<u>School Tax</u>	<u>Sheet No. 38</u>

Fuel Adjustment Clause	Sheet No. 5
System Sales Clause	Sheet No. 19
Franchise Tariff	Sheet No. 20
Federal Tax Cut Tariff	Sheet No. 23
Environmental Surcharge	Sheet No. 29
Capacity Charge	Sheet No. 30
School Tax	Sheet No. 33
Purchase Power Adjustment	Sheet No. 35
Decommissioning Rider	Sheet No. 38

For adjustments calculated on a per kWh basis, ~~including those calculated under the Fuel Adjustment Clause, System Sales Clause, and the Capacity Charge tariffs,~~ the following kWh values will be used in the calculation:

	High Pressure Sodium				Light Emitting Diode (LED)					
	100 Watts	150 Watts	200 Watts	400 Watts	7,900-	10,500-	24,000-	Post Top	Post Top	Flood
					9,900	8,000		12,500	10,000	
				<u>11,000</u>	<u>0-14,000</u>	<u>26,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>224,500</u>
				Lumens	Lumens	Lumens	Lumens	Lumens	Lumens	Lumens
Jan	51	74	106	210	35	49	98	33	48	75
Feb	43	62	89	176	30	40	83	28	41	63
Mar	43	62	89	176	30	40	83	28	41	63
Apr	36	53	76	150	25	34	70	24	34	53
May	32	47	68	134	22	30	62	21	31	48
Jun	29	42	61	120	20	27	56	19	27	43
Jul	31	45	65	128	21	29	60	20	29	46
Aug	35	51	74	146	23	33	68	23	32	52
Sep	39	57	81	160	27	37	75	26	37	58
Oct	45	66	95	188	31	43	87	30	43	67
Nov	48	70	100	198	33	46	93	32	45	71
Dec	52	75	108	214	36	50	100	33	50	77
Total	484	704	1,012	2,000	333	458	935	317	458	716

Special Facilities

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When a customer requests street lighting service which requires special poles or fixtures, underground street lighting, or a line extension of more than one span of approximately 150 feet, the customer will be required to pay, in advance, an aid-to-construction in the amount of the installed cost of such special facilities.

Payment

~~Bills are due and payable within ten (10) days of the mailing date.~~

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Hours of Lighting

All lamps shall burn from one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise every night and all night, burning approximately 4,000 hours per annum.

Term of Contract

Contracts under this tariff will ordinarily be made for an initial term of one year with self-renewal provisions for successive periods of one year each until either party shall give at least 60 days' notice to the other of the intention to discontinue at the end of the initial term or any yearly period. The Company may have the right to require contracts for periods of longer than one year if new or additional facilities are required.

Special Terms and Conditions

A customer's account balances must be current prior to installation of new or additional lights.

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Tariff P.A. (Pole Attachments)

1. Availability of Service

Available to broadband internet providers, cable television system operators, governmental units and telecommunications carriers that provide service within the operating area of Kentucky Power Company (Company). This Tariff is not available to: (1) the Attachments of utilities, including local exchange carriers (LECs), that have joint use agreements with Company; or (2) macro cell facilities. Nothing in this Tariff expands the right to attach to Company's facilities beyond the rights otherwise conveyed by law.

2. Definitions

Unless stated otherwise, the terms used in this Tariff shall have the same meaning as the terms expressly defined in Section 1 of 807 KAR 5:015.

“Approved Contractor” means a contractor approved by Company for a particular purpose.

“Attachment” means a Wireline Facility or Wireless Facility and all associated equipment, including without limitation, any overlashed cable or fiber, guying, small splice panels and vertical overhead to underground risers but shall not include power supplies, equipment cabinets, meter bases or other equipment that impedes accessibility or otherwise conflicts with Company's standards. For billing purposes, the term “Attachment” also includes: (1) a Service Drop affixed to a pole that is located more than one (1) vertical foot away from the point at which the messenger strand is attached to the pole; and (2) a Service Drop located on a dedicated service, drop or lift pole.

“Communications Space” means the area on a pole below the Communications Worker Safety Zone and above the point on the pole necessary to meet NESC clearance, department of transportation or other governmental requirements, and Company's construction standards.

“Facility” means any Company Distribution Pole, right-of-way, conduit or duct normally used by Company to support or protect its electric conductors. The term “Facility” does not include any Transmission Pole.

“Distribution Pole” means a utility pole supporting electric supply facilities, all of which operate at less than 69kV, but does not include a pole used primarily to support outdoor lighting.

“NESC” means the National Electrical Safety Code.

“Larger Order” means an application, or multiple applications submitted within thirty (30) days of one another, seeking to make Attachments to more than three hundred (300) poles.

“Operator” means a broadband internet provider, cable television system operator, governmental unit or telecommunications carrier.

“Overlashing” means the practice whereby an entity, whether Operator or a third party, physically connects or attaches, through lashing or otherwise, new fiber optic or coaxial cable, or any other type of cable, to an existing Wireline Attachment on a Distribution Pole.

“Service Drop” means a Wireline Facility, attached to a pole with a J-hook or other similar hardware, that connects the trunk line to an end user's premises, and extends directly from the trunk line to a drop/lift pole or into an end user's premises.

“Transmission Pole” means any utility pole or tower supporting electric supply facilities designed to operate at 69kV or greater.

“Wireline Facility” means fiber optic or coaxial cable, or any other type of cable, as well as any messenger wire or support strand.

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“Wireless Facility” means, without limitation, antennas, risers, transmitters, receivers, and all other associated equipment used in connection with Operator’s provision of wireless communications services and the transmission and reception of radiofrequency signals, but shall not include power supplies, equipment cabinets, meter bases, and other equipment that impedes accessibility or that conflicts with Company’s standards. The term “Wireless Facility” does not include any strand-mounted antennas or macro cell facilities.

3. Rate

Charge for Wireline Facility on a two-user pole	\$10.82	per attachment per year
Charge for Wireline Facility on a three-user pole	\$6.71	per attachment per year

The above rate was calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Weighted Average Bare Pole Cost}}{\text{Bare Pole Cost}} \times \text{Usage Factor} \times \text{Carrying Charge} = \text{Rate Per Pole}$$

A two-user pole is a pole being used, by actual occupation or reservation, by the Operator and the Company. A three-user pole is a pole being used by actual occupation or reservation, by the Operator, the Company, and a third party.

Charge for Attachments within ducts or conduits	\$2.70	per linear foot per year
Charge for attachment of Wireless Facility to top of Distribution Pole	\$150	per attachment per year
Charge for attachment of Wireless Facility within Communications Space of Distribution Pole	\$75	per attachment per year

The above rates are subject to revision from time to time as approved by the Commission.

4. Company Facilities Subject to Attachment

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:015 and the terms and conditions of this Tariff, Attachments to Company Facilities that do not interfere with Company’s electric service requirements shall be permitted. Company may deny access to any Company Facility on a non-discriminatory basis where there is insufficient capacity or for reasons of safety, reliability, and generally applicable engineering purposes.

All Company Facilities covered by this Tariff remain the property of Company regardless of any payment by Operator toward their cost. No use, however extended, of Company Facilities or payment of any fee or charge required hereunder shall create or vest in Operator any claim or right, possession, title, interest or ownership in such Facilities. Nothing in this Tariff shall be construed to obligate Company to construct, reconstruct, retain, extend, repair, place, replace or maintain any Facility which, in Company’s sole discretion, is not needed for Company’s own purposes. Company and its successors and assigns shall have the right to operate, relocate and maintain Company Facilities in such a manner as will best enable Company, in its sole discretion, to fulfill its service requirements.

5. Company’s Pole Attachment Policy Handbook

Operator is expected to follow the processes and guidelines set forth in Company’s Pole Attachment Policy handbook, as well as any amendments thereto, but only to the extent that such processes and guidelines do not conflict with 807 KAR 5:015 or this Tariff.

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6. Applications

When Operator proposes to furnish service within Company's operating area and desires to make Attachments to Company Facilities, Operator shall make written application to install such Attachments, in the format required by Company, that specifies the location of each Facility in question, the character of its proposed Attachments, and any other information necessary to calculate the transverse and vertical load placed upon the pole as a result of the proposed Attachment and any other attachments or equipment attached to the Facility. If Operator's application qualifies as a Larger Order, Operator shall provide Company at least sixty (60) days' advance written notice before submission to Company. Company will notify Operator, within ten (10) days of receipt of an application, if the application is incomplete. If the application is incomplete, Operator shall provide the additional information required by Company prior to Company's review of the application on its merits.

If Operator is only seeking to make Wireline Attachments to Distribution Poles, Company shall complete a make-ready survey within forty-five (45) days (or within sixty (60) days in the case of a Larger Order) of receipt of a complete application. Company may, in its sole discretion, require prepayment for a make-ready survey. The current per pole estimate for a make-ready survey is \$275. If the actual cost of performing the make-ready survey exceeds the amount of Operator's prepayment, then Operator shall reimburse Company for any difference upon receipt of an invoice for such amount. If the actual cost of performing the make-ready survey is less than the amount of Operator's prepayment, then Company shall issue Operator a refund for the difference. Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide at least five (5) days advance notice of a field inspection to Operator and any other affected third party. If Operator submits a make-ready survey with an application, Company may elect to utilize the survey by: (1) notifying the affected third parties of its intent to use the make-ready survey performed by Operator; and (2) providing the affected third parties with a copy of the make-ready survey within the deadline set forth above for completing a make-ready survey.

Within forty-five (45) days (or within sixty (60) days in the case of Larger Orders) after receipt of a complete application, Company shall notify Operator whether and to what extent any special conditions will be required to permit the use by Operator of each such pole. Within fourteen (14) days of providing such notice, Company shall provide Operator with a statement of the costs for any necessary Company make-ready work, including the cost of rearranging Company's electric supply facilities or pole changeouts. Operator shall indicate its approval of the make-ready cost statement by submitting payment to Company within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the make-ready cost statement. If payment is not received by Company within fourteen (14) days, then Company's make-ready cost statement shall be deemed withdrawn. Within seven (7) days of receipt of Operator's payment, Company shall notify, in a manner consistent with applicable law, all third parties whose attachments might be affected by the make-ready, and thereafter provide Operator with the contact information for, and copies of the notices sent to, such third parties. Thereafter, Operator shall be responsible for coordinating the rearrangement or transfer of any third-party attachment and shall pay the costs related thereto.

Operator shall reimburse Company for any expenses incurred in reviewing Operator's written applications for attachment. Operator shall have a non-exclusive right to use such Facilities of Company as may be used or reserved for use by Operator and any other Facilities of Company when brought hereunder in accordance with the procedure hereinafter provided. Company shall have the right to grant to others, by contract or otherwise, rights or privileges to use any Facilities of Company and Company shall have the right to continue and extend any such rights or privileges heretofore granted.

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7. Standards for Installation

All Attachments and associated equipment of Operator shall be installed in a manner satisfactory to Company and so as not to interfere with the present or any future use which Company may desire to make of the Facilities covered by this Tariff. All such Attachments and equipment shall be installed and at all times maintained by Operator so as to comply with the standards set forth in Company's Pole Attachment Policy handbook, the National Electrical Safety Code and any other applicable regulations or codes promulgated by state, local or other governmental authority having jurisdiction thereover. In the event of a conflict, the more stringent standard shall apply. Operator shall take necessary precautions by the installation of protective equipment or other means, to protect all persons and property of all kinds against injury or damage occurring by reason of Operator's attachments.

Operator shall complete the installation of its Attachments within thirty (30) days of Company's approval of the application for such Attachments, or if make-ready is required to accommodate the Attachments, the completion date of such make-ready. Operator shall, within seven (7) days after completing the installation of its Attachments, provide Company with written notice of such completion, and Company shall have the right to perform a post-inspection on such Attachments, at Operator's sole expense, within ninety (90) days of receipt of Operator's notice of completion. If Company's inspection reveals that Operator's installation resulted in any property damage or code violations, Company may either: (1) complete any necessary remedial work and bill Operator for the costs related to fixing the damage or correcting the code violations; or (2) require Operator to fix the damage or code violations at its own expense within fourteen (14) days' notice from Company.

8. Tagging Requirement

Operator shall identify each of its Attachments with a tag, approved in advance by Company, that includes Operator's name, 24-hour contact telephone number, and such other information as Company may require. Operator shall tag an Attachment at the time of construction. Any untagged Attachment existing as December 28, 2022 shall be tagged by Operator by no later than December 31, 2024.

9. Overlapping

Operator shall provide Company with at least thirty (30) days' advance written notice before Overlapping, or allowing a third party to overlap, Operator's existing Wireline Facilities. Operator is responsible for all Overlapping performed on its Wireline Facilities, including any Overlapping by a third party, and shall ensure that all Overlapping complies with Company's standards, the applicable provisions of the NESC, and any other applicable law or code. If Overlapping of Operator's Wireline Facilities results in any damage to the pole, Company equipment or existing Attachments, or if any Overlapping causes a safety or engineering standard violation, Operator shall be responsible, at its expense, for any necessary repairs or corrections.

Operator shall notify Company within fifteen (15) days of completion of an overlap on a particular pole. Within ninety (90) days of receiving such notice, Company will perform an inspection at Operator's expense to determine whether the overlap caused any damage to Company property or resulted in any code violations. Company shall notify Operator of any damage to Company property or code violations within fourteen (14) days after completion of the inspection. At Company's discretion, Company may either: (1) complete any necessary remedial work and bill Operator for the costs related to fixing the damage or correcting the code violations; or (2) require Operator to fix the damage or code violations at its own expense within fourteen (14) days' notice from Company.

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10. Pole Installation or Replacement; Rearrangements; Guying

In any case Operator proposes to install Attachments on a pole to be erected by Company in a new location, and to provide adequate space or strength to accommodate such Attachments such pole must, in Company's judgment, be taller and/or stronger than would be necessary to accommodate the facilities of Company and of other persons who have previously indicated that they desire to make attachments on such pole or with whom Company has an agreement providing for joint or shared ownership of poles, the cost of such extra height and/or strength shall be paid to Company by Operator. Such cost shall be the difference between the cost in place of the new pole and the current cost in place of a pole considered by Company to be adequate for the facilities of Company and the attachments of such other persons.

Where in Company's judgment a new pole must be erected to replace an existing pole solely to adequately provide for Operator's proposed Attachments, Operator agrees to pay Company for the entire cost of the new pole necessary to accommodate the existing facilities on the pole and Operator's proposed Attachments, plus the cost of removal of the in-place pole, minus the salvage value, if any, of the removed pole. Operator shall also pay to Company and to any other owner of existing attachments on the pole the cost of transferring each of their respective facilities or attachments to the newly-installed pole.

If Operator's desired Attachments can be accommodated on existing poles of Company by rearranging facilities of Company thereon or of any other person, or if because of Operator's proposed Attachments it is necessary for Company to rearrange its facilities on any pole not owned by it, then in any such case, Operator shall reimburse Company and any such other person for the respective expense incurred in making such rearrangement.

If because of the requirements of its business, Company intends to replace an existing pole on which Operator has any Attachment, or Company intends to change the arrangements of its facilities on any such pole in such manner as to necessitate a rearrangement of Operator's Attachment, or if as a result of any inspection of Operator's Attachments Company determines that any such Attachments are not in accordance with Company's standards, applicable codes or the provisions of this Tariff or are otherwise hazards Company shall give Operator not less than sixty (60) days' notice of such proposed replacement or change, or any such violation or hazard; provided, however, that the sixty (60) day notice requirement shall not apply to: (1) make-ready notices pursuant to Section 4 of 807 KAR 5:015; (2) routine maintenance by Company; or (3) a replacement or change made by Company in response to an emergency. In such event, Operator shall at its expense relocate, rearrange or modify its Attachments at the time specified by Company. If Operator fails to do so, or if any such emergency makes notice impractical, Company shall perform such relocation or rearrangement and Operator shall reimburse Company for the reasonable cost thereof.

Any additional guying or anchors required by reason of the Attachments of Operator shall be provided at the expense of Operator and shall meet the requirements of all applicable codes or regulations and Company's generally applicable guying standards.

11. Self-Help Remedy

If Company is unable to meet the timelines in 807 KAR 5:015 for completing a survey or completing make-ready work above the Communications Space, and if Company lacks good and sufficient cause to deviate from such timelines, Operator may perform such work at its own expense using an Approved Contractor. Operator shall refer to Company's Pole Attachment Policy on Company's website for a list of Approved Contractors for specified purposes. Self-help is not available for pole replacements or for surveys or make-ready related to ducts. Operator shall provide written notice to Company at least one (1) week prior to performing surveys or make-ready above the Communications Space. Operator shall notify Company immediately if a survey or make-ready causes any property damage or an outage that is reasonably likely to interrupt Company's services.

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12. One-Touch Make-Ready

For Attachments to Distribution Poles that require only “simple make-ready,” as that term is defined in 807 KAR 5:015, Operator may elect to proceed with the one-touch make-ready (OTMR) process established in this Section 12, as opposed to the standard process set forth in Section 6 of this Tariff. To elect OTMR, Operator must clearly indicate in its application that it is electing the OTMR process. Operator shall not combine requests for “simple make-ready” and “complex make-ready,” as those terms are defined in 807 KAR 5:015, within an OTMR application. Operator’s OTMR application shall identify the “simple make-ready” that it intends to perform.

Company shall, within ten (10) days of receipt, determine whether Operator’s OTMR application is complete. Upon receipt of a complete OTMR application, Company shall review such application on the merits within the timelines established by 807 KAR 5:015. If Company denies an OTMR application on the merits, Company will provide Operator with an explanation of its denial, along with information and documentation supporting Company’s decision.

Operator shall be responsible for all surveys required as part of the OTMR process. Any survey performed under the OTMR process shall be conducted by an Approved Contractor. Operator shall provide Company, as well as any third parties with attachments on Distribution Poles subject to an OTMR application, at least five (5) days’ advance written notice of any field inspection, and such notice shall: provide the date, time and location of the field inspection; and state the name of the Approved Contractor that will be performing the field inspection. Operator shall allow Company and affected third parties to be present for any field inspection it performs under the OTMR process.

If Operator’s OTMR application is approved, Operator may, after providing fifteen (15) days’ advance written notice to Company and affected third parties, proceed with the make-ready. Operator’s notice shall: provide the date, time and location of the make-ready; describe the make-ready involved; and identify the contractor that will be performing the make-ready. Operator shall allow Company and affected third parties to be present during the make-ready. Operator shall complete all make-ready within thirty (30) days of the date on which Company approved Operator’s OTMR application (or within seventy-five (75) days in the case of a Larger Order), or Operator’s OTMR application will be deemed closed.

If Company or Operator determine at any time that make-ready does not qualify as “simple make-ready,” Operator shall halt all make-ready on the impacted Distribution Poles. The make-ready on the impacted Distribution Poles shall thereafter be subject to the requirements of Section 6 of this Tariff. Operator shall notify Company and affected third parties within fifteen (15) days of completion of the make-ready identified in the OTMR application.

13. Pole Inspection

Company may make periodic inspections, as conditions may warrant, for the purpose of determining compliance with the provisions of this Tariff. Company reserves the right to inspect each new or proposed installation of Operator on Company’s Facilities. In addition, Company’s right to make any inspections and any inspection made pursuant to such right shall not relieve Operator of any responsibility, obligation or liability assumed under this Tariff.

14. Transfer of Attachments to New Poles

Operator shall transfer its Attachments within sixty (60) days of receiving notice from Company (Transfer Period). If Operator fails to transfer its Attachments within the Transfer Period, Company may transfer the Attachments at Operator’s sole risk and expense. Company may transfer Operator’s Attachments prior to the expiration of the Transfer Period if an expedited transfer is necessary for safety or reliability purposes.

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15. Attachment Inventory

Owner may conduct a complete field inventory for the purpose of verifying the number and location of Operator's Attachments on Company Facilities. Company shall provide Operator with at least thirty (30) days' prior notice of a field inventory, and Operator shall advise Company whether Operator desires to participate in the field inventory not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled date of such inventory. Operator shall reimburse Company for the costs Company incurs in performing the field inventory, regardless of whether Operator elects to participate in the inventory; provided, however, Company may not charge Operator for more than one (1) field inventory within a five (5) year period. If Company inspects the Attachments of more than one Operator during a field inventory, then each Operator whose Attachments were inspected by Company during the field inventory shall share pro rata in the costs of such inventory. Upon request, Company shall furnish a summary report for the field inventory within a reasonable time after its completion.

If a field inventory reveals that the number of Operator's Attachments exceeds the number of Attachments shown in Company's existing records, the excess number of Attachments shall be presumed to be unauthorized attachments and handled in accordance with Section 16.

16. Unauthorized Attachments

If Operator makes an Attachment that requires approval by, or advance notice to, Company under this Tariff, and if Operator fails to comply with such approval or notice requirements, then Operator's Attachment shall be deemed an unauthorized attachment. Unless Operator can demonstrate to Company's reasonable satisfaction that an unauthorized attachment was made more recently, unauthorized attachments are presumed to have existed on Company Facilities for two (2) years. Operator shall be liable for all charges and fees that would have been due under the Tariff for this time period. In addition to charges and fees applicable to the period of unauthorized attachment, Operator shall pay a penalty in the amount of: (1) \$25 for each unauthorized attachment within the Communications Space on a Distribution Pole; (2) \$500 for each unauthorized attachment above the Communications Space on a Distribution Pole; and (3) \$500 for each unauthorized attachment within a duct. Operator shall submit an application for approval of any unauthorized attachment within sixty (60) days of the Attachment's discovery. If Operator fails to submit the required application or to comply with Company's application process, Company may remove the unauthorized attachment at Operator's sole risk and expense.

17. Abandonment by Operator

Operator may at any time abandon the use of a Company Facility hereunder by removing therefrom all of its Attachments and by giving written notice thereof, on a form provided by Company, and no Facility shall be considered abandoned until such notice is received. If notice has been given that Attachment(s) have been removed, but the Attachments are later discovered not to have been removed, then such Attachments shall be deemed unauthorized attachments and handled in accordance with Section 16 of this Tariff.

18. Indemnity

Operator hereby agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend Company from and against any and all loss, damage, cost or expense which Company may suffer or for which Company may be held liable because of interruption of Operator's service to its subscribers, or by reason of bodily injury, including death, to any person, or damage to or destruction of any property, including loss of use thereof, arising out of or in any manner connected with the attachment, operation, and maintenance of the Attachments and other facilities of Operator on the Facilities of Company under this Tariff, or to any such act or omission of Operator's respective representatives, employees, agents or contractors.

19. Limitation of Liability

IN NO EVENT SHALL COMPANY OR ANY OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES BE LIABLE UNDER THIS TARIFF TO OPERATOR FOR CONSEQUENTIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, EXEMPLARY, PUNITIVE OR ENHANCED DAMAGES, LOST PROFITS OR REVENUES OR DIMINUTION IN VALUE, ARISING OUT OF, OR RELATING TO, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS TARIFF, REGARDLESS OF (A) WHETHER SUCH DAMAGES WERE FORESEEABLE; (B) WHETHER OR NOT COMPANY WAS ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES OR (C) THE LEGAL OR EQUITABLE THEORY (CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE) UPON WHICH THE CLAIM IS BASED. THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION 19 SHALL NOT APPLY TO DAMAGES OR LIABILITY ARISING FROM THE GROSSLY NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF COMPANY IN PERFORMING ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS TARIFF.

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20. Insurance

Operator agrees to obtain and maintain at all times policies of insurance as follows:

- (a) Comprehensive bodily injury liability insurance in an amount not less than \$5,000,000 for any one occurrence.
- (b) Comprehensive property damage liability insurance in an amount not less than \$5,000,000 for any one occurrence.
- (c) Contractual liability insurance in an amount not less than the foregoing minimums to cover the liability assumed by the Operator under the agreement or indemnity set forth above.

Prior to making Attachments to Company’s Facilities, Operator shall furnish to Company two copies of a certificate, from an insurance carrier licensed to do business in Kentucky, stating that policies of insurance have been issued by it to Operator providing for the insurance listed above and that such policies are in force. Such certificate shall state that the insurance carrier will give Company thirty (30) days’ prior written notice of any cancellation of or material change in such policies.

21. Performance Assurance

Operator shall furnish Performance Assurance in the following amounts to guarantee the payment of any sums which may become due for attachment charges, inspections, or work performed by Company under this Tariff, including the removal of Attachments upon termination of any license hereunder:

Number of Attachments	Amount per Attachment	Maximum Total
1-7,500	\$20	\$150,000
7,501-15,000	\$10	\$225,000
15,001+	\$5	\$1,000,000

The above-stated amounts are incremental. By way of example, 10,000 Attachments would require Performance Assurance in the amount of \$175,000 (\$20 per Attachment for the first 7,500 Attachments; \$10 per Attachment for the next 2,500 Attachments); 20,000 Attachments would require Performance Assurance in the amount of \$250,000 (\$20 per Attachment for the first 7,500 Attachments; \$10 per Attachment the next 7,500 Attachments; and \$5 per Attachment for the last 5,000 Attachments). The amount of the Performance Assurance shall be calculated by Company annually based on Operator’s then-existing number of Attachments. Operator shall provide the Performance Assurance within thirty (30) days of its request by Company. If Operator proposes to attach a Wireless Facilities to Company Facilities, Operator shall post Performance Assurance in the amount of \$1,500 for each Company Facility to which a Wireless Facility is attached. The amount of the Performance Assurance shall not be reduced upon completion of installation or other event.

In the event the Operator provides Performance Assurance in the form of a surety bond or letter of credit, each bond or letter of credit shall contain the provision that it shall not be terminated prior to six (6) months after Company’s receipt of written notice of the desire of the bonding or insurance company, or bank, to terminate such bond or letter of credit. Company may waive this requirement if an acceptable replacement is received before the six (6) months has ended. Upon termination of such surety bond or letter of credit, Company shall request Operator to immediately remove its Attachments and all other equipment from Company Facilities. If Operator should fail to complete the removal of all of its Attachments from Company Facilities within sixty (60) days after receipt of such request, then Company may remove Operator’s Attachments at Operator’s expense and without liability for any damage to Operator’s Attachments.

Each surety bond shall be issued by an entity having a minimum A.M. Best rating of A- and/or letter of credit shall be issued by an entity having a minimum Credit Rating of A- by S& P or A3 by Moody’s at the time of issuance and at all times the relevant instrument is outstanding.

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22. Easements

Operator shall secure any right, license or permit from any governmental body, authority or other person or persons which may be required for the construction or maintenance of Attachments of Operator. Company does not convey nor guarantee any easements, rights-of-way or franchises for the construction and maintenance of said Attachments. Operator hereby agrees to indemnify and save harmless Company from any and all claims, including the expenses incurred by Company to defend itself against such claims, resulting from or arising out of the failure of Operator to secure such right, license, permit or easement for the construction or maintenance of said Attachments on Company's poles.

23. Charges and Fees

Operator agrees to pay Company an annual charge per Attachment as set forth in Section 3 of this Tariff in advance, and such other charges as may be provided for herein, for the use of each of Company Facility, any portion of which is occupied by, or reserved at Operator's request for, the Attachments of Operator.

Operator agrees to reimburse Company for all reasonable non-recurring expenses caused by or attributable to Operator's initial Attachments including without limitation the amounts set forth herein before and the expenses of Company in examining poles used but not owned by Company to which Operator proposes to make Attachments.

24. Fees for Additional Attachments

For Attachments made to Company Facilities between billing dates, Operator shall be billed a prorated amount of the annual charge effective on the date of attachment in on the Operator's next bill. Company will not reimburse Operator for, or otherwise prorate Operator's next bill for, any Attachments removed from Company Facilities between billing dates.

25. Payment

Payment of amounts due hereunder is due on the dates or at the times indicated with respect to each such payment. In the event the time for any payment is not specified, such payment shall be due thirty (30) days from the date of the invoice therefor. All amounts not so paid shall accrue interest at a monthly simple interest rate of 1.5%. Where the provisions of the Tariff require any payment by Operator to the Company other than for attachment charges, Company may, at its option, require that the estimated amount thereof be paid in advance of permission to use any pole or the performance by company of any work. In such a case, Company may, in its sole discretion, invoice any deficiency or refund any excess to Operator after the current amount of such payment has been determined.

26. Default or Non-Compliance

If Operator fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Tariff or defaults in the performance of any of its obligations under this Tariff and fails within sixty (60) days, after written notice from Company to correct such default or non-compliance, Company may, in addition to all other remedies under this Tariff, take any one or more of the following actions: terminate the specific permit or permits covering the Company Facilities to which such default or non-compliance is applicable; remove, relocate or rearrange Attachments of Operator to which such default or non-compliance relates, all at Operator's expense; decline to permit additional Attachments hereunder until such default is cured; or in the event of any failure to pay any of the charges, fees or amounts provided in this Tariff or any other substantial default, or of repeated defaults, terminate Operator's right of attachment. Where applicable, Company's written notice of default or non-compliance shall inform Operator of Company's right to remove, relocate or rearrange Attachments of Operator, in the event Operator fails to cure its default or non-compliance within the aforementioned 60-day period. Operator shall remove all Attachments where Company has terminated the right of attachment herein within sixty (60) days of Company providing notice of termination. If Operator fails to remove such Attachments within sixty (60) days, then Company may remove such Attachments at Operator's expense. Company shall have no obligation to store or recover any value for such removed Attachments.

No liability shall be incurred by Company because of any or all such actions except for Company's gross negligence or willful misconduct in any relocation or removal of such equipment. The remedies provided herein are cumulative and in addition to any other remedies available to Company.

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27. Notices

Any notice required by this Tariff shall be deemed properly given if sent to Company's or Operator's authorized representative using any of the following methods: (1) overnight delivery by nationally recognized courier; (2) certified U.S. mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid; (3) electronically via telecopier or electronic mail; or (4) sent in the manner expressly required herein or by Company's standards. Operators shall, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Tariff, or if service is taken for the first time following the effective date of this Tariff, prior to submitting any applications for Attachments, provide Company with the following information for each of their authorized representatives: name, title, mailing address and electronic mailing address. The designation of an authorized representative, as well as the contact information for an existing authorized representative, may be changed at any time by similar notice. Operators are required to maintain current contact information with Company for each of their authorized representatives.

28. Prior Agreements

This Tariff, as of the effective date, terminates, supersedes and replaces any previous agreement or license affecting Company's Facilities and Operator's Attachments covered herein.

29. Assignment

This Tariff shall be binding upon and inure to the benefits of the parties hereto, their respective successors and/or assigns, but Operator shall not assign, transfer or sublet any of the rights hereby granted without the prior written consent of Company, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, and any such purported assignment, transfer or subletting without such consent shall be void.

30. Performance Waiver

Neither party shall be considered in default in the performance of its obligations herein, or any of them, to the extent that performance is delayed or prevented due to causes beyond the control of said party, including but not limited to, Acts of God or the public enemy, war, revolution, civil commotion, blockade or embargo, acts of government, any law, order, proclamation, regulation, ordinance, demand, or requirement of any government, fires, explosions, cyclones, floods, unavoidable casualties, quarantine, restrictions, strikes, labor disputes, lock-outs, and other causes beyond the reasonable control of either of the parties.

31. Preservation of Remedies

No delay or omission in the exercise of any power or remedy herein provided or otherwise available to the Company shall impair or affect its right thereafter to exercise the same.

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Tariff T.S. (Temporary Service)

Availability of Service

Where capacity is available, Company will install service for temporary lighting and power service to customers who have demonstrated to the Company's satisfaction that the requested temporary service will be temporary in nature. Residential customers will be supplied with 100 amp single phase service. All other customer classes will be supplied at voltage levels applicable to the class of business.

Rate (Tariff Code 019)

Temporary service will be supplied under any published tariff applicable to the class of business of the Customer, when the Company has available unsold capacity of lines, transforming and generating equipment, with an additional charge of the total cost of installation, connection, disconnection and removal of service.

Charges

The same minimum charge as provided for in any applicable tariff shall be applicable to such temporary service and for not less than one full monthly minimum.

Customer's requesting temporary service will be charged a minimum temporary service installation charge, payable in advance, based on the Company's actual cost of installation, connection, disconnection, and removal of the required facilities to provide temporary service.

Delayed Payment Charge

~~Bills under this tariff are due and payable within fifteen (15) days after their mailing date. All accounts not paid in full by the next billing date will be assessed an additional charge of 5% of the outstanding unpaid balance.~~

Terms of Service

Temporary Service will be in effect for a period of 180 days from the date of installation. The Company may grant extensions based on customer's demonstration of continued need for temporary service.

The Company may discontinue temporary service at the end of the 180 days, or at the end of any extended period of time after the initial 180 days.

Special Terms and Conditions

A deposit equal to the full estimated amount of the bill and/or construction costs under this tariff may be required. This tariff is not available to customers permanently located, whose energy requirements are of a seasonal nature. See Terms and Conditions of Service.

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Tariff U.D.C.
(Underground Differential Cost Schedule)

Underground Service Plan for Residential Subdivisions and Residential Service Laterals

Applicable

To Tariffs R.S., R.S.-L.M.-T.O.D., R.S.-T.O.D., R.S.-T.O.D. 2, and R.S.D.

Rate

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Charge: **\$ 65.29** per foot of lot width (average x number of lots) when Company performs trenching, conduit installation, and backfilling to Company specifications.

Charge: **\$ 31.95** per foot of lot width (average x number of lots) when Customer performs trenching, conduit installation, and backfilling to Company specifications.

SERVICE LATERALS

FROM OVERHEAD FACILITIES

Charge: **\$ 29.67** per foot of trench length from Overhead Facilities when Company performs trenching, conduit installation, and backfilling to Company

Charge: **\$ 11.04** per foot of trench length from Overhead Facilities when Customer performs trenching, conduit installation, and backfilling to Company

FROM UNDERGROUND FACILITIES

Charge: **\$ 23.83** per foot of trench length from Underground Facilities when Company performs trenching, conduit installation, and backfilling to Company

Charge: **\$ 5.70** per foot of trench length from Underground Facilities when Customer performs trenching, conduit installation, and backfilling to Company

REPLACEMENT OF USEFUL OVERHEAD SERVICE DROP

Charge: **\$ 200.00** for each removal in addition to any underground differential costs.

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**Rider A.F.S.
(Alternate Feed Service Rider)**

Availability of Service

Standard Alternate Feed Service (AFS) is a premium service providing a redundant distribution service provided through a redundant distribution line and distribution station transformer, with automatic or manual switch-over and recovery, which provides increased reliability for distribution service. Rider AFS applies to those customers requesting new or upgraded AFS after the effective date of this rider. Rider AFS also applies to existing customers that desire to maintain redundant service when the Company must make expenditures in order to continue providing such service.

Rider AFS is available to customers who request a primary voltage alternate feed and who normally take service under Tariffs M.G.S.-TOD, L.G.S., L.G.S.-TOD, I.G.S., or M.W. for their basic service requirements, provided that the Company has adequate capacity in existing distribution facilities, as determined by the Company, or if changes can be made to make capacity available. AFS provided under this rider may not be available at all times, including emergency situations.

System Impact Study Charge

The Company shall charge the customer for the actual cost incurred by the Company to conduct a system impact study for each site reviewed. The study will consist of, but is not limited to, the following: (1) identification of customer load requirements, (2) identification of the potential facilities needed to provide the AFS, (3) determination of the impact of AFS loading on all electrical facilities under review, (4) evaluation of the impact of the AFS on system protection and coordination issues including the review of the transfer switch, (5) evaluation of the impact of the AFS request on system reliability indices and power quality, (6) development of cost estimates for any required system improvements or enhancements required by the AFS, and (7) documentation of the results of the study. The Company will provide to the customer an estimate of charges for this study.

Equipment and Installation Charge

The customer shall pay, in advance of construction, a nonrefundable amount for all equipment and installation costs for all dedicated and/or local facilities provided by the Company required to furnish either a new or upgraded AFS. The payment shall be grossed-up for federal and state taxes, assessment fees and gross receipts taxes. The customer will not acquire any title in said facilities by reason of such payment. The equipment and installation charge shall be determined by the Company and shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (1) all costs associated with the AFS dedicated and/or local facilities provided by the Company and (2) any costs or modifications to the customer's basic service facilities.

The customer is responsible for all costs associated with providing and maintaining phone service for use with metering to notify the Company of a transfer of service to the AFS or return to basic service.

Transfer Switch Provision

In the event the customer receives basic service at primary voltage, the customer shall install, own, maintain, test, inspect, operate and replace the transfer switch. Customer-owned switches are required to be at primary voltage and must meet the Company's engineering, operational and maintenance specifications. The Company reserves the right to inspect the customer-owned switches periodically and to disconnect the AFS for adverse impacts on reliability or safety.

Existing AFS customers, who receive basic service at primary voltage and are served via a Company-owned transfer switch and control module, may elect for the Company to continue ownership of the transfer switch. When the Company-owned transfer switch and/or control module requires replacement, and the customer desires to continue the AFS, the customer shall pay the Company the total cost to replace such equipment which shall be grossed up for federal and state taxes, assessment fees and gross receipts taxes. In addition, the customer shall pay a monthly rate of \$15.75 for the Company to annually test the transfer switch / control module and the customer shall reimburse the Company for the actual costs involved in maintaining the Company-owned transfer switch and control module.

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Transfer Switch Provision Continued

In the event a customer receives basic service at secondary voltage and requests AFS, the Company will provide the AFS at primary voltage. The Company will install, own, maintain, test, inspect and operate the transfer switch and control module. The customer shall pay the Company a nonrefundable amount for all costs associated with the transfer switch installation. The payment shall be grossed-up for federal and state taxes, assessment fees and gross receipts taxes. In addition, the customer is required to pay the monthly rate for testing and ongoing maintenance costs defined above. When the Company-owned transfer switch and/or control module requires replacement, and the customer desires to continue the AFS, customer shall pay the Company the total cost to replace such equipment which shall be grossed up for federal and state taxes, assessment fees and gross receipts taxes.

After a transfer of service to the AFS, a customer utilizing a manual or semi-automatic transfer switch shall return to the basic service within one (1) week or as mutually agreed to by the Company and customer. In the event system constraints require a transfer to be expedited, the Company will endeavor to provide as much advance notice as possible to the customer. However, the customer shall accomplish the transfer back to the basic service within ten minutes if notified by the Company of system constraints. In the event the customer fails to return to basic service within 12 hours, or as mutually agreed to by the Company and customer, or within ten minutes of notification of system constraints, the Company reserves the right to immediately disconnect the customer's load from the AFS source. If the customer does not return to the basic service as agreed to, or as requested by the Company, the Company may also provide 30 days' notice to terminate the AFS agreement with the customer.

The customer shall make a request to the Company for approval three days in advance for any planned switching.

Monthly AFS Capacity Reservation Demand Charge

Monthly AFS charges will be in addition to all monthly basic service charges paid by the customer under the applicable tariff.

The Monthly AFS Capacity Reservation Demand Charge for the reservation of distribution station and primary lines is \$6.38 per kW.

AFS Capacity Reservation

The customer shall reserve a specific amount of AFS capacity equal to, or less than, the customer's average maximum requirements, but in no event shall the customer's AFS capacity reservation under this rider exceed the capacity reservation for the customer's basic service under the appropriate tariff. The Company shall not be required to supply AFS capacity in excess of that reserved except by mutual agreement.

If the customer plans to increase the AFS demand at anytime in the future, the customer shall promptly notify the Company of such additional demand requirements. The customer's AFS capacity reservation and billing will be adjusted accordingly. The customer will pay the Company the actual costs of any and all additional dedicated and/or local facilities required to provide AFS in advance of construction and pursuant to an AFS construction agreement. If customer exceeds the agreed upon AFS capacity reservation, the Company reserves the right to disconnect the AFS. If the customer's AFS metered demand exceeds the agreed upon AFS capacity reservation, which jeopardizes company facilities or the electrical service to other customers, the Company reserves the right to disconnect the AFS immediately. If the Company agrees to allow the customer to continue AFS, the customer will be required to sign a new AFS agreement reflecting the new AFS capacity reservation. In addition, the customer will promptly notify Kentucky Power regarding any reduction in the AFS capacity reservation.

The customer may reserve partial-load AFS capacity, which shall be less than the customer's full requirements for basic service subject to the conditions in this provision. Prior to the customer receiving partial-load AFS capacity, the customer shall be required to demonstrate or provide evidence to the Company that they have installed demand-controlling equipment that is capable of curtailing load when a switch has been made from the basic service to the AFS. The Company reserves the right to test and verify the customer's ability to curtail load to meet the agreed upon partial-load AFS capacity reservation.

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Determination of Billing Demand

Full-Load Requirement:

For customers requesting AFS equal to their load requirement for basic service, the AFS billing demand shall be taken each month as the single-highest 15-minute integrated peak as registered during the month by a demand meter or indicator, but the monthly AFS billing demand so established shall in no event be less than the greater of (a) the customer's AFS capacity reservation, or (b) the customer's highest previously established monthly billing demand on the AFS during the past 11 months, or (c) the customer's basic service capacity reservation, or (d) the customer's highest previously established monthly billing demand on the basic service during the past 11 months.

Partial-Load Requirement:

For customers requesting partial-load AFS capacity reservation that is less than the customer's full requirements for basic service, the AFS billing demand shall be taken each month as the single-highest 15-minute integrated peak on the AFS as registered during the month by a demand meter or indicator, but the monthly AFS billing demand so established shall in no event be less than the greater of (a) the customer's AFS capacity reservation, or (b) the customer's highest previously established monthly metered demand on the partial-load AFS during the past 11 months.

Delayed Payment Charge

~~This tariff is due and payable in full on or before the due date stated on the bill. On all accounts not so paid, an additional charge of 5% of the unpaid balance will be made.~~

Terms of Contract

The AFS agreement under this rider will be made for a period of not less than one year and shall remain in effect thereafter until either party shall give at least six months' written notice to the other of the intention to discontinue service under the terms of this rider.

Disconnection of AFS under this rider due to reliability or safety concerns associated with customer-owned transfer switches will not relieve the customer of payments required hereunder for the duration of the agreement term.

Special Terms and Conditions

This rider is subject to the Company's Terms and Conditions of Service.

Upon receipt of a request from the customer for non-standard AFS (AFS which includes unique service characteristics different from standard AFS), the Company will provide the customer with a written estimate of all costs, including system impact study costs, and any applicable unique terms and conditions of service related to the provision of the non-standard AFS. An AFS agreement will be filed with the Commission under the 30-day filing procedures. The AFS agreement shall provide full disclosure of all rates, terms and conditions of service under this rider, and any and all agreements related thereto.

The Company will have sole responsibility for determining the basic service circuit and the AFS circuit.

The Company assumes no liability should the AFS circuit, transfer switch, or other equipment required to provide AFS fail to operate as designed, is unsatisfactory, or is not available for any reason.

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**Rider R.P.O.
(Renewable Power Option Rider)**

Availability of Service

Available to customers taking metered service under the Company’s R.S., R.S.D. , R.S.-L.M.-T.O.D., R.S.-T.O.D., Experimental R.S.-T.O.D.2, G.S., S.G.S.-T.O.D., M.G.S.-T.O.D., L.G.S., L.G.S.-T.O.D., I.G.S., C.S.-I.R.P., ~~C.S.-Coal~~, and M.W. tariffs.

Participation in this program under Option A may be limited by the ability of the Company to procure renewable energy certificates (RECs) from Renewable Resources. If the total of all kWh under contract under this Rider equals or exceeds the Company’s ability to procure RECs, the Company may suspend the availability of this Rider to new participants.

Customers who wish to directly purchase the electrical output and all associated environmental attributes from a renewable energy generator may contract bilaterally with the Company under Option B. Option B is available to customers taking metered service under the Company’s I.G.S., and C.S.-I.R.P. tariffs, or multiple L.G.S. tariff accounts with common ownership under a single parent company that can aggregate multiple accounts to exceed 1000 kW of peak demand.

Conditions of Service

Customers who wish to support the development of electricity generated by Renewable Resources may under Option A contract to purchase each month a specific number of fixed kWh blocks, or choose to cover all of their monthly usage.

Renewable Resources shall be defined as Wind, Solar Photovoltaic, Biomass Co-Firing of Agricultural crops and all energy crops, Hydro (as certified by the Low Impact Hydro Institute), Incremental Improvements in Large Scale Hydro, Coal Mine Methane, Landfill Gas, Biogas Digesters, Biomass Co-Firing of All Woody Waste including mill residue, but excluding painted or treated lumber. All REC’s purchased under Option A of this tariff shall be retained or retired by the Company on behalf of customers.

Rates

Option A

In addition to the monthly charges determined according to the Company’s tariff under which the customer takes metered service, the customer shall also pay the following rate for the REC option of their choosing. The charge will be applied to the customer’s bill as a separate line item.

The Company will provide customers at least 30-days’ advance notice of any change in the Rate. At such time, the customer may modify or cancel their automatic monthly purchase agreement. Any cancellation will be effective at the end of the current billing period when notice is provided.

	Block Purchase Charge (\$ per 100 kWh block)	All Usage Purchase Charge per kWh consumed
A1. Solar RECs	\$04.500 /month	\$0.00 540
A2. Wind RECs	\$04.500 /month	\$0.00 05
A3. Hydro & Other RECs	\$0. 530 /month	\$0.00 53

Option B

Charges for service under option B of this Tariff will be set forth in the written agreement between the Company and the Customer and will reflect a combination of the firm service rates otherwise available to the Customer and the cost of the renewable energy resource being directly contracted for by the Customer.

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**Rider R.P.O. Continued
(Renewable Power Option Rider)**

Term

This is a voluntary program.

Under Option A Customers may participate through a one-time purchase, or establish an automatic monthly purchase agreement. Any payments under this program are nonrefundable. Customers participating under Option A may terminate service under this Rider by notifying the Company with at least thirty (30) days prior notice.

Under Option B, the term of the agreement will be determined in the written agreement between the Company and the Customer.

Special Terms and Conditions

This Rider is subject to the Company's Terms and Conditions of Service and all provisions of the tariff under which the customer takes service, including all payment provisions. The Company may deny or terminate service under this Rider to customers who are delinquent in payment to the Company.

Funds collected under this Renewable Power Option Rider will be used solely to purchase RECs for the program.

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Tariff N.U.G. (Non-Utility Generator)

Availability of Service

~~This tariff is unavailable to new participants.~~ This tariff is applicable to customers with generation facilities which have a total design capacity of over 1,000 kW that intends to schedule, deliver and sell the net electric output of the facility at wholesale, and who require ~~Commissioning Power, Startup Power and/or~~ Station Power service from the Company.

Service to any load that is electrically isolated from the Customer's generator shall be separately metered and provided in accordance with the generally available demand-metered tariff appropriate for such service to the Customer.

This tariff is not available for standby, backup, maintenance, or supplemental service for wholesale or retail loads served by Customer's generator.

Definitions

~~1. Commissioning Power - The electrical energy and capacity supplied to the customer prior to the commercial operation of the customer's generator, including initial construction and testing phases.~~

2. **Station Power** - The electrical energy and capacity supplied to the customer to serve the auxiliary loads at the Customer's generation facilities, usually when the Customer's generator is not operating. Station Power does not include Startup Power.

~~3. Startup Power - The electrical energy and capacity supplied to the customer following a planned or forced outage of the customer's generator for the purpose of returning the customer's generator to synchronous operation.~~

Commissioning Power Service

~~Customers requiring Commissioning Power shall take service under Tariff T.S. or by special agreement with the Company. The Customer shall coordinate its construction and testing with the Company to ensure that the customer's operations do not cause any undue interference with the Company's obligations to provide service to its other customers or impose a burden on the Company's system or any system interconnected with the Company.~~

Station Power Service

Customers requiring Station Power shall take service under the generally available demand-metered tariff appropriate for the Customer's Station Power requirements.

Station Contract Capacity – The Customer shall contract for a definite amount of electrical capacity in kW sufficient to meet the maximum Station Power requirements that the Company is expected to supply under the generally available demand-metered tariff appropriate for the customer.

~~Startup Power Service~~ Transmission Service

Transmission Provider - The entity providing transmission service to customers in the Company's service territory. Such entity may be the Company or a regional transmission entity.

Prior to taking service under this tariff, the Customer must have a fully executed Interconnection and Operation Agreement with the Company and/or the Transmission Provider or an unexecuted agreement filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under applicable procedures.

~~Should the customer's use of Startup Power result in any charges for Transmission Congestion from the Transmission Provider, such charges, including any applicable taxes or assessments, shall be paid by or passed through to the customer without markup.~~

Transmission Congestion is the condition that exists when market participants seek to dispatch in a pattern that would result in power flows that cannot be physically accommodated by the system.

Term of Contract

Contracts under this tariff will be made for an initial period of not less than one year and shall remain in effect thereafter until either party shall give at least 6 months' written notice to the other of the intention to terminate the contract. The Company reserves the right to require initial contracts for periods greater than one year.

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A new initial contract period will not be required for existing customers who change their contract requirements after the original initial period unless new or additional facilities are required.

The Company may not be required to supply capacity in excess of that contracted for except by mutual agreement. Contracts will be made in multiples of 100 kW.

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Tariff N.U.G. Continued (Non-Utility Generator)

Special Terms and Conditions

This tariff is subject to the Company's Terms and Conditions of Service.

This tariff shall not obligate the Company to purchase or pay for any capacity or energy produced by the Customer's generator.

Customers desiring to provide ~~Startup and~~ Station Power from other generation facilities, owned by the same individual business entity that are not located on the site of the customer's generator (remote self-supply), shall take service under the terms and conditions contained within the applicable Open Access Transmission Tariff as filed with and accepted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

~~Customers requiring Startup Power have the option of contracting for such service under the terms of this tariff or under the generally available demand metered tariff appropriate for the customer's Startup Power requirements.~~

~~**Startup Contract Capacity**—The Customer shall contract for a definite amount of electrical capacity in kW sufficient to meet the maximum Startup Power requirements that the Company is expected to supply.~~

~~**Startup Duration**—The Customer shall contract for a definite number of hours sufficient to meet the maximum period of time for which the Company is expected to supply Startup Power.~~

~~**Startup Frequency**—The Customer shall contract for a definite number of startup events sufficient to meet the maximum number of times per year that the Company is expected to supply Startup Power.~~

~~**Other Startup Characteristics**—The customer shall provide to the Company other information regarding the customer's Startup Power requirements, including, but not limited to, anticipated time of use and seasonal characteristics.~~

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Tariff N.M.S. (Net Metering Service)

Availability of Service

Net Metering is available to eligible customer-generators in the Company's service territory, upon request, and on a first-come, first-served basis up to a cumulative capacity of one percent (1%) of the Company's single hour peak load in Kentucky during the previous year. If the cumulative generating capacity of net metering systems reaches 1% of the Company's single hour peak load during the previous year, upon Commission approval, the Company's obligation to offer net metering to a new customer-generator may be limited. An eligible customer-generator shall mean a retail electric customer of the Company with a generating facility that:

- (1) Generates electricity using solar energy, wind energy, biomass or biogas energy, or hydro energy;
- (2) Has a rated capacity of not greater than forty-five (45) kilowatts;
- (3) Is located on the customer's premises;
- (4) Is owned and operated by the customer;
- (5) Is connected in parallel with the Company's electric distribution system; and
- (6) Has the primary purpose of supplying all or part of the customer's own electricity requirements.

At its sole discretion, the Company may provide Net Metering to other customer-generators not meeting all the conditions listed above on a case-by-case basis.

Eligible electric generating facilities in service before May 15, 2021 shall be entitled to continue to take service under this tariff, as it may be amended from time to time by the Commission, until the earlier of: (i) May 14, 2046; or (ii) the date the customer's modification of the eligible electric generating facility results in a material increase in the eligible electric generating facility's capacity.

The term "Customer" hereinafter shall refer to any customer requesting or receiving Net Metering services under this tariff.

Metering

Net energy metering shall be accomplished using a standard kilowatt-hour meter capable of measuring the flow of electricity in two (2) directions. If the existing electrical meter installed at the customer's facility is not capable of measuring the flow of electricity in two directions, the Company will provide the customer with the appropriate metering at no additional cost to the customer. If the customer requests any additional meter or meters or if distribution upgrades are needed to monitor the flow in each direction, such installations shall be at the customer's expense.

Billing/Monthly Charges

Monthly charges for energy, and demand where applicable, to serve the customer's net or total load shall be determined according to the Company's standard service tariff under which the customer would otherwise be served, absent the customer's electric generating facility. Energy charges under the customer's standard tariff shall be applied to the customer's net energy for the billing period to the extent that the net energy exceeds zero. If the customer's net energy is zero or negative during the billing period, the customer shall pay only the non-energy charge portions of the standard tariff bill. If the customer's net energy is negative during a billing period, the customer shall be credited in the next billing period for the kWh difference. If time-of-day metering is used, energy flows in both directions shall be netted and accounted for at the specific time-of-use in accordance with the provisions of the customer's standard tariff and this Net Metering Service Tariff. When the customer elects to no longer take service under this Net Metering Service Tariff, any unused credit shall revert to the Company. Excess electricity credits are not transferable between customers or locations.

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Tariff N.M.S. Continued (Net Metering Service)

Application and Approval Process

The Customer shall submit an Application for Interconnection and Net Metering (“Application”) and receive approval from the Company prior to connecting the generator facility to the Company’s system.

Applications will be submitted by the Customer and reviewed and processed by the Company according to either Level 1 or Level 2 processes defined below.

The Company may reject an Application for violations of any code, standard, or regulation related to reliability or safety; however, the Company will work with the Customer to resolve those issues to the extent practicable.

Customers may contact the Company to check on the status of an Application or with questions prior to submitting an Application. Company contact information can be found on Kentucky Power Company’s Application Form or on the Company’s website.

Level 1 and Level 2 Definitions

Level 1

A Level 1 Application shall be used if the generating facility is inverter-based and is certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory to meet the requirements of Underwriters Laboratories Standard 1741 “Inverters, Converters, Controllers and Interconnection System Equipment for Use With Distributed Energy Resources” (UL 1741).

The Company will approve the Level 1 Application if the generating facility also meets all of the following conditions:

- (1) For interconnection to a radial distribution circuit, the aggregated generation on the circuit, including the proposed generating facility, will not exceed 15% of the Line Section’s most recent annual one hour peak load. A line section is the smallest part of the primary distribution system the generating facility could remain connected to after operation of any sectionalizing devices.
- (2) If the proposed generating facility is to be interconnected on a single-phase shared secondary, the aggregate generation capacity on the shared secondary, including the proposed generating facility, will not exceed the smaller of 20 kVA or the nameplate rating of the transformer.
- (3) If the proposed generating facility is single-phase and is to be interconnected on a center tap neutral of a 240 volt service, its addition shall not create an imbalance between the two sides of the 240 volt service of more than 20% of the nameplate rating of the service transformer.
- (4) If the generating facility is to be connected to three-phase, three wire primary Company distribution lines, the generator shall appear as a phase-to-phase connection at the primary Company distribution line.
- (5) If the generating facility is to be connected to three-phase, four wire primary Company distribution lines, the generator shall appear to the primary Company distribution line as an effectively grounded source.
- (6) The interconnection will not be on an area or spot network.
- (7) The Company does not identify any violations of any applicable provisions of IEEE 1547, “Standard for Interconnecting Distributed Resources with Electric Power Systems.”
- (8) No construction of facilities by the Company on its own system will be required to accommodate the generating facility.

If the generating facility does not meet all of the above listed criteria, the Company, in its sole discretion, may either: 1) approve the generating facility under the Level 1 Application if the Company determines that the generating facility can be safely and reliably connected to the Company’s system; or 2) deny the Application as submitted under the Level 1 Application.

The Company shall notify the customer within 20 business days whether the Application is approved or denied, based on the criteria provided in this section.

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Level 1 Continued

If the Application lacks complete information, the Company shall notify the customer that additional information is required, including a list of such additional information. The time between notification and receipt of required additional information will add to the time to process the Application.

When approved, the Company will indicate by signing the approval line on the Level 1 Application Form and returning it to the customer. The approval will be subject to successful completion of an initial installation inspection and witness test if required by the Company. The Company's approval section of the Application will indicate if an inspection and witness test are required. If so, the customer shall notify the Company within 3 business days of completion of the generating facility installation and schedule an inspection and witness test with the Company to occur within 10 business days of completion of the generator facility installation or as otherwise agreed to by the Company and the customer. The customer may not operate the generating facility until successful completion of such inspection and witness test, unless the Company expressly permits operational testing not to exceed two hours. If the installation fails the inspection or witness test due to noncompliance with any provision in the Application and Company approval, the customer shall not operate the generating facility until any and all noncompliance is corrected and re-inspected by the Company.

If the Application is denied, the Company will supply the customer with reasons for denial. The customer may resubmit under Level 2 if appropriate.

Level 2

A Level 2 Application is required under any of the following:

- (1) The generating facility is not inverter based;
- (2) The generating facility uses equipment that is not certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory to meet the requirements of UL 1741; or
- (3) The generating facility does not meet one or more of the additional conditions under Level 1.

The Company will approve the Level 2 Application if the generating facility meets the Company's technical interconnection requirements, which are based on IEEE 1547. The Company shall make its technical interconnection requirements available online and upon request.

The Company will process the Level 2 Application within 30 business days of receipt of a complete Application. Within that time the Company will respond in one of the following ways:

- (1) The Application is approved and the Company will provide the customer with an Interconnection Agreement to sign.
- (2) If construction or other changes to the Company's distribution system are required, the cost will be the responsibility of the customer. The Company will give notice to the customer and offer to meet to discuss estimated costs and construction timeframe. Should the customer agree to pay for costs and proceed, the Company will provide the customer with an Interconnection Agreement to sign within a reasonable time.
- (3) The Application is denied. The Company will supply the customer with reasons for denial and offer to meet to discuss possible changes that would result in Company approval. Customer may resubmit Application with changes.

If the Application lacks complete information, the Company shall notify the customer that additional information is required, including a list of such additional information. The time between notification and receipt of required additional information will add to the 30-business-day target to process the Application.

The Interconnection Agreement will contain all the terms and conditions for interconnection consistent with those specified in this tariff, inspection and witness test requirements, description of and cost of construction or other changes to the Company's distribution system required to accommodate the generating facility, and detailed documentation of the generating facilities which may include single line diagrams, relay settings, and a description of operation.

The customer may not operate the generating facility until an Interconnection Agreement is signed by the customer and Company and all necessary conditions stipulated in the agreement are met.

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Application, Inspection and Processing Fees

No application fee or other review, study, or inspection or witness test fees will be charged by the company for Level I application.

The Company will require each customer to submit with each Level 2 Application a non-refundable application, inspection and processing fee of \$50. In the event the Company determines an impact study is necessary with respect to a Level 2 Application, the customer shall be responsible for any reasonable costs up to \$1,000 for the initial impact study. The Company shall provide documentation of the actual cost of the impact study. Any other studies requested by the customer shall be at the customer's sole expense.

Terms and Conditions for Interconnection

To interconnect to the Company's distribution system, the customer's generating facility shall comply with the following terms and conditions:

- (1) The Company shall provide the customer net metering services, without charge for standard metering equipment, through a standard kilowatt-hour metering system capable of measuring the flow of electricity in two (2) directions. If the customer requests any additional meter or meters or distribution upgrades are needed to monitor the flow in each direction, such installations shall be at the customer's expense.
- (2) The customer shall install, operate, and maintain, at customer's sole cost and expense, any control, protective, or other equipment on the customer's system required by the Company's technical interconnection requirements based on IEEE 1547, the NEC, accredited testing laboratories such as Underwriters Laboratories, and the manufacturer's suggested practices for safe, efficient and reliable operation of the generating facility in parallel with Company's electric system. Customer shall bear full responsibility for the installation, maintenance and safe operation of the generating facility. Upon reasonable request from the Company, the customer shall demonstrate generating facility compliance.
- (3) The generating facility shall comply with, and the customer shall represent and warrant its compliance with: (a) any applicable safety and power quality standards established by IEEE and accredited testing laboratories such as Underwriters Laboratories; (b) the NEC as may be revised from time to time; (c) Company's rules, regulations, and Company's Terms and Conditions of Service as contained in Company's Retail Electric Tariff as may be revised from time to time with the approval of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (Commission); (d) the rules and regulations of the Commission, as such rules and regulations may be revised from time to time by the Commission; and (e) all other applicable local, state, and federal codes and laws, as the same may be in effect from time to time. Where required by law, customer shall pass an electrical inspection of the generating facility by a local authority having jurisdiction over the installation.
- (4) Any changes or additions to the Company's system required to accommodate the generating facility shall be considered excess facilities. Customer shall agree to pay Company for actual costs incurred for all such excess facilities prior to construction.
- (5) Customer shall operate the generating facility in such a manner as not to cause undue fluctuations in voltage, intermittent load characteristics or otherwise interfere with the operation of Company's electric system. At all times when the generating facility is being operated in parallel with Company's electric system, customer shall so operate the generating facility in such a manner that no adverse impacts will be produced thereby to the service quality rendered by Company to any of its other customers or to any electric system interconnected with Company's electric system. Customer shall agree that the interconnection and operation of the generating facility is secondary to, and shall not interfere with, Company's ability to meet its primary responsibility of furnishing reasonably adequate service to its customers.

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Terms and Conditions for Interconnection Continued

- (6) Customer shall be responsible for protecting, at customer's sole cost and expense, the generating facility from any condition or disturbance on Company's electric system, including, but not limited to, voltage sags or swells, system faults, outages, loss of a single phase of supply, equipment failures, and lightning or switching surges, except that the Company shall be responsible for repair of damage caused to the generating facility resulting solely from the negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Company.
- (7) After initial installation, Company shall have the right to inspect and/or witness commissioning tests, as specified in the Level 1 or Level 2 Application and approval process. Following the initial testing and inspection of the generating facility and upon reasonable advance notice to customer, Company shall have access at reasonable times to the generating facility to perform reasonable on-site inspections to verify that the installation, maintenance, and operation of the generating facility comply with the requirements of this tariff.
- (8) For Level 1 and 2 generating facilities, where required by the Company, an eligible customer shall furnish and install on customer's side of the point of common coupling a safety disconnect switch which shall be capable of fully disconnecting the customer's energy generating equipment from Company's electric service under the full rated conditions of the customer's generating facility. The external disconnect switch (EDS) shall be located adjacent to Company's meters or the location of the EDS shall be noted by placing a sticker on the meter, and shall be of the visible break type in a metal enclosure which can be secured by a padlock. If the EDS is not located directly adjacent to the meter, the customer shall be responsible for ensuring that the location of the EDS is properly and legibly identified for so long as the generating facility is operational. The disconnect switch shall be accessible to Company personnel at all times. The Company may waive the requirement for an EDS for a generating facility at its sole discretion, and on a case-by-case basis, upon review of the generating facility operating parameters and if permitted under the Company's safety and operating protocols.

The Company shall establish a training protocol for line workers on the location and use of the EDS, and shall require that the EDS be used when appropriate, and that the switch be turned back on once the disconnection is no longer necessary.

- (9) Company shall have the right and authority at Company's sole discretion to isolate the generating facility or require the customer to discontinue operation of the generating facility if Company believes that: (a) continued interconnection and parallel operation of the generating facility with Company's electric system creates or contributes (or may create or contribute) to a system emergency on either Company's or customer's electric system; (b) the generating facility is not in compliance with the requirements of this tariff, and the noncompliance adversely affects the safety, reliability, or power quality of Company's electric system; or (c) the generating facility interferes with the operation of Company's electric system. In non-emergency situations, Company shall give customer notice of noncompliance including a description of the specific noncompliance condition and allow customer a reasonable time to cure the noncompliance prior to isolating the generating facilities. In emergency situations, when the Company is unable to immediately isolate or cause the customer to isolate only the generating facility, the Company may isolate the customer's entire facility.
- (10) Customer shall agree that, without the prior written permission from Company, no changes shall be made to the generating facility as initially approved. Increases in generating facility capacity will require a new "Application for Interconnection and Net Metering" which will be evaluated on the same basis as any other new application. Repair and replacement of existing generating facility components with like components that meet UL 1741 certification requirements for Level 1 facilities and not resulting in increases in generating facility capacity is allowed without approval.

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Terms and Conditions for Interconnection Continued

- (11) To the extent permitted by law, the customer shall protect, indemnify, and hold harmless the Company and its directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives and contractors against and from all loss, claims, actions or suits, including costs and attorneys fees, for or on account of any injury or death of persons or damage to property caused by the customer or the customer's employees, agents, representatives and contractors in tampering with, repairing, maintaining, or operating the customer's generating facility or any related equipment or any facilities owned by the Company except where such injury, death or damage was caused or contributed to by the fault or negligence of the Company or its employees, agents, representatives, or contractors.

The liability of the Company to the customer for injury to person and property shall be governed by the tariff(s) for the class of service under which the customer is taking service.

- (12) The customer shall maintain general liability insurance coverage (through a standard homeowner's, commercial, or other policy) for both Level 1 and Level 2 generating facilities. Customer shall, upon request, provide Company with proof of such insurance at the time that application is made for net metering.
- (13) By entering into an Interconnection Agreement, or by inspection, if any, or by non-rejection, or by approval, or in any other way, Company does not give any warranty, express or implied, as to the adequacy, safety, compliance with applicable codes or requirements, or as to any other characteristics, of the generating facility equipment, controls, and protective relays and equipment.
- (14) A customer's generating facility is transferable to other persons or service locations only after notification to the Company has been made and verification that the installation is in compliance with this tariff. Upon written notification that an approved generating facility is being transferred to another person, customer, or location, the Company will verify that the installation is in compliance with this tariff and provide written notification to the customer(s) within 20 business days. If the installation is no longer in compliance with this tariff, the Company will notify the customer in writing and list what must be done to place the facility in compliance.
- (15) The customer shall retain any and all Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) that may be generated by their generating facility.

Term of Contract

Any contract required under this tariff shall become effective when executed by both parties and shall continue in effect until terminated. The contract may be terminated as follows: (a) Customer may terminate the contract at any time by giving the Company at least sixty (60) days' written notice; (b) Company may terminate upon failure by the customer to continue ongoing operation of the generating facility; (c) either party may terminate by giving the other party at least thirty (30) days prior written notice that the other party is in default of any of the terms and conditions of the contract or the rules or any rate schedule, tariff, regulation, contract, or policy of the Company, so long as the notice specifies the basis for termination and there is opportunity to cure the default; (d) the Company may terminate by giving the customer at least thirty (30) days notice in the event that there is a material change in an applicable law, regulation or statute affecting this Agreement or which renders the system out of compliance with the new law or statute.

Special Terms and Conditions

This tariff is subject to the Company's Terms and Conditions of Service and all provisions of the standard service tariff under which the customer takes service. This tariff is also subject to the applicable provisions of the Company's Technical Requirements for Interconnection.

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Application For Interconnection And Net Metering – Level 1

Use this Application only for: 1.) a generating facility that is inverter based and certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory to meet the requirements of UL 1741, 2.) less than or equal to 45 kW generation capacity and 3.) connecting to Kentucky Power distribution system.

Submit this Application to:

D.G. Coordinator
American Electric Power
1 Riverside Plaza
Columbus, Ohio 43215-2373
614-716-4020 Office / 614-716-1414 Fax
dgcoordinator@aep.com

(Contact person listed is subject to change. Please visit our website for up-to date information <http://www.kentucky power.com>)

Applicant

Name:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone: ()

Phone: ()

E-mail address:

Service Location

Name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip: Electric Service

Account Number

Provide names and contact information for other contractors, installers, or engineering firms involved in the design and installation of the generating facilities:

Alternate Contacts

Name

Company

Telephone/Email

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Tariff N.M.S. Continued (Net Metering Service)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR LEVEL 1:

- 1 Kentucky Power Company (Company) shall provide customer net metering services, without charge for standard metering equipment, through a standard kilowatt-hour metering system capable of measuring the flow of electricity in two (2) directions. If the customer requests any additional meter or meters or distribution upgrades are needed to monitor the flow in each direction, such installations shall be at the customer's expense.
- 2 Customer shall install, operate, and maintain, at customer's sole cost and expense, any control, protective, or other equipment on the customer's system required by the Company's technical interconnection requirements based on IEEE 1547, the NEC, accredited testing laboratories such as Underwriters Laboratories, and the manufacturer's suggested practices for safe, efficient, and reliable operation of the generating facility in parallel with Company's electric system. Customer shall bear full responsibility for the installation, maintenance, and safe operation of the generating facility. Upon reasonable request from the Company, customer shall demonstrate generating facility compliance.
- 3 The generating facility shall comply with, and the customer shall represent and warrant its compliance with: (a) any applicable safety and power quality standards established by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and accredited testing laboratories such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL); (b) the National Electrical Code (NEC) as may be revised from time to time; (c) Company's rules, regulations, and Company's Terms and Conditions of Service as contained in Company's Retail Electric Tariff as may be revised from time to time with the approval of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (Commission); (d) the rules and regulations of the Commission, as such rules and regulations may be revised from time to time by the Commission; and (e) all other applicable local, state, and federal codes and laws, as the same may be in effect from time to time. Where required by law, customer shall pass an electrical inspection of the generating facility by a local authority having jurisdiction over the installation.
- 4 Any changes or additions to the Company's system required to accommodate the generating facility shall be considered excess facilities. Customer shall agree to pay Company for actual costs incurred for all such excess facilities prior to construction.
- 5 Customer shall operate the generating facility in such a manner as not to cause undue fluctuations in voltage, intermittent load characteristics, or otherwise interfere with the operation of Company's electric system. At all times when the generating facility is being operated in parallel with Company's electric system, customer shall so operate the generating facility in such a manner that no adverse impacts will be produced thereby to the service quality rendered by Company to any of its other customers or to any electric system interconnected with Company's electric system. Customer shall agree that the interconnection and operation of the generating facility is secondary to, and shall not interfere with, Company's ability to meet its primary responsibility of furnishing reasonably adequate service to its customers.
- 6 Customer shall be responsible for protecting, at customer's sole cost and expense, the generating facility from any condition or disturbance on Company's electric system, including, but not limited to, voltage sags or swells, system faults, outages, loss of a single phase of supply, equipment failures, and lightning or switching surges, except that the Company shall be responsible for repair of damage caused to the generating facility resulting solely from the negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Company.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR LEVEL 1, continued

- 7 After initial installation, Company shall have the right to inspect and/or witness commissioning tests, as specified in the Level 1 or Level 2 Application and approval process. Following the initial testing and inspection of the generating facility and upon reasonable advance notice to customer, Company shall have access at reasonable times to the generating facility to perform reasonable on-site inspections to verify that the installation, maintenance and operation of the generating facility comply with the requirements of this tariff.
- 8 For Level 1 generating facilities, where required by the Company, an eligible customer shall furnish and install on customer's side of the point of common coupling a safety disconnect switch which shall be capable of fully disconnecting the customer's energy generating equipment from Company's electric service under the full rated conditions of the customer's generating facility. The external disconnect switch (EDS) shall be located adjacent to Company's meters or the location of the EDS shall be noted by placing a sticker on the meter, and shall be of the visible break type in a metal enclosure which can be secured by a padlock. If the EDS is not located directly adjacent to the meter, the customer shall be responsible for ensuring the location of the EDS is properly and legibly identified for so long as the generating facility is operational. The disconnect switch shall be accessible to Company personnel at all times. The Company may waive the requirement for an EDS for a generating facility at its sole discretion, and on a case-by-case basis, upon review of the generating facility operating parameters and if permitted under the Company's safety and operating protocols.
- The Company shall establish a training protocol for line workers on the location and use of the EDS, and shall require that the EDS be used when appropriate, and that the switch be turned back on once the disconnection is no longer necessary.
- 9 Company shall have the right and authority at Company's sole discretion to isolate the generating facility or require the customer to discontinue operation of the generating facility if Company believes that: (a) continued interconnection and parallel operation of the generating facility with Company's electric system creates or contributes (or may create or contribute) to a system emergency on either Company's or customer's electric system; (b) the generating facility is not in compliance with the requirements of this tariff, and the noncompliance adversely affects the safety, reliability or power quality of Company's electric system; or (c) the generating facility interferes with the operation of Company's electric system. In non-emergency situations, Company shall give customer notice of noncompliance including a description of the specific noncompliance condition and allow customer a reasonable time to cure the noncompliance prior to isolating the generating facilities. In emergency situations, when the Company is unable to immediately isolate or cause the customer to isolate only the generating facility, the Company may isolate the customer's entire facility.
- 10 Customer shall agree that, without the prior written permission from Company, no changes shall be made to the generating facility as initially approved. Increases in generating facility capacity will require a new "Application for Interconnection and Net Metering" which will be evaluated on the same basis as any other new application. Repair and replacement of existing generating facility components with like components that meet UL 1741 certification requirements for Level 1 facilities and not resulting in increases in generating facility capacity is allowed without approval.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR LEVEL 1, continued

- 11 To the extent permitted by law, the customer shall protect, indemnify, and hold harmless the Company and its directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives and contractors against and from all loss, claims, actions or suits, including costs and attorneys fees, for or on account of any injury or death of persons or damage to property caused by the customer or the customer's employees, agents, representatives and contractors in tampering with, repairing, maintaining or operating the customer's generating facility or any related equipment or any facilities owned by the Company except where such injury, death or damage was caused or contributed to by the fault or negligence of the Company or its employees, agents, representatives, or contractors.

The liability of the Company to the customer for injury to person and property shall be governed by the tariff(s) for the class of service under which the customer is taking service.

- 12 The Customer shall maintain general liability insurance coverage (through a standard homeowner's, commercial, or other policy) for Level 1 generating facilities. Customer shall, upon request, provide Company with proof of such insurance at the time that application is made for net metering.
- 13 By entering into an Interconnection Agreement, or by inspection, if any, or by non-rejection, or by approval, or in any other way, Company does not give any warranty, express or implied, as to the adequacy, safety, compliance with applicable codes or requirements, or as to any other characteristics, of the generating facility equipment, controls, and protective relays and equipment.
- 14 Customer's generating facility is transferable to other persons or service locations only after notification to the Company has been made and verification that the installation is in compliance with this tariff. Upon written notification that an approved generating facility is being transferred to another person, customer, or location, the Company will verify that the installation is in compliance with this tariff and provide written notification to the Customer(s) within 20 business days. If the installation is no longer in compliance with this tariff, the Company will notify the customer in writing and list what must be done to place the facility in compliance.
- 15 The customer shall retain any and all Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) that may be generated by their generating facility.

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**Tariff N.M.S. Continued
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TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR LEVEL 1, continued

Effective Term and Termination Rights

This Agreement becomes effective when executed by both parties and shall continue in effect until terminated. This Agreement may be terminated as follows: (a) Customer may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving the Company at least sixty (60) days' written notice; (b) Company may terminate upon failure by the Customer to continue ongoing operation of the generating facility; (c) either party may terminate by giving the other party at least thirty (30) days prior written notice that the other party is in default of any of the terms and conditions of the Agreement or the Rules or any rate schedule, tariff, regulation, contract, or policy of the Company, so long as the notice specifies the basis for termination and there is opportunity to cure the default; (d) the Company may terminate by giving the Customer at least thirty (30) days notice in the event that there is a material change in an applicable law, regulation or statute affecting this Agreement or which renders the system out of compliance with the new law or statute. I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all of the information provided in this Application is true, and I agree to abide by all the Terms and Conditions included in this Application for Interconnection and Net Metering and Company's Net Metering Tariff.

Customer Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

COMPANY APPROVAL SECTION

When signed below by a Company representative, Application for Interconnection and Net Metering is approved subject to the provisions contained in this Application and as indicated below.

Company inspection and witness test: () Required () Waived

If Company inspection and witness test is required, Customer shall notify the Company within three (3) business days of completion of the generating facility installation and schedule an inspection and witness test with the Company to occur within ten (10) business days of completion of the generating facility installation or as otherwise agreed to by the Company and the Customer. Unless indicated below, the Customer may not operate the generating facility until such inspection and witness test is successfully completed. Additionally, the Customer may not operate the generating facility until all other terms and conditions in the Application have been met.

Call: _____ to schedule an inspection and witness test.

Pre-Inspection operational testing not to exceed two (2) hours: () Allowed () Not Allowed

If Company inspection and witness test is waived, operation of the generating facility may begin when installation is complete, and all other terms and conditions in the Application have been met.

Additions, Changes, or Clarifications to Application Information: () None () As specified here:

Approved by: _____ **Date:** _____

Printed Name: _____ **Title:** _____

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Application for Interconnection and Net Metering – Level 2

Use this Application form for connecting to the Kentucky Power distribution system and: 1.) the generating facility is not inverter based or is not certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory to meet the requirements of UL 1741 or 2.) does not meet any of the additional conditions under a Level 1 Application (inverter based and less than or equal to 45kW generation).

Submit this Application (along with the application fee of \$100) to:

D.G. Coordinator
American Electric Power
1 Riverside Plaza
Columbus, Ohio 43215-2373
614-716-4020 Office / 614-716-1414 Fax
dgcoordinator@aep.com

(Contact person listed is subject to change. Please visit our website for up-to date information
<http://www.kentucky power.com>)

Applicant

Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: () _____ Phone: () _____
E-mail address: _____

Service Location

Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Electric Service Account Number _____

Provide names and contact information for other contractors, installers, or engineering firms involved in the design and installation of the generating facilities:

Alternate Contacts

Name	Company	Telephone/Email
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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**APPLICATION FOR INTERCONNECTION AND NET METERING,
LEVEL 2 - CONTINUED**

**Equipment
Qualifications**

Total Generating Capacity (kW) of the Generating Facility: _____

Type of Generator: Inverter-Based Synchronous Induction

Energy Source: Solar Wind Hydro Biogas Biomass

Attach documentation showing that inverter is certified by a nationally recognizes testing laboratory to meet the requirements of UL 1741.

Attach site drawing or sketch showing locations of Kentucky Power Company meter, energy source, accessible disconnect switch and inverter.

Attach single line drawing showing all electrical equipment from the metering location to the energy source including switches, fuses, breakers, panels, transformers, inverters, energy source, wire size, equipment ratings, and transformer connections.

Expected Start-up Date: _____

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**Tariff N.M.S. Continued
(Net Metering Service)**

Interconnection Agreement – Level 2

This Interconnection Agreement (Agreement) is made and entered into this ____ day of __, 20__, by and between Kentucky Power Company (Company), and _____ (Customer). Company and Customer are hereinafter sometimes referred to individually as “Party” or collectively as “Parties”

Witnesseth:

Whereas, Customer is installing, or has installed, generating equipment, controls, and protective relays and equipment (Generating Facility) used to interconnect and operate in parallel with Company’s electric system, which Generating Facility is more fully described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this Agreement, and as follows:

Location: _____

Generator Size and Type: _____

Now, Therefore, in consideration thereof, Customer and Company agree as follows:

Company agrees to allow Customer to interconnect and operate the generating Facility in parallel with the Company’s electric system and Customer agrees to abide by Company’s Net Metering Tariff and all Terms and Conditions listed in this Agreement including any additional conditions listed in Exhibit A.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR LEVEL 2:

To interconnect to the Kentucky Power Company (Company) distribution system, the customer's generating facility shall comply with the following terms and conditions:

1. Company shall provide customer net metering services, without charge for standard metering equipment, through a standard kilowatt-hour metering system capable of measuring the flow of electricity in two (2) directions. If the customer requests any additional meter/meters or distribution upgrades are needed to monitor the flow in each direction, such installations shall be at the customer's expense.
2. Customer shall install, operate, and maintain, at customer's sole cost and expense, any control, protective, or other equipment on the customer's system required by the Company's technical interconnection requirements based on IEEE 1547, the NEC, accredited testing laboratories such as Underwriters Laboratories, and the manufacturer's suggested practices for safe, efficient, and reliable operation of the generating facility in parallel with Company's electric system. Customer shall bear full responsibility for the installation, maintenance, and safe operation of the generating facility. Upon reasonable request from the Company, customer shall demonstrate generating facility compliance.
3. The generating facility shall comply with, and the customer shall represent and warrant its compliance with: (a) any applicable safety and power quality standards established by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and accredited testing laboratories such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL); (b) the National Electrical Code (NEC) as may be revised from time to time; (c) Company's rules, regulations, and Company's Terms and Conditions of Service as contained in Company's Retail Electric Tariff as may be revised from time to time with the approval of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (Commission); (d) the rules and regulations of the Commission, as such rules and regulations may be revised from time to time by the Commission; and (e) all other applicable local, state, and federal codes and laws, as the same may be in effect from time to time. Where required by law, customer shall pass an electrical inspection of the generating facility by a local authority having jurisdiction over the installation.
4. Any changes or additions to the Company's system required to accommodate the generating facility shall be considered excess facilities. Customer shall agree to pay Company for actual costs incurred for all such excess facilities prior to construction.
5. Customer shall operate the generating facility in such a manner as not to cause undue fluctuations in voltage, intermittent load characteristics, or otherwise interfere with the operation of Company's electric system. At all times when the generating facility is being operated in parallel with Company's electric system, customer shall so operate the generating facility in such a manner that no adverse impacts will be produced thereby to the service quality rendered by Company to any of its other customers or to any electric system interconnected with Company's electric system. Customer shall agree that the interconnection and operation of the generating facility is secondary to, and shall not interfere with, Company's ability to meet its primary responsibility of furnishing reasonably adequate service to its customers.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR LEVEL 2, continued

6. Customer shall be responsible for protecting, at Customer's sole cost and expense, the generating facility from any condition or disturbance on Company's electric system, including, but not limited to, voltage sags or swells, system faults, outages, loss of a single phase of supply, equipment failures, and lightning or switching surges, except that the Company shall be responsible for repair of damage caused to the generating facility resulting solely from the negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Company.
7. After initial installation, Company shall have the right to inspect and/or witness commissioning tests, as specified in the Level 1 or Level 2 Application and approval process. Following the initial testing and inspection of the generating facility and upon reasonable advance notice to customer, Company shall have access at reasonable times to the generating facility to perform reasonable on-site inspections to verify that the installation, maintenance and operation of the generating facility comply with the requirements of this tariff.
8. For Level 2 generating facilities, where required by the Company, an eligible customer shall furnish and install on customer's side of the point of common coupling a safety disconnect switch which shall be capable of fully disconnecting the customer's energy generating equipment from Company's electric service under the full rated conditions of the customer's generating facility. The external disconnect switch (EDS) shall be located adjacent to Company's meters or the location of the EDS shall be noted by placing a sticker on the meter, and shall be of the visible break type in a metal enclosure which can be secured by a padlock. If the EDS is not located directly adjacent to the meter, the customer shall be responsible for ensuring the location of the EDS is properly and legibly identified for so long as the generating facility is operational. The disconnect switch shall be accessible to Company personnel at all times. The Company may waive the requirement for an EDS for a generating facility at its sole discretion, and on a case-by-case basis, upon review of the generating facility operating parameters and if permitted under the Company's safety and operating protocols.

The Company shall establish a training protocol for line workers on the location and use of the EDS, and shall require that the EDS be used when appropriate, and that the switch be turned back on once the disconnection is no longer necessary.

9. Company shall have the right and authority at Company's sole discretion to isolate the generating facility or require the customer to discontinue operation of the generating facility if Company believes that: (a) continued interconnection and parallel operation of the generating facility with Company's electric system creates or contributes (or may create or contribute) to a system emergency on either Company's or customer's electric system; (b) the generating facility is not in compliance with the requirements of this tariff, and the noncompliance adversely affects the safety, reliability or power quality of Company's electric system; or (c) the generating facility interferes with the operation of Company's electric system. In non-emergency situations, Company shall give customer notice of noncompliance including a description of the specific noncompliance condition and allow customer a reasonable time to cure the noncompliance prior to isolating the generating facilities. In emergency situations, when the Company is unable to immediately isolate or cause the customer to isolate only the generating facility, the Company may isolate the customer's entire facility.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR LEVEL 2, continued

10. Customer shall agree that, without the prior written permission from Company, no changes shall be made to the generating facility as initially approved. Increases in generating facility capacity will require a new "Application for Interconnection and Net Metering" which will be evaluated on the same basis as any other new application. Repair and replacement of existing generating facility components with like components not resulting in increases in generating facility capacity is allowed without approval.
11. To the extent permitted by law, the customer shall protect, indemnify, and hold harmless the Company and its directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives and contractors against and from all loss, claims, actions or suits, including costs and attorneys fees, for or on account of any injury or death of persons or damage to property caused by the customer or the customer's employees, agents, representatives and contractors in tampering with, repairing, maintaining or operating the customer's generating facility or any related equipment or any facilities owned by the Company except where such injury, death or damage was caused or contributed to by the fault or negligence of the Company or its employees, agents, representatives, or contractors.

The liability of the Company to the customer for injury to person and property shall be governed by the tariff(s) for the class of service under which the customer is taking service.
12. The customer shall maintain general liability insurance coverage (through a standard homeowner's, commercial, or other policy). Customer shall provide Company with proof of such insurance at the time that application is made for net metering.
13. By entering into an Interconnection Agreement, or by inspection, if any, or by non-rejection, or by approval, or in any other way, Company does not give any warranty, express or implied, as to the adequacy, safety, compliance with applicable codes or requirements, or as to any other characteristics, of the generating facility equipment, controls, and protective relays and equipment.
14. Customer's generating facility is transferable to other persons or service locations only after notification to the Company has been made and verification that the installation is in compliance with this tariff. Upon written notification that an approved generating facility is being transferred to another person, customer, or location, the Company will verify that the installation is in compliance with this tariff and provide written notification to the customer(s) within 20 business days. If the installation is no longer in compliance with this tariff, the Company will notify the customer in writing and list what must be done to place the facility in compliance.
15. The customer shall retain any and all Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) that may be generated by their generating facility.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR LEVEL 2, continued

Effective Term and Termination Rights

This Agreement becomes effective when executed by both parties and shall continue in effect until terminated. This Agreement may be terminated as follows: (a) Customer may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving the Company at least sixty (60) days' written notice; (b) Company may terminate upon failure by the Customer to continue ongoing operation of the generating facility; (c) either party may terminate by giving the other party at least thirty (30) days prior written notice that the other party is in default of any of the terms and conditions of the Agreement or the Rules or any rate schedule, tariff, regulation, contract, or policy of the Company, so long as the notice specifies the basis for termination and there is opportunity to cure the default; (d) the Company may terminate by giving the Customer at least thirty (30) days notice in the event that there is a material change in an applicable law, regulation or statute affecting this Agreement or which renders the system out of compliance with the new law or statute.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement, effective as of the date first above written.

Customer Signature: _____	Date: _____
Printed Name: _____	Title: _____
Company Signature: _____	Date: _____
Printed Name: _____	Title: _____

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**Interconnection Agreement – Level 2
Exhibit A**

- Exhibit A will contain additional detailed information about the Generating Facility such as a single line diagram, relay settings, and a description of operation.
- When construction of the Company's facilities is required, Exhibit A will also contain a description and associated cost.
- Exhibit A will also specify requirements for a Company inspection and witness test and when limited operation for testing or full operation may begin.

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Tariff N.M.S. II (Net Metering Service II)

Availability of Service

Net Metering is available to eligible customer-generators in the Company's service territory, upon request, and on a first-come, first-served basis up to a cumulative capacity of one percent (1%) of the Company's single hour peak load in Kentucky during the previous year. If the cumulative generating capacity of net metering systems reaches 1% of the Company's single hour peak load during the previous year, upon Commission approval, the Company's obligation to offer net metering to a new customer-generator may be limited. An eligible customer-generator shall mean a retail electric customer of the Company with a generating facility that:

- (1) Generates electricity using solar energy, wind energy, biomass or biogas energy, or hydro energy;
- (2) Has a rated capacity of not greater than forty-five (45) kilowatts;
- (3) Is located on the customer's premises;
- (4) Is owned and operated by the customer;
- (5) Is connected in parallel with the Company's electric distribution system; and
- (6) Has the primary purpose of supplying all or part of the customer's own electricity requirements.

At its sole discretion, the Company may provide Net Metering to other customer-generators not meeting all the conditions listed above on a case-by-case basis.

Eligible generating facilities may take service, for a period of 25 years after the eligible generating facility is first placed in service, under the two-part rate structure and netting periods of this tariff in effect at the time the eligible electric generating facility is first placed in service.

Customers served under this optional offering will not be eligible for the Company's Equal Payment Plan (Budget) or Average Monthly Payment Plan (AMP).

The term "Customer" hereinafter shall refer to any customer requesting or receiving Net Metering services under this tariff.

Metering

Net energy metering shall be accomplished using a time of use ("TOU") kilowatt-hour meter capable of measuring the flow of electricity in two (2) directions. If the existing electrical meter installed at the customer's facility is not capable of measuring the flow of electricity in two directions, the Company will provide the customer with the appropriate metering at no additional cost to the customer. If the customer requests any additional meter or meters or if distribution upgrades are needed to monitor the flow in each direction, such installations shall be at the customer's expense.

Billing Charges

All net billing kWh and kW in each netting period, accumulated for the billing period, shall be charged at the rates applicable under the Company's standard service tariff under which the customer would otherwise be served, absent the customer's electric generating facility.

Energy charges under the customer's standard tariff shall be applied to the customer's net energy for the billing period to the extent that the net energy exceeds zero. If the customer's net energy is zero or negative during the billing period, the customer shall pay only the non-energy charge portions of the standard tariff bill.

All excess customer generation, (net negative energy or "NNE"), accumulated for the billing period, shall be credited at the avoided cost rate of 0.09746 \$/kWh for Residential service and 0.09657 \$/kWh for non-residential service each billing period.

Bill credits to customers for NNE at the avoided cost rate each billing period is a purchased power expense and shall be recovered from all customers through the Company's Purchased Power Adjustment Rider. If the NNE credit exceeds the customer's billed energy charges, along with any riders that are based on a per kWh charge, during the billing period, the amount in excess will be carried over for use in subsequent billing periods.

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Application and Approval Process

The Customer shall submit an Application for Interconnection and Net Metering (“Application”) and receive approval from the Company prior to connecting the generator facility to the Company’s system.

Applications will be submitted by the Customer and reviewed and processed by the Company according to either Level 1 or Level 2 processes defined below.

The Company may reject an Application for violations of any code, standard, or regulation related to reliability or safety; however, the Company will work with the Customer to resolve those issues to the extent practicable.

Customers may contact the Company to check on the status of an Application or with questions prior to submitting an Application. Company contact information can be found on Kentucky Power Company’s Application Form or on the Company’s website.

Level 1 and Level 2 Definitions

Level 1

A Level 1 Application shall be used if the generating facility is inverter-based and is certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory to meet the requirements of Underwriters Laboratories Standard 1741 “Inverters, Converters, Controllers and Interconnection System Equipment for Use With Distributed Energy Resources” (UL 1741).

The Company will approve the Level 1 Application if the generating facility also meets all of the following conditions:

- (1) For interconnection to a radial distribution circuit, the aggregated generation on the circuit, including the proposed generating facility, will not exceed 15% of the Line Section’s most recent annual one hour peak load. A line section is the smallest part of the primary distribution system the generating facility could remain connected to after operation of any sectionalizing devices.
- (2) If the proposed generating facility is to be interconnected on a single-phase shared secondary, the aggregate generation capacity on the shared secondary, including the proposed generating facility, will not exceed the smaller of 20 kVA or the nameplate rating of the transformer.
- (3) If the proposed generating facility is single-phase and is to be interconnected on a center tap neutral of a 240 volt service, its addition shall not create an imbalance between the two sides of the 240 volt service of more than 20% of the nameplate rating of the service transformer.
- (4) If the generating facility is to be connected to three-phase, three wire primary Company distribution lines, the generator shall appear as a phase-to-phase connection at the primary Company distribution line.
- (5) If the generating facility is to be connected to three-phase, four wire primary Company distribution lines, the generator shall appear to the primary Company distribution line as an effectively grounded source.
- (6) The interconnection will not be on an area or spot network.
- (7) The Company does not identify any violations of any applicable provisions of IEEE 1547, “Standard for Interconnecting Distributed Resources with Electric Power Systems.”
- (8) No construction of facilities by the Company on its own system will be required to accommodate the generating facility.

If the generating facility does not meet all of the above listed criteria, the Company, in its sole discretion, may either: 1) approve the generating facility under the Level 1 Application if the Company determines that the generating facility can be safely and reliably connected to the Company’s system; or 2) deny the Application as submitted under the Level 1 Application.

The Company shall notify the customer within 20 business days whether the Application is approved or denied, based on the criteria provided in this section.

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Level 1 Continued

If the Application lacks complete information, the Company shall notify the customer that additional information is required, including a list of such additional information. The time between notification and receipt of required additional information will add to the time to process the Application.

When approved, the Company will indicate by signing the approval line on the Level 1 Application Form and returning it to the customer. The approval will be subject to successful completion of an initial installation inspection and witness test if required by the Company. The Company's approval section of the Application will indicate if an inspection and witness test are required. If so, the customer shall notify the Company within 3 business days of completion of the generating facility installation and schedule an inspection and witness test with the Company to occur within 10 business days of completion of the generator facility installation or as otherwise agreed to by the Company and the customer. The customer may not operate the generating facility until successful completion of such inspection and witness test, unless the Company expressly permits operational testing not to exceed two hours. If the installation fails the inspection or witness test due to noncompliance with any provision in the Application and Company approval, the customer shall not operate the generating facility until any and all noncompliance is corrected and re-inspected by the Company.

If the Application is denied, the Company will supply the customer with reasons for denial. The customer may resubmit under Level 2 if appropriate.

Level 2

A Level 2 Application is required under any of the following:

- (1) The generating facility is not inverter based;
- (2) The generating facility uses equipment that is not certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory to meet the requirements of UL 1741; or
- (3) The generating facility does not meet one or more of the additional conditions under Level 1.

The Company will approve the Level 2 Application if the generating facility meets the Company's technical interconnection requirements, which are based on IEEE 1547. The Company shall make its technical interconnection requirements available online and upon request.

The Company will process the Level 2 Application within 30 business days of receipt of a complete Application. Within that time the Company will respond in one of the following ways:

- (1) The Application is approved and the Company will provide the customer with an Interconnection Agreement to sign.
- (2) If construction or other changes to the Company's distribution system are required, the cost will be the responsibility of the customer. The Company will give notice to the customer and offer to meet to discuss estimated costs and construction timeframe. Should the customer agree to pay for costs and proceed, the Company will provide the customer with an Interconnection Agreement to sign within a reasonable time.
- (3) The Application is denied. The Company will supply the customer with reasons for denial and offer to meet to discuss possible changes that would result in Company approval. Customer may resubmit Application with changes.

If the Application lacks complete information, the Company shall notify the customer that additional information is required, including a list of such additional information. The time between notification and receipt of required additional information will add to the 30-business-day target to process the Application.

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Level 2 Continued

The Interconnection Agreement will contain all the terms and conditions for interconnection consistent with those specified in this tariff, inspection and witness test requirements, description of and cost of construction or other changes to the Company's distribution system required to accommodate the generating facility, and detailed documentation of the generating facilities which may include single line diagrams, relay settings, and a description of operation.

The customer may not operate the generating facility until an Interconnection Agreement is signed by the customer and Company and all necessary conditions stipulated in the agreement are met.

Application, Inspection and Processing Fees

No application fee or other review, study, or inspection or witness test fees will be charged by the Company for Level 1 applications.

The Company will require each customer to submit with each Level 2 Application a non-refundable application, inspection and processing fee of \$100. In the event the Company determines an impact study is necessary with respect to a Level 2 Application, the customer shall be responsible for any reasonable costs up to \$1,000 for the initial impact study. The Company shall provide documentation of the actual cost of the impact study. Any other studies requested by the customer shall be at the customer's sole expense.

Terms and Conditions for Interconnection

To interconnect to the Company's distribution system, the customer's generating facility shall comply with the following terms and conditions:

- (1) The Company shall provide the customer net metering services, without charge for standard TOU metering equipment, through a standard kilowatt-hour metering system capable of measuring the flow of electricity in two (2) directions. If the customer requests any additional meter or meters or distribution upgrades are needed to monitor the flow in each direction, such installations shall be at the customer's expense.
- (2) The customer shall install, operate, and maintain, at customer's sole cost and expense, any control, protective, or other equipment on the customer's system required by the Company's technical interconnection requirements based on IEEE 1547, the NEC, accredited testing laboratories such as Underwriters Laboratories, and the manufacturer's suggested practices for safe, efficient and reliable operation of the generating facility in parallel with Company's electric system. Customer shall bear full responsibility for the installation, maintenance and safe operation of the generating facility. Upon reasonable request from the Company, the customer shall demonstrate generating facility compliance.
- (3) The generating facility shall comply with, and the customer shall represent and warrant its compliance with: (a) any applicable safety and power quality standards established by IEEE and accredited testing laboratories such as Underwriters Laboratories; (b) the NEC as may be revised from time to time; (c) Company's rules, regulations, and Company's Terms and Conditions of Service as contained in Company's Retail Electric Tariff as may be revised from time to time with the approval of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (Commission); (d) the rules and regulations of the Commission, as such rules and regulations may be revised from time to time by the Commission; and (e) all other applicable local, state, and federal codes and laws, as the same may be in effect from time to time. Where required by law, customer shall pass an electrical inspection of the generating facility by a local authority having jurisdiction over the installation.
- (4) Any changes or additions to the Company's system required to accommodate the generating facility shall be considered excess facilities. Customer shall agree to pay Company for actual costs incurred for all such excess facilities prior to construction.

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Terms and Conditions for Interconnection Continued

- (5) Customer shall operate the generating facility in such a manner as not to cause undue fluctuations in voltage, intermittent load characteristics or otherwise interfere with the operation of Company's electric system. At all times when the generating facility is being operated in parallel with Company's electric system, customer shall so operate the generating facility in such a manner that no adverse impacts will be produced thereby to the service quality rendered by Company to any of its other customers or to any electric system interconnected with Company's electric system. Customer shall agree that the interconnection and operation of the generating facility is secondary to, and shall not interfere with, Company's ability to meet its primary responsibility of furnishing reasonably adequate service to its customers.
- (6) Customer shall be responsible for protecting, at customer's sole cost and expense, the generating facility from any condition or disturbance on Company's electric system, including, but not limited to, voltage sags or swells, system faults, outages, loss of a single phase of supply, equipment failures, and lightning or switching surges, except that the Company shall be responsible for repair of damage caused to the generating facility resulting solely from the negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Company.
- (7) After initial installation, Company shall have the right to inspect and/or witness commissioning tests, as specified in the Level 1 or Level 2 Application and approval process. Following the initial testing and inspection of the generating facility and upon reasonable advance notice to customer, Company shall have access at reasonable times to the generating facility to perform reasonable on-site inspections to verify that the installation, maintenance, and operation of the generating facility comply with the requirements of this tariff.
- (8) For Level 1 and 2 generating facilities, where required by the Company, an eligible customer shall furnish and install on customer's side of the point of common coupling a safety disconnect switch which shall be capable of fully disconnecting the customer's energy generating equipment from Company's electric service under the full rated conditions of the customer's generating facility. The external disconnect switch (EDS) shall be located adjacent to Company's meters or the location of the EDS shall be noted by placing a sticker on the meter, and shall be of the visible break type in a metal enclosure which can be secured by a padlock. If the EDS is not located directly adjacent to the meter, the customer shall be responsible for ensuring that the location of the EDS is properly and legibly identified for so long as the generating facility is operational. The disconnect switch shall be accessible to Company personnel at all times. The Company may waive the requirement for an EDS for a generating facility at its sole discretion, and on a case-by-case basis, upon review of the generating facility operating parameters and if permitted under the Company's safety and operating protocols.

The Company shall establish a training protocol for line workers on the location and use of the EDS, and shall require that the EDS be used when appropriate, and that the switch be turned back on once the disconnection is no longer necessary.

- (9) Company shall have the right and authority at Company's sole discretion to isolate the generating facility or require the customer to discontinue operation of the generating facility if Company believes that: (a) continued interconnection and parallel operation of the generating facility with Company's electric system creates or contributes (or may create or contribute) to a system emergency on either Company's or customer's electric system; (b) the generating facility is not in compliance with the requirements of this tariff, and the noncompliance adversely affects the safety, reliability, or power quality of Company's electric system; or (c) the generating facility interferes with the operation of Company's electric system. In non-emergency situations, Company shall give customer notice of noncompliance including a description of the specific noncompliance condition and allow customer a reasonable time to cure the noncompliance prior to isolating the generating facilities. In emergency situations, when the Company is unable to immediately isolate or cause the customer to isolate only the generating facility, the Company may isolate the customer's entire facility.

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Terms and Conditions for Interconnection Continued

- (10) Customer shall agree that, without the prior written permission from Company, no changes shall be made to the generating facility as initially approved. Increases in generating facility capacity will require a new "Application for Interconnection and Net Metering" which will be evaluated on the same basis as any other new application. Repair and replacement of existing generating facility components with like components that meet UL 1741 certification requirements for Level 1 facilities and not resulting in increases in generating facility capacity are allowed without approval.
- (11) To the extent permitted by law, the customer shall protect, indemnify, and hold harmless the Company and its directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives and contractors against and from all loss, claims, actions or suits, including costs and attorneys fees, for or on account of any injury or death of persons or damage to property caused by the customer or the customer's employees, agents, representatives and contractors in tampering with, repairing, maintaining, or operating the customer's generating facility or any related equipment or any facilities owned by the Company except where such injury, death or damage was caused or contributed to by the fault or negligence of the Company or its employees, agents, representatives, or contractors.
- The liability of the Company to the customer for injury to person and property shall be governed by the tariff(s) for the class of service under which the customer is taking service.
- (12) The customer shall maintain general liability insurance coverage (through a standard homeowner's, commercial, or other policy) for both Level 1 and Level 2 generating facilities. Customer shall, upon request, provide Company with proof of such insurance at the time that application is made for net metering.
- (13) By entering into an Interconnection Agreement, or by inspection, if any, or by non-rejection, or by approval, or in any other way, Company does not give any warranty, express or implied, as to the adequacy, safety, compliance with applicable codes or requirements, or as to any other characteristics, of the generating facility equipment, controls, and protective relays and equipment.
- (14) A customer's generating facility is transferable to other persons or service locations only after notification to the Company has been made and verification that the installation is in compliance with this tariff. Upon written notification that an approved generating facility is being transferred to another person, customer, or location, the Company will verify that the installation is in compliance with this tariff and provide written notification to the customer(s) within 20 business days. If the installation is no longer in compliance with this tariff, the Company will notify the customer in writing and list what must be done to place the facility in compliance.
- (15) The customer shall retain any and all Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) that may be generated by their generating facility.

Term of Contract

Any contract required under this tariff shall become effective when executed by both parties and shall continue in effect until terminated. The contract may be terminated as follows: (a) Customer may terminate the contract at any time by giving the Company at least sixty (60) days' written notice; (b) Company may terminate upon failure by the customer to continue ongoing operation of the generating facility; (c) either party may terminate by giving the other party at least thirty (30) days prior written notice that the other party is in default of any of the terms and conditions of the contract or the rules or any rate schedule, tariff, regulation, contract, or policy of the Company, so long as the notice specifies the basis for termination and there is opportunity to cure the default; (d) the Company may terminate by giving the customer at least thirty (30) days notice in the event that there is a material change in an applicable law, regulation or statute affecting this Agreement or which renders the system out of compliance with the new law or statute.

Special Terms and Conditions

This tariff is subject to the Company's Terms and Conditions of Service and all provisions of the standard service tariff under which the customer takes service. This tariff is also subject to the applicable provisions of the Company's Technical Requirements for Interconnection.

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Application For Interconnection And Net Metering – Level 1

Use this Application only for: 1.) a generating facility that is inverter based and certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory to meet the requirements of UL 1741, 2.) less than or equal to 45 kW generation capacity, and 3.) connecting to Kentucky Power distribution system.

Submit this Application to:

D.G. Coordinator American Electric Power
1 Riverside Plaza
Columbus, OH 43215-2373
614-716-4020 Office / 614-716-1414 Fax
dgcoordinator@aep.com

(Contact person listed is subject to change. Please visit our website for up-to-date information
<http://www.kentuckypower.com>)

Applicant

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) Phone: (_____)

E-mail address: _____

Service Location

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Electric Service Account Number _____

Provide names and contact information for other contractors, installers, or engineering firms involved in the design and installation of the generating facilities:

Alternate Contacts

Name	Company	Telephone/Email
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR LEVEL 1:

- 1 The Company shall provide customer net metering services, without charge for standard metering equipment, through a standard kilowatt-hour metering system capable of measuring the flow of electricity in two (2) directions. If the customer requests any additional meter or meters or distribution upgrades are needed to monitor the flow in each direction, such installations shall be at the customer's expense.
- 2 Customer shall install, operate, and maintain, at customer's sole cost and expense, any control, protective, or other equipment on the customer's system required by the Company's technical interconnection requirements based on IEEE 1547, the NEC, accredited testing laboratories such as Underwriters Laboratories, and the manufacturer's suggested practices for safe, efficient, and reliable operation of the generating facility in parallel with Company's electric system. Customer shall bear full responsibility for the installation, maintenance, and safe operation of the generating facility. Upon reasonable request from the Company, customer shall demonstrate generating facility compliance.
- 3 The generating facility shall comply with, and the customer shall represent and warrant its compliance with: (a) any applicable safety and power quality standards established by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and accredited testing laboratories such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL); (b) the National Electrical Code (NEC) as may be revised from time to time; (c) Company's rules, regulations, and Company's Terms and Conditions of Service as contained in Company's Retail Electric Tariff as may be revised from time to time with the approval of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (Commission); (d) the rules and regulations of the Commission, as such rules and regulations may be revised from time to time by the Commission; and (e) all other applicable local, state, and federal codes and laws, as the same may be in effect from time to time. Where required by law, customer shall pass an electrical inspection of the generating facility by a local authority having jurisdiction over the installation.
- 4 Any changes or additions to the Company's system required to accommodate the generating facility shall be considered excess facilities. Customer shall agree to pay Company for actual costs incurred for all such excess facilities prior to construction.
- 5 Customer shall operate the generating facility in such a manner as not to cause undue fluctuations in voltage, intermittent load characteristics, or otherwise interfere with the operation of Company's electric system. At all times when the generating facility is being operated in parallel with Company's electric system, customer shall so operate the generating facility in such a manner that no adverse impacts will be produced thereby to the service quality rendered by Company to any of its other customers or to any electric system interconnected with Company's electric system. Customer shall agree that the interconnection and operation of the generating facility is secondary to, and shall not interfere with, Company's ability to meet its primary responsibility of furnishing reasonably adequate service to its customers.
- 6 Customer shall be responsible for protecting, at customer's sole cost and expense, the generating facility from any condition or disturbance on Company's electric system, including, but not limited to, voltage sags or swells, system faults, outages, loss of a single phase of supply, equipment failures, and lightning or switching surges, except that the Company shall be responsible for repair of damage caused to the generating facility resulting solely from the negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Company.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR LEVEL 1, continued

- 7 After initial installation, Company shall have the right to inspect and/or witness commissioning tests, as specified in the Level 1 or Level 2 Application and approval process. Following the initial testing and inspection of the generating facility and upon reasonable advance notice to customer, Company shall have access at reasonable times to the generating facility to perform reasonable on-site inspections to verify that the installation, maintenance and operation of the generating facility comply with the requirements of this tariff.
- 8 For Level 1 generating facilities, where required by the Company, an eligible customer shall furnish and install on customer's side of the point of common coupling a safety disconnect switch which shall be capable of fully disconnecting the customer's energy generating equipment from Company's electric service under the full rated conditions of the customer's generating facility. The external disconnect switch (EDS) shall be located adjacent to Company's meters or the location of the EDS shall be noted by placing a sticker on the meter, and shall be of the visible break type in a metal enclosure which can be secured by a padlock. If the EDS is not located directly adjacent to the meter, the customer shall be responsible for ensuring the location of the EDS is properly and legibly identified for so long as the generating facility is operational. The disconnect switch shall be accessible to Company personnel at all times. The Company may waive the requirement for an EDS for a generating facility at its sole discretion, and on a case-by-case basis, upon review of the generating facility operating parameters and if permitted under the Company's safety and operating protocols.
- The Company shall establish a training protocol for line workers on the location and use of the EDS, and shall require that the EDS be used when appropriate, and that the switch be turned back on once the disconnection is no longer necessary.
- 9 Company shall have the right and authority at Company's sole discretion to isolate the generating facility or require the customer to discontinue operation of the generating facility if Company believes that: (a) continued interconnection and parallel operation of the generating facility with Company's electric system creates or contributes (or may create or contribute) to a system emergency on either Company's or customer's electric system; (b) the generating facility is not in compliance with the requirements of this tariff, and the noncompliance adversely affects the safety, reliability or power quality of Company's electric system; or (c) the generating facility interferes with the operation of Company's electric system. In non-emergency situations, Company shall give customer notice of noncompliance including a description of the specific noncompliance condition and allow customer a reasonable time to cure the noncompliance prior to isolating the generating facilities. In emergency situations, when the Company is unable to immediately isolate or cause the customer to isolate only the generating facility, the Company may isolate the customer's entire facility.
- 10 Customer shall agree that, without the prior written permission from Company, no changes shall be made to the generating facility as initially approved. Increases in generating facility capacity will require a new "Application for Interconnection and Net Metering" which will be evaluated on the same basis as any other new application. Repair and replacement of existing generating facility components with like components that meet UL 1741 certification requirements for Level 1 facilities and not resulting in increases in generating facility capacity are allowed without approval.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR LEVEL 1, continued

- 11 To the extent permitted by law, the customer shall protect, indemnify, and hold harmless the Company and its directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives and contractors against and from all loss, claims, actions or suits, including costs and attorneys fees, for or on account of any injury or death of persons or damage to property caused by the customer or the customer's employees, agents, representatives and contractors in tampering with, repairing, maintaining or operating the customer's generating facility or any related equipment or any facilities owned by the Company except where such injury, death or damage was caused or contributed to by the fault or negligence of the Company or its employees, agents, representatives, or contractors.
- The liability of the Company to the customer for injury to person and property shall be governed by the tariff(s) for the class of service under which the customer is taking service.
- 12 The Customer shall maintain general liability insurance coverage (through a standard homeowner's, commercial, or other policy) for Level 1 generating facilities. Customer shall, upon request, provide Company with proof of such insurance at the time that application is made for net metering.
- 13 By entering into an Interconnection Agreement, or by inspection, if any, or by non-rejection, or by approval, or in any other way, Company does not give any warranty, express or implied, as to the adequacy, safety, compliance with applicable codes or requirements, or as to any other characteristics, of the generating facility equipment, controls, and protective relays and equipment.
- 14 Customer's generating facility is transferable to other persons or service locations only after notification to the Company has been made and verification that the installation is in compliance with this tariff. Upon written notification that an approved generating facility is being transferred to another person, customer, or location, the Company will verify that the installation is in compliance with this tariff and provide written notification to the Customer(s) within 20 business days. If the installation is no longer in compliance with this tariff, the Company will notify the customer in writing and list what must be done to place the facility in compliance.
- 15 The customer shall retain any and all Renewable Energy Credits ("RECs") that may be generated by their generating facility.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR LEVEL 1, continued

Effective Term and Termination Rights

This Agreement becomes effective when executed by both parties and shall continue in effect until terminated. This Agreement may be terminated as follows: (a) Customer may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving the Company at least sixty (60) days' written notice; (b) Company may terminate upon failure by the Customer to continue ongoing operation of the generating facility; (c) either party may terminate by giving the other party at least thirty (30) days prior written notice that the other party is in default of any of the terms and conditions of the Agreement or the Rules or any rate schedule, tariff, regulation, contract, or policy of the Company, so long as the notice specifies the basis for termination and there is opportunity to cure the default; (d) the Company may terminate by giving the Customer at least thirty (30) days notice in the event that there is a material change in an applicable law, regulation or statute affecting this Agreement or which renders the system out of compliance with the new law or statute. I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all of the information provided in this Application is true, and I agree to abide by all the Terms and Conditions included in this Application for Interconnection and Net Metering and Company's Net Metering Tariff.

Customer Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

COMPANY APPROVAL SECTION

When signed below by a Company representative, Application for Interconnection and Net Metering is approved subject to the provisions contained in this Application and as indicated below.

Company inspection and witness test: () Required () Waived

If Company inspection and witness test is required, Customer shall notify the Company within three (3) business days of completion of the generating facility installation and schedule an inspection and witness test with the Company to occur within ten (10) business days of completion of the generating facility installation or as otherwise agreed to by the Company and the Customer. Unless indicated below, the Customer may not operate the generating facility until such inspection and witness test is successfully completed. Additionally, the Customer may not operate the generating facility until all other terms and conditions in the Application have been met.

Call: _____ to schedule an inspection and witness test.

Pre-Inspection operational testing not to exceed two (2) hours: () Allowed () Not Allowed

If Company inspection and witness test is waived, operation of the generating facility may begin when installation is complete, and all other terms and conditions in the Application have been met.

Additions, Changes, or Clarifications to Application Information: () None () As specified here:

Approved by: _____ **Date:** _____

Printed Name: _____ **Title:** _____

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Application for Interconnection and Net Metering – Level 2

Use this Application form for connecting to the Kentucky Power distribution system and: 1.) the generating facility is not inverter based or is not certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory to meet the requirements of UL 1741 or 2.) does not meet any of the additional conditions under a Level 1 Application (inverter based and less than or equal to 45kW generation).

Submit this Application (along with the application fee of \$100) to:

D.G. Coordinator
American Electric Power
1 Riverside Plaza
Columbus, Ohio 43215-2373
614-716-4020 Office / 614-716-1414 Fax
dgcoordinator@aep.com

(Contact person listed is subject to change. Please visit our website for up-to date information <http://www.kentucky power.com>)

Applicant

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ Phone: () _____

E-mail address: _____

Service Location

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Electric Service Account Number _____

Provide names and contact information for other contractors, installers, or engineering firms involved in the design and installation of the generating facilities:

Alternate Contacts

Name _____ Company _____ Telephone/Email _____

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**APPLICATION FOR INTERCONNECTION AND NET METERING,
LEVEL 2 - CONTINUED**

Equipment Qualifications

Total Generating Capacity (kW) of the Generating Facility:

Type of Generator: Inverter-Based Synchronous Induction

Energy Source: Solar Wind Hydro Biogas Biomass

Attach documentation showing that inverter is certified by a nationally recognizes testing laboratory to meet the requirements of UL 1741.

Attach site drawing or sketch showing locations of Kentucky Power Company meter, energy source, accessible disconnect switch and inverter.

Attach single line drawing showing all electrical equipment from the metering location to the energy source including switches, fuses, breakers, panels, transformers, inverters, energy source, wire size, equipment ratings, and transformer connections.

Expected Start-up Date: _____

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Interconnection Agreement – Level 2

This Interconnection Agreement (Agreement) is made and entered into this ____ day of __, 20__, by and between Kentucky Power Company (Company), and _____ (Customer). Company and Customer are hereinafter sometimes referred to individually as “Party” or collectively as “Parties”

Witnesseth:

Whereas, Customer is installing, or has installed, generating equipment, controls, and protective relays and equipment (Generating Facility) used to interconnect and operate in parallel with Company’s electric system, which Generating Facility is more fully described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this Agreement, and as follows:

Location: _____

Generator Size and Type: _____

Now, therefore, in consideration thereof, Customer and Company agree as follows:

Company agrees to allow Customer to interconnect and operate the generating Facility in parallel with the Company’s electric system and Customer agrees to abide by Company’s Net Metering Tariff and all Terms and Conditions listed in this Agreement including any additional conditions listed in Exhibit A.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR LEVEL 2:

To interconnect to the Kentucky Power Company (Company) distribution system, the customer's generating facility shall comply with the following terms and conditions:

1. Company shall provide customer net metering services, without charge for standard metering equipment, through a standard kilowatt-hour metering system capable of measuring the flow of electricity in two (2) directions. If the customer requests any additional meter/meters or distribution upgrades are needed to monitor the flow in each direction, such installations shall be at the customer's expense.
2. Customer shall install, operate, and maintain, at customer's sole cost and expense, any control, protective, or other equipment on the customer's system required by the Company's technical interconnection requirements based on IEEE 1547, the NEC, accredited testing laboratories such as Underwriters Laboratories, and the manufacturer's suggested practices for safe, efficient, and reliable operation of the generating facility in parallel with Company's electric system. Customer shall bear full responsibility for the installation, maintenance, and safe operation of the generating facility. Upon reasonable request from the Company, customer shall demonstrate generating facility compliance.
3. The generating facility shall comply with, and the customer shall represent and warrant its compliance with: (a) any applicable safety and power quality standards established by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and accredited testing laboratories such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL); (b) the National Electrical Code (NEC) as may be revised from time to time; (c) Company's rules, regulations, and Company's Terms and Conditions of Service as contained in Company's Retail Electric Tariff as may be revised from time to time with the approval of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (Commission); (d) the rules and regulations of the Commission, as such rules and regulations may be revised from time to time by the Commission; and (e) all other applicable local, state, and federal codes and laws, as the same may be in effect from time to time. Where required by law, customer shall pass an electrical inspection of the generating facility by a local authority having jurisdiction over the installation.
4. Any changes or additions to the Company's system required to accommodate the generating facility shall be considered excess facilities. Customer shall agree to pay Company for actual costs incurred for all such excess facilities prior to construction.
5. Customer shall operate the generating facility in such a manner as not to cause undue fluctuations in voltage, intermittent load characteristics, or otherwise interfere with the operation of Company's electric system. At all times when the generating facility is being operated in parallel with Company's electric system, customer shall so operate the generating facility in such a manner that no adverse impacts will be produced thereby to the service quality rendered by Company to any of its other customers or to any electric system interconnected with Company's electric system. Customer shall agree that the interconnection and operation of the generating facility is secondary to, and shall not interfere with, Company's ability to meet its primary responsibility of furnishing reasonably adequate service to its customers.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR LEVEL 2, continued

6. Customer shall be responsible for protecting, at Customer's sole cost and expense, the generating facility from any condition or disturbance on Company's electric system, including, but not limited to, voltage sags or swells, system faults, outages, loss of a single phase of supply, equipment failures, and lightning or switching surges, except that the Company shall be responsible for repair of damage caused to the generating facility resulting solely from the negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Company.
7. After initial installation, Company shall have the right to inspect and/or witness commissioning tests, as specified in the Level 1 or Level 2 Application and approval process. Following the initial testing and inspection of the generating facility and upon reasonable advance notice to customer, Company shall have access at reasonable times to the generating facility to perform reasonable on- site inspections to verify that the installation, maintenance and operation of the generating facility comply with the requirements of this tariff.
8. For Level 2 generating facilities, where required by the Company, an eligible customer shall furnish and install on customer's side of the point of common coupling a safety disconnect switch which shall be capable of fully disconnecting the customer's energy generating equipment from Company's electric service under the full rated conditions of the customer's generating facility. The external disconnect switch (EDS) shall be located adjacent to Company's meters or the location of the EDS shall be noted by placing a sticker on the meter, and shall be of the visible break type in a metal enclosure which can be secured by a padlock. If the EDS is not located directly adjacent to the meter, the customer shall be responsible for ensuring the location of the EDS is properly and legibly identified for so long as the generating facility is operational. The disconnect switch shall be accessible to Company personnel at all times. The Company may waive the requirement for an EDS for a generating facility at its sole discretion, and on a case-by-case basis, upon review of the generating facility operating parameters and if permitted under the Company's safety and operating protocols.

The Company shall establish a training protocol for line workers on the location and use of the EDS, and shall require that the EDS be used when appropriate, and that the switch be turned back on once the disconnection is no longer necessary.

9. Company shall have the right and authority at Company's sole discretion to isolate the generating facility or require the customer to discontinue operation of the generating facility if Company believes that: (a) continued interconnection and parallel operation of the generating facility with Company's electric system creates or contributes (or may create or contribute) to a system emergency on either Company's or customer's electric system; (b) the generating facility is not in compliance with the requirements of this tariff, and the noncompliance adversely affects the safety, reliability or power quality of Company's electric system; or (c) the generating facility interferes with the operation of Company's electric system. In non-emergency situations, Company shall give customer notice of noncompliance including a description of the specific noncompliance condition and allow customer a reasonable time to cure the noncompliance prior to isolating the generating facilities. In emergency situations, when the Company is unable to immediately isolate or cause the customer to isolate only the generating facility, the Company may isolate the customer's entire facility.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR LEVEL 2, continued

10. Customer shall agree that, without the prior written permission from Company, no changes shall be made to the generating facility as initially approved. Increases in generating facility capacity will require a new "Application for Interconnection and Net Metering" which will be evaluated on the same basis as any other new application. Repair and replacement of existing generating facility components with like components not resulting in increases in generating facility capacity are allowed without approval.
11. To the extent permitted by law, the customer shall protect, indemnify, and hold harmless the Company and its directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives and contractors against and from all loss, claims, actions or suits, including costs and attorneys fees, for or on account of any injury or death of persons or damage to property caused by the customer or the customer's employees, agents, representatives and contractors in tampering with, repairing, maintaining or operating the customer's generating facility or any related equipment or any facilities owned by the Company except where such injury, death or damage was caused or contributed to by the fault or negligence of the Company or its employees, agents, representatives, or contractors.

The liability of the Company to the customer for injury to person and property shall be governed by the tariff(s) for the class of service under which the customer is taking service.
12. The customer shall maintain general liability insurance coverage (through a standard homeowner's, commercial, or other policy). Customer shall provide Company with proof of such insurance at the time that application is made for net metering.
13. By entering into an Interconnection Agreement, or by inspection, if any, or by non-rejection, or by approval, or in any other way, Company does not give any warranty, express or implied, as to the adequacy, safety, compliance with applicable codes or requirements, or as to any other characteristics, of the generating facility equipment, controls, and protective relays and equipment.
14. Customer's generating facility is transferable to other persons or service locations only after notification to the Company has been made and verification that the installation is in compliance with this tariff. Upon written notification that an approved generating facility is being transferred to another person, customer, or location, the Company will verify that the installation is in compliance with this tariff and provide written notification to the customer(s) within 20 business days. If the installation is no longer in compliance with this tariff, the Company will notify the customer in writing and list what must be done to place the facility in compliance.
15. The customer shall retain any and all Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) that may be generated by their generating facility.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR LEVEL 2, continued

Effective Term and Termination Rights

This Agreement becomes effective when executed by both parties and shall continue in effect until terminated. This Agreement may be terminated as follows: (a) Customer may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving the Company at least sixty (60) days' written notice; (b) Company may terminate upon failure by the Customer to continue ongoing operation of the generating facility; (c) either party may terminate by giving the other party at least thirty (30) days prior written notice that the other party is in default of any of the terms and conditions of the Agreement or the Rules or any rate schedule, tariff, regulation, contract, or policy of the Company, so long as the notice specifies the basis for termination and there is opportunity to cure the default; (d) the Company may terminate by giving the Customer at least thirty (30) days notice in the event that there is a material change in an applicable law, regulation or statute affecting this Agreement or which renders the system out of compliance with the new law or statute.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement, effective as of the date first above written.

Customer Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Printed Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Company Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Printed Name: _____ **Title:** _____

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**Interconnection Agreement – Level 2
Exhibit A**

- Exhibit A will contain additional detailed information about the Generating Facility such as a single line diagram, relay settings, and a description of operation.
- When construction of the Company's facilities is required, Exhibit A will also contain a description and associated cost.
- Exhibit A will also specify requirements for a Company inspection and witness test and when limited operation for testing or full operation may begin.

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**Tariff COGEN/SPP I
(Cogeneration and/or Small Power Production--100 KW or Less)**

Availability of Service

This tariff is available to customers with cogeneration and/or small power production (COGEN/SPP) facilities which qualify under Section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, and which have a net power production capacity of 100 KW or less. Such facilities shall be designed to operate properly in parallel with the Company's system without adversely affecting the operation of equipment and services of the Company and its customers, and without presenting safety hazards to the Company and customer personnel.

The customer has the following options under this tariff, which will affect the determination of energy and capacity and the monthly metering charges:

- Option 1 - The customer does not sell any energy or capacity to the Company, and purchases from the Company its net load requirements, as determined by appropriate meters located at one delivery point.
- Option 2 - The customer sells to the Company the energy and average on-peak capacity produced by the customer's qualifying COGEN/SPP facilities in excess of the customer's total load, and purchases from the Company its net load requirements, as determined by appropriate meters located at one delivery point.
- Option 3 - The customer sells to the Company the total energy and average on-peak capacity produced by the customer's qualifying COGEN/SPP facilities, while simultaneously purchasing from the Company its total load requirements, as determined by appropriate meters located at one delivery point.

Monthly Charges for Delivery from the Company to the Customer

Such charges for energy, and demand where applicable, to serve the customer's net or total load shall be determined according to the tariff appropriate for the customer, except that Option 1 and Option 2 customers with cogeneration and/or small power production facilities having a total design capacity of more than 10 KW shall be served under demand-metered tariffs, and except that the monthly billing demand under such tariffs shall be the highest determined for the current and previous two billing periods. The above three-month billing demand provision shall not apply under Option 3.

Additional Charges

There shall be additional charges to cover the cost of special metering, safety equipment and other local facilities installed by the Company due to COGEN/SPP facilities, as follows:

Monthly Metering Charge

The additional monthly charge for special metering facilities shall be as follows:

- Option 1 - Not Applicable
- Option 2 & 3 - Where meters are used to measure the excess or total energy and average on-peak capacity purchased by the Company:

	<u>Single Phase</u>	<u>Polyphase</u>
Standard Measurement	\$9.25	\$12.10
T.O.D. Measurement	\$9.85	\$12.40

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**Tariff COGEN/SPP I Continued
(Cogeneration and/or Small Power Production--100 KW or Less)**

Additional Charges Continued

Under Option 3, when metering voltage for COGEN/SPP facilities is the same as the Company’s delivery voltage, the customer shall, at his option, either route the COGEN/SPP totalized output leads through the metering point, or make available at the metering point for the use of the Company and, as specified by the Company, metering current leads which will enable the Company to measure adequately the total electrical energy and average capacity produced by the qualifying COGEN/SPP facilities, as well as to measure the electrical energy consumption and capacity requirements of the customer’s total load. When metering voltage for COGEN/SPP facilities is different from the Company’s delivery voltage, metering requirements and charges shall be determined specifically for each use.

Local Facilities Charge

Additional charges to cover “interconnection costs” incurred by the Company shall be determined by the Company for each case and collected from the customer. For Options 2 and 3, the cost of metering facilities shall be covered by the Monthly Metering Charge and shall not be included in the Local Facilities Charge. The customer shall make a one-time payment for the Local Facilities Charge at the time of installation of the required additional facilities, or, at his option, up to 12 consecutive equal monthly payments reflecting an annual interest charge as determined by the Company, but not to exceed the cost of the Company’s most recent issue of long-term debt. If the customer elects the installment payment option, the Company may require a reasonable security deposit.

Monthly Credits or Payments for Energy and Capacity Deliveries

Energy Credit

The following credits or payments from the Company to the customer shall apply for the electrical energy delivered to the Company:

Standard Meter – All KWH	Variable LMP at time of delivery ¢ KWH
T.O.D. Meter	
On-Peak KWH	Variable LMP at time of delivery ¢ KWH
Off-Peak KWH	Variable LMP at time of delivery ¢ KWH

Capacity Credit

If the customer contracts to deliver or produce a specified excess or total average capacity during the monthly billing period (monthly contract capacity), or a specified excess or total average capacity during the on-peak monthly billing period (on-peak contract capacity), then the following capacity credits or payment from the Company to the customer shall apply:

If standard energy meters are used,

- A. ~~20230/20241~~ ~~\$32.4881~~ kW/month
- ~~20244/20252~~ ~~\$33.7237~~ kW/month
- ~~20252/20263~~ ~~\$3.259~~ kW/month, times the lowest of:

1. monthly contract capacity, or
2. current month metered average capacity, i.e., KWH delivered to the Company or produced by COGEN/SPP facilities divided by 730, or
3. lowest average capacity metered during the previous two months if less than monthly contract capacity.

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Tariff COGEN/SPP I Continued
(Cogeneration and/or Small Power Production--100 KW or Less)

Monthly Credits or Payments for Energy and Capacity Deliveries Continued

If T.O.D. energy meters are used,

- B. ~~2023/2024~~ ~~\$86.3674~~ kW/month
 ~~2024/2025~~ ~~\$88.9209~~ kW/month
 ~~2025/2026~~ ~~\$7.7989~~ kW/month, times the lowest of:

1. on-peak contract capacity, or
2. current month on-peak metered average capacity, i.e., on-peak KWH delivered to the Company or produced by COGEN/SPP facilities divided by 305 or
3. lowest on-peak average capacity metered during the previous two months, if less than on-peak contract capacity.

The above energy and capacity credit rates are subject to revisions from time to time as approved by the Commission.

On-Peak and Off-Peak Periods

The on-peak period shall be defined as starting at 7:00A.M. and ending at 9:00 P.M., local time, Monday through Friday.

The off-peak period shall be defined as starting at 9:00 P.M. and ending at 7:00A.M. local time, Monday through Friday, and all hours of Saturday and Sunday.

Charges for Cancellation or Non Performance Contract

If the customer should, for a period in excess of six months, discontinue or substantially reduce for any reason the operation of cogeneration and/or small power production facilities which were the basis for the monthly contract capacity or the on-peak contract capacity, the customer shall be liable to the Company for an amount equal to the total difference between the actual payments for capacity paid to the customer and the payments for capacity that would have been paid to the customer pursuant to this Tariff COGEN/SPP I or any successor tariff. The Company shall be entitled to interest on such amount at the rate of the Company's most recent issue of long-term debt at the effective date of the contract.

Term of Contract

Contracts under this tariff shall be made for a term not less than five (5) years. A Qualifying Facility can request that avoided cost rates be set on an "as available" basis or when a legally enforceable obligation is established.

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**Tariff COGEN/SPP II
(Cogeneration and/or Small Power Production--Over 100 KW)**

Availability of Service

This tariff is available to customers with cogeneration and/or small power production (COGEN/SPP) facilities which qualify under Section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, and which have a net power production capacity of over 100 KW. In addition, cogeneration facilities must have a net power production capacity at or below 20,000 KW, and small power production facilities must have a net power production capacity at or below 5,000 KW. Such facilities shall be designed to operate properly in parallel with the Company's system without adversely affecting the operation of equipment and services of the Company and its customers, and without presenting safety hazards to the Company and customer personnel.

The customer has the following options under this tariff, which will affect the determination of energy and capacity and the monthly metering charges:

- Option 1 - The customer does not sell any energy or capacity to the Company, and purchases from the Company its net load requirements, as determined by appropriate meters located at one delivery point.
- Option 2 - The customer sells to the Company the energy and average on-peak capacity produced by the customer's qualifying COGEN/SPP facilities in excess of the customer's total load, and purchases from the Company its net load requirements, as determined by appropriate meters located at one delivery point.
- Option 3 - The customer sells to the Company the total energy and average on-peak capacity produced by the customer's qualifying COGEN/SPP facilities, while simultaneously purchasing from the Company its total load requirements, as determined by appropriate meters located at one delivery point.

Monthly Charges for Delivery from the Company to the Customer

Such charges for energy, and demand where applicable, to serve the customer's net or total load shall be determined according to the tariff appropriate for the customer, except that Option 1 and Option 2 customers shall be served under demand-metered tariffs, and except that the monthly billing demand under such tariffs shall be the highest determined for the current and previous two billing periods. The above three-month billing demand provision shall not apply under Option 3.

Additional Charges

There shall be additional charges to cover the cost of special metering, safety equipment and other local facilities installed by the Company due to COGEN/SPP facilities, as follows:

Monthly Metering Charge

The additional monthly charge for special metering facilities shall be as follows:

- Option 1 - Not Applicable
- Option 2 & 3 - Where meters are used to measure the excess or total energy and average on peak capacity purchased by the Company:

	<u>Single Phase</u>	<u>Polyphase</u>
Standard Measurement	\$9.25	\$12.10
T.O.D. Measurement	\$9.85	\$12.40

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**Tariff COGEN/SPP II Continued
(Cogeneration and/or Small Power Production-- Over 100 KW)**

Additional Charges Continued

Under Option 3, when metering voltage for COGEN/SPP facilities is the same as the Company’s delivery voltage, the customer shall, at his option, either route the COGEN/SPP totalized output leads through the metering point, or make available at the metering point for the use of the Company and, as specified by the Company, metering current leads which will enable the Company to measure adequately the total electrical energy and average capacity produced by the qualifying COGEN/SPP facilities, as well as to measure the electrical energy consumption and capacity requirements of the customer’s total load. When metering voltage for COGEN/SPP facilities is different from the Company’s delivery voltage, metering requirements and charges shall be determined specifically for each case.

Local Facilities Charge

Additional charges to cover “interconnection costs” incurred by the Company shall be determined by the Company for each case and collected from the customer. For Options 2 and 3, the cost of metering facilities shall be covered by the Monthly Metering Charge and shall not be included in the Local Facilities Charge. The customer shall make a one-time payment for the Local Facilities Charge at the time of installation of the required additional facilities, or, at his option, up to 12 consecutive equal monthly payments reflecting an annual interest charge as determined by the Company, but not to exceed the cost of the Company’s most recent issue of long-term debt. If the customer elects the installment payment option, the Company may require a reasonable security deposit.

Monthly Credits or Payments for Energy and Capacity Deliveries

Energy Credit

The following credits or payments from the Company to the customer shall apply for the electrical energy delivered to the Company:

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T.O.D. Meter	
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Capacity Credit

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If standard energy meters are used,

- A. ~~20230/20241~~ ~~\$23,4884~~ kW/month
- ~~20241/20252~~ \$3.7237 kW/month
- ~~20252/20263~~ \$3.259 kW/month, times the lowest of:

1. monthly contract capacity, or
2. current month metered average capacity, i.e., KWH delivered to the Company or produced by COGEN/SPP facilities divided by 730,or
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Tariff COGEN/SPP II Continued
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Monthly Credits or Payments for Energy and Capacity Deliveries Continued

If T.O.D. energy meters are used,

- B. ~~2023~~/~~2024~~ ~~\$86.3674~~ kW/month
 ~~2024~~/~~2025~~ ~~\$8.9299~~ kW/month
 ~~2025~~/~~2026~~ ~~\$7.7989~~ kW/month, times the lowest of:

1. on-peak contract capacity, or
2. current month on-peak metered average capacity, i.e., on-peak KWH delivered to the Company or produced by COGEN/SPP facilities divided by 305, or
3. lowest on-peak average capacity metered during the previous two months, if less than on-peak contract capacity.

The above energy and capacity credit rates are subject to revisions from time to time as approved by the Commission.

On-Peak and Off-Peak Periods

The on-peak period shall be defined as starting at 7:00 A.M. and ending at 9:00 P.M., local time, Monday through Friday.

The off-peak period shall be defined as starting at 9:00 P.M. and ending at 7:00 A.M., local time, Monday through Friday, and all hours of Saturday and Sunday.

Charges for Cancellation or Non Performance Contract

If the customer should, for a period in excess of six months, discontinue or substantially reduce for any reason the operation of cogeneration and/or small power production facilities which were the basis for the monthly contract capacity or the on-peak contract capacity, the customer shall be liable to the Company for an amount equal to the total difference between the actual payments for capacity paid to the customer and the payments for capacity that would have been paid to the customer pursuant to this Tariff COGEN/ SPP II or any successor tariff. The Company shall be entitled to interest on such amount at the rate of the Company's most recent issue of long-term debt at the effective date of the contract.

Term of Contract

Contracts under this tariff shall be made for a term not less than five (5) years. A Qualifying Facility can request that avoided cost rates be set on an "as available" basis or when a legally enforceable obligation is established.

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**Tariff C.S.-I.R.P.
(Contract Service – Interruptible Power)**

Availability of Service

Available for service to customers who contract for service under the Company’s Industrial General Service (I.G.S.) tariff. The Company reserves the right to limit the total contract capacity for all customers served under this Tariff to 75,000 kW.

Loads of new customers locating within the Company’s service area or load expansions by existing customers may be offered interruptible service as part of an economic development incentive. Such interruptible service shall not be counted toward the limitation on total interruptible power contract capacity, as specified above, and will not result in a change to the limitation on total interruptible power contract capacity.

Conditions of Service

The Company will offer eligible customers the option to receive interruptible power service. This interruptible service will be consistent with PJM’s Load Management Resource Product – Capacity Performance Demand Response requirement, hereafter referred to as the “PJM Demand Response Program”, subject to any limitations on the availability of that Program by PJM. To be eligible for the credit, customers must be able to provide interruptible load (not including behind the meter diesel generation) of at least one (1) MW at a single site and commit to a minimum four (4) year contract term. The contract shall provide that 90 days prior to each contract anniversary date, the customer shall re-nominate the amount of interruptible load for the upcoming contract year, except that the cumulative reductions over the life of the contract shall not exceed 20% of the original interruptible load nominated under the contract. If no re-nomination is received at least 90 days prior to the contract anniversary date, the prior year’s interruptible load shall apply for the forthcoming contract year.

Upon receipt of a request from the Customer for interruptible service, the Company will provide the Customer with a written addendum containing the rates and related terms and conditions of service under which such service will be provided by the Company. If the parties reach an agreement based upon the offer provided to the Customer by the Company, such written contract will be filed with the Commission. The contract shall provide full disclosure of all rates, terms and conditions of service under this Tariff, and any and all agreements related thereto, subject to the designation of the terms and conditions of the contract as confidential, as set forth herein.

The Customer shall provide reasonable evidence to the Company that the Customer’s electric service can be interrupted in accordance with the provisions of the written agreement including, but not limited to, the specific steps to be taken and equipment to be curtailed upon a request for interruption.

The Customer shall contract for capacity sufficient to meet average maximum interruptible power requirements, but in no event will the interruptible amount contracted for be less than 1,000 KW at any delivery point.

The Company reserves the right to test and verify the customer’s ability to curtail. Any such test or verification may require actual physical interruption or curtailment, to the extent such testing or interruption is required under PJM’s Demand Response Program.

NO RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND SHALL ATTACH TO OR BE INCURRED BY THE COMPANY FOR, OR ON ACCOUNT OF, ANY LOSS, COST, EXPENSE, OR DAMAGE CAUSED BY OR RESULTING FROM, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ANY CURTAILMENT OF SERVICE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SCHEDULE.

Except as otherwise provided in the written agreement, the Company’s Terms and Conditions of Service shall apply to service under this tariff.

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(Contract Service – Interruptible Power)**

Rate

Credits under this tariff of \$3.68/kW/month will be provided for interruptible load that qualifies under PJM’s Demand Response Program rules as capacity for the purpose of the Company’s Fixed Resource Requirement (FRR) obligation.

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321	IR	CS-IRP SEC	IRP-IGS SECONDARY
330	IR	CS-IRP PR	IRP-IGS PRIMARY
331	IR	CS-IRP ST	IRP-IGS SUBTRANSMISSION
332	IR	CS-IRP TR	IRP-IGS TRANSMISSION

Charges for service under this Tariff will be set forth in the written agreement between the Company and the Customer and will reflect the firm service rates otherwise available to the Customer.

Adjustment Clauses

The bill amount computed at the charges specified above shall be increased or decreased in accordance with the following:

<u>Kentucky Economic Development Surcharge</u>	<u>Sheet No. 27</u>
<u>Demand-Side Management Adjustment Clause</u>	<u>Sheet No. 28</u>
<u>System Sales Clause</u>	<u>Sheet No. 29</u>
<u>Fuel Adjustment Clause</u>	<u>Sheet No. 30</u>
<u>Purchase Power Adjustment</u>	<u>Sheet No. 31</u>
<u>Environmental Surcharge</u>	<u>Sheet No. 32</u>
<u>Decommissioning Rider</u>	<u>Sheet No. 33</u>
<u>Distribution Reliability Rider</u>	<u>Sheet No. 34</u>
<u>Securitization Financing Rider</u>	<u>Sheet No. 35</u>
<u>Federal Tax Change Tariff</u>	<u>Sheet No. 36</u>
<u>City’s Franchise Fee</u>	<u>Sheet No. 37</u>
<u>School Tax</u>	<u>Sheet No. 38</u>

<u>Fuel Adjustment Clause</u>	<u>Sheet No. 5</u>
<u>System Sales Clause</u>	<u>Sheet No. 19</u>
<u>Franchise Tariff</u>	<u>Sheet No. 20</u>
<u>Demand-Side Management Adjustment Clause</u>	<u>Sheet No. 22</u>
<u>Federal Tax Cut Tariff</u>	<u>Sheet No. 23</u>
<u>Kentucky Economic Development Surcharge</u>	<u>Sheet No. 24</u>
<u>Environmental Surcharge</u>	<u>Sheet No. 29</u>
<u>Capacity Charge</u>	<u>Sheet No. 30</u>
<u>School Tax</u>	<u>Sheet No. 33</u>
<u>Purchase Power Adjustment</u>	<u>Sheet No. 35</u>
<u>Decommissioning Rider</u>	<u>Sheet No. 38</u>

Delayed Payment Charge

~~This tariff is due and payable in full on or before the due date stated on the bill. On all accounts not so paid, an additional charge of 5% of the unpaid balance will be made.~~

Confidentiality

All terms and conditions of any written contract under this Tariff shall be protected from disclosure as confidential, proprietary trade secrets, if either the Customer or the Company requests a Commission determination of confidentiality pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001 Section 7 and the request is granted.

Special Terms and Conditions

Except as otherwise provided in the written agreement, this Tariff is subject to the Company’s Terms and Conditions of

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Service.

A Customer's plant is considered as one or more buildings, which are served by a single electrical distribution system provided and operated by the Customer. When the size of the Customer's load necessitates the delivery of energy to the Customer's plant over more than one circuit, the Company may elect to connect its circuits to different points on the Customer's system irrespective of contrary provisions in Terms and Conditions of Service.

Customers with PURPA Section 210 qualifying cogeneration and/or small power production facilities shall take service under Tariff COGEN/SPP II or by special agreement with the Company.

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Rider D.R.S. (Demand Response Service)

Availability of Service

Available for Demand Response Service (“DRS”) to customers that take firm service from the Company under a standard demand-metered rate schedule and that have the ability to curtail load under the provisions of this Schedule. Each customer electing service under this Schedule shall contract, via a Contract Addendum, for a definite amount of firm and interruptible capacity agreed to by the Company and the customer. The interruptible capacity amount shall not exceed the Customer’s average on-peak demand for the past 12 months. The Company reserves the right to limit the aggregate amount of interruptible capacity contracted for under this Schedule. The Company will take Customer DRS requests in the order received. Customers taking service under this Schedule shall not participate in any PJM demand response program for Capacity.

Conditions of Service

1. The Company, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to call for curtailments of the Customer’s interruptible load at any time. Such interruptions shall be designated as “Discretionary Interruptions” and shall not exceed sixty (60) hours of interruption during any Interruption Year. The “Interruption Year” shall be defined as the consecutive twelve (12) month period commencing on June 1 and ending on May 31. Should this Schedule become effective on a date other than June 1, the period from the effective date of this Schedule until the next May 31 after such effective date shall be referred to as the “Initial Partial Interruption Year.” In any Initial Partial Interruption Year, Discretionary Interruptions shall not exceed a number of hours equal to the product of the number of full calendar months during the Initial Partial Interruption Year and the annual interruption hours divided by 12.
2. The monthly Interruptible Demand Credit Rate shall be \$5.50/kW-month, credited to participating Customers’ bills for standard tariff service.
3. The Company will endeavor to provide the Customer with as much advance notice as possible of a Discretionary Interruption. The Company shall provide notice at least 90 minutes prior to the commencement of a Discretionary Interruption. Such notice shall include both the start and end time of the Discretionary Interruption. For any Discretionary Interruption, the Customer shall be permitted to choose not to interrupt and to continue to operate during the event, provided that the Customer pays the DRS Event Failure Charge. Discretionary Interruptions shall begin and end on the clock hour.
4. Discretionary Interruption events shall be three (3) consecutive hours and there shall not be more than six (6) hours of Discretionary Interruption per day.
5. The Company will inform the Customer regarding the communication process for notices to curtail. The Customer is ultimately responsible for receiving and acting upon a curtailment notification from the Company.
6. The minimum interruptible capacity contracted for under this Schedule will be 500 kW. Customers with multiple electric service accounts at a single location may aggregate those individual accounts to meet the 500 kW minimum interruptible capacity requirement under this Schedule; however, the interruptible capacity committed for each individual account shall not be less than 100 kW.
7. All Customer meter data required under this Schedule shall be determined from 15- or 30-minute integrated metering, as applicable based on the Customer’s rate schedule, with remote interrogation capability and demand recording equipment. Such metering equipment shall be owned, installed, operated, and maintained by the Company.
8. **NO RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND SHALL ATTACH TO OR BE INCURRED BY THE COMPANY FOR, OR ON ACCOUNT OF, ANY LOSS, COST, EXPENSE, OR DAMAGE CAUSED BY OR RESULTING FROM, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ANY CURTAILMENT OF SERVICE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SCHEDULE.**

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(Demand Response Service)**

Interruptible Capacity Reservation

The Customer shall have established a total Capacity Reservation under its Contract for Service under the applicable demand-metered rate schedule. In a Contract Addendum, the Customer shall designate a set amount of kW of that total Capacity Reservation as the Firm Service Capacity Reservation, which is not subject to interruption under this Schedule. The Interruptible Capacity Reservation shall be the Customer’s average on-peak demand over the past 12 months in excess of the Firm Service Capacity Reservation.

The Interruptible Capacity Reservation is subject to annual review and adjustment by the Company and the Customer.

Monthly Interruptible Demand Credit

The monthly Interruptible Demand Credit shall be equal to the product of Demand Credit per kW-month and the Customer’s Interruptible Capacity Reservation kW.

Interruption Event Compliance

A Customer will be determined to have failed a DRS interruption event if the Customer has not achieved at least ninety (90) percent of their agreed upon interruptible capacity reservation during the duration of a DRS event.

DRS Event Failure

A Customer that fails one or more DRS interruption events shall repay a portion of the Customer’s total annual DRS Interruptible Demand Credit per the following table:

Number of Failures	Penalty Payment %
Failure 1	5%
Failure 2	10%
Failure 3	10%
Failure 4	15%
Failure 5	15%
Failure 6	20%
Failure 7	25%
Totals	100%

The DRS Event Failure Charge equals the Customer’s Interruptible Capacity Reservation kW, times the DRS Interruptible Demand Credit Rate, times 12, times the corresponding DRS Event Failure Charge Penalty Payment % set forth in the table above. Under no circumstance will a Customer be charged for DRS interruption event failures in an amount greater than the annual amount of DRS Interruptible Demand Credits the Customer would have or has received in an Interruption Year.

Settlement

The net amount of the monthly Interruptible Demand Credit and any DRS Event Failure Charge will be included in the Customer’s monthly bill for electric service under its demand-metered rate schedule.

Term

A Contract Addendum term under this Schedule shall be at least one (1) Interruption Year and shall continue for each subsequent Interruption Year until either party provides written notice no later than April 2 of its intention to discontinue service effective June 1 under the terms of this Schedule. Any participating Customer must participate for at least one full Interruption Year, therefore a Customer that begins service under this rider during the Initial Partial Interruption Year must then also participate in the subsequent full Interruption Year.

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Tariff V.C.S. (Voluntary Curtailment Service)

This Rider provides the Customer with the opportunity to reduce their cost of electric service by curtailing usage during Voluntary Curtailment Events requested by the Company. Upon each event, the Customer shall have the option, but not the obligation, to curtail usage at their premises and be compensated by the Company as provided below.

Availability of Service

The initial term of this tariff is two (2) years beginning January 28, 2022. Eligible customers must have a curtailable usage of not less than 1,000 kW at the metering point for a single account for electric service, have accounts that are current, and maintain satisfactory credit criteria as defined under the Company's Terms and Conditions under Deposits, Section D. All provisions of the applicable standard tariff for electric service will apply except as modified herein. Customers participating in a third-party demand response program and customers receiving service under special contracts, including COGEN/SPP contracts, are not eligible to participate under this Rider. Customers in this program are also subject to curtailments due to system emergencies in the same manner as all other firm service customers.

Monthly Charges and Credits

Customer's net monthly bill for service provided under this Rider will be calculated in accordance with the Company's applicable rate schedule, with the exception that the Voluntary Curtailment Credit will be applied as a line item on the Customer's bill.

The Voluntary Curtailment Event Hours and the Voluntary Curtailment Price will be quoted to the Customer by no later than 5:00 p.m. ET of the day prior to the Event Day.

The Voluntary Curtailment Price will be based upon the Day-Ahead Market price of energy at the time of the Voluntary Curtailment Event, as determined in the Company's sole judgment, but not less than \$100 per MWh. The AEPKY_RESID_AGG LMP shall be used to develop the Voluntary Curtailment Price.

Conditions of Service

1. The Company reserves the right to request a Voluntary Curtailment Event at any time at the Company's sole discretion. The Company will call no more than two (2) Voluntary Curtailment Events per day. The Events must be separated by at least one (1) non-event hour.
2. Customers must request enrollment in the program thirty (30) days before participating in a Voluntary Curtailment Event. A fully executed contract is required before a customer may participate in a Voluntary Curtailment Event.
3. The Company shall notify the Customer of a Voluntary Curtailment Event by e-mail, text or automated phone message. The Customer shall designate their representative(s) to receive said notifications.
4. No responsibility or liability of any kind shall attach to or be incurred by the Company or the AEP System for, or on account of, any loss, cost, expense or damage caused by or resulting from, either directly or indirectly, any curtailment of service under the provisions of this Rider.
5. The Customer shall not receive credit for any curtailment periods in which the Customer's usage is already reduced due to a planned or unplanned outage as a result of vacation, renovation, repair, refurbishment, force majeure, strike, economic conditions or any event other than the Customer's normal operating conditions.
6. The Customer's participation in any Company capacity-based demand response program takes priority over this program. No credit shall be given under this program for hours that a customer is responsible for curtailing under another program. An interval meter is required for service under this Rider. The incremental cost of any special metering, communications or control equipment required for service under this Rider beyond that normally provided shall be borne by the Customer.

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Curtailed Demand

For each Voluntary Curtailment Event, Curtailed Demand shall be defined as the difference between the Customer's Average On-Peak Demand and the maximum sixty (60)-minute integrated demand in kW during the Voluntary Curtailment Event. The Curtailed Demand so computed will not be less than zero (0).

The Company shall determine the Customer's Average On-Peak Demand in kW specified in a contract or contract addendum for service under this Rider. The Customer's Average On-Peak Demand will be reviewed annually. Annual, seasonal or monthly Average On-Peak Demands may be established based upon Customer's historic usage patterns. For the purpose of determining the Average On-Peak Demand, the on-peak period is defined as 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. ET for all weekdays, Monday through Friday.

Voluntary Curtailment Credit

For each Voluntary Curtailment Event, the Event Credit shall be the product of the Curtailed Demand, the number of Voluntary Curtailment Event Hours and the Voluntary Curtailment Price.

The Voluntary Curtailment Credit will be the sum of the Event Credits for the calendar month.

The Voluntary Curtailment Credit will be applied to the Customer's bill within forty-five (45) days after the end of the month in which the Voluntary Curtailment Event occurred.

The Voluntary Curtailment Credit applied to the Customer's bill for service will be recorded in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Uniform System of Accounts under Account 555, Purchased Power, and will be recorded in a subaccount so that the separate identity of this amount is preserved.

Non-Compliance Provision

There are no charges for non-compliance with a Voluntary Curtailment Event.

Term

Contracts under this Rider shall be made for an initial period of one (1) year and shall remain in effect thereafter until either party provides to the other at least thirty (30) days written notice of its intention to discontinue service under this Rider.

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Tariff E.D.R. (Economic Development Rider)

Availability of Service

To encourage economic development in the Company's service territory, limited-term reductions in billing demand charges described herein are offered to qualifying new and existing retail customers who make application for service under this Rider.

Service under this Economic Development Rider (EDR) is intended for specific types of commercial and industrial customers whose operations, by their nature, will promote sustained economic development based on plant and facilities investment and job creation. Availability is limited to customers on a first-come, first-served basis until such time as a total of 250 MW of new load has been added to Kentucky Power's system under the EDR. The EDR is available to commercial and industrial customers served under Tariffs L.G.S. and I.G.S. who meet the following requirements:

- (1) A new customer must have at least a monthly maximum billing demand of 500 kW. An existing customer must increase its monthly maximum billing demand by at least 500 kW over the current Base Maximum Billing Demand in order to receive the Incremental Billing Demand Discount (IBDD).
- (2) A new customer, or the business expansion by an existing customer, will receive a Supplemental Billing Demand Discount (SBDD) for creating and sustaining at least 25 new permanent full time jobs over the contract term at the service location. The Company reserves the right to verify job counts. Failure to demonstrate the creation of new employment positions or to maintain the employment during the contract term will result in the termination of the supplemental discount.
- (3) The customer must demonstrate to the Company's satisfaction that, absent the availability of this EDR, the qualifying new or increased electrical demand would be located outside of the Company's service territory or would not be placed in service.

Terms and Conditions

- (1) The Company will offer the EDR to qualifying customers with new or increased load when the Company has sufficient generating capacity available. When sufficient generating capacity is not available, the Company will procure the additional capacity on the customer's behalf. The cost of capacity procured on behalf of the customer shall reduce on a dollar-for-dollar basis the customer's IBDD and SBDD. Such reduction shall be capped so that the customer's maximum demand charge shall be the non- discounted tariff demand charge. The reduction will be applied in reverse chronological order beginning with the most recent customer to receive discounted service under this tariff. The last customer to sign up for the EDR tariff would be the first customer responsible for paying the cost of incremental capacity purchases. In any year during the discount period in which the customer pays the full tariff demand charge for all twelve months, the Company will reduce the term of the contract by one year.
- (2) The new or increased load cannot accelerate the Company's plans for additional generating capacity during the period for which the customer receives a demand discount. Customers receiving Temporary Service are not eligible for this EDR.
- (3) To receive service under this EDR, the customer shall make written application to the Company with sufficient information contained therein to determine the customer's eligibility for service. At a minimum, such information must include:
 - a. A description and good faith estimate of the new or increased load to be served during each year of the contract,
 - b. The number of new employees or jobs that will be added as a result of the new load,
 - c. A description of the anticipated capital investment,
 - d. A description of all other federal, state or local economic development tax incentives, grants, or any other incentives or assistance associated with the new or expanded project, and
 - e. A statement that without the EDR discount, the customer would locate elsewhere or would choose not to expand within Kentucky Power's service territory.

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- (4) For new and existing customers, billing demands for which reductions will be applicable under this EDR shall be for service at a new service location or expanded production at an existing facility and not merely the result of a change of ownership. Relocation of the delivery point of the Company's service, moving existing equipment from another Company-served location or load transfers from another Company-served location do not qualify as a new service location. Relocating existing facilities from within the Company's service territory shall not disqualify the customer from the IBDD as long as the new relocated facility exceeds the Base Maximum Billing Demand of the previous facility by the minimum required amount.
- (5) For existing customers, billing demands for which deductions will be applicable under this EDR shall be the result of an increase in business activity and not merely the result of resumption of normal operations following a force majeure, strike, equipment failure, renovation or refurbishment, or other such abnormal operating condition. In the event that such an occurrence has taken place prior to the date of the application by the customer for service under this EDR, the monthly Base Maximum Billing Demand shall be adjusted as appropriate for this analysis to eliminate the effects of such occurrence.
- (6) Service under the EDR will be offered under the applicable Tariff L.G.S. or I.G.S. schedule. An EDR will be filed as a Special Contract and must be approved by the Kentucky Public Service Commission before it can be implemented. The total contract period is equal to twice the number of years for which the customer receives a demand discount. The special contract term will be for two (2), four (4) six (6), eight (8), or ten (10) years only.
- (7) The IBDD and the SBDD, if applicable, begin when the customer's new or expanded operations are billed for service under this Rider. Temporary jobs created during the construction of new facilities or the expansion phase of existing operations are not eligible to be counted as permanent jobs for the purposes of this EDR.
- (8) If construction of new or expanded local distribution and/or transmission related facilities by the Company is required in order to provide the additional service, the customer may be required to make a contribution-in-aid of construction (CIAC) for the installed cost of such facilities pursuant to the provisions of the Company's Terms and Conditions of Service. The total cost of the CIAC, including gross-up by the effect of applicable taxes, will be recovered over the life of the EDR contract period, with no less than 80% recovered during the period for which the customer receives a demand discount. If the customer breaches the terms of the contract or ends the contract prematurely, any unpaid contribution-in-aid of construction must be paid to the Company, and any EDR discounts provided to the customer must be repaid to the Company. CIAC payment provided under this Rider supersedes other payment provisions only in the Company's Terms and Conditions Sheet 2-5 Section 9.
- (9) The L.G.S., and I.G.S. tariffs each contain a monthly minimum billing demand charge provision. The minimum demand charge provision is waived for EDR customers for up to 36 months depending upon the length of the contract. The provision is waived for the first 36 months of a 10 year contract, the first 24 months of an 8 year contract and the first 12 months of a 6 year contract. If during the special contract discount period, the customer's monthly demand falls below the minimum billing demand level for four (4) consecutive months or six (6) months total in a contract year, then the EDR discount will not be applied and the appropriate tariff minimum billing demand charge provision will be in force until the customer achieves the minimum billing demand level. Applicable EDR discounts will be applied to the qualifying incremental maximum billing demand only and will appear as a separate line item on the customer's bill.

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Determination of Monthly Qualifying Incremental Billing Demand

For the purposes of this Rider, the monthly qualifying incremental billing demand will be calculated in the following manner:

Where the new qualifying incremental demand resides in new facilities (or separate facilities for existing customers), those facilities may be metered on a separate meter according to Tariffs L.G.S., I.G.S., for the current billing period and the incremental billing demand will be calculated based upon that facility's meter readings.

Where the new qualifying incremental demand resides in a customer's existing facility with sufficient service and metering capability to accommodate the business expansion, the qualifying incremental billing demand is equal to demand in excess of the Base Maximum Billing Demand. The Base Maximum Billing Demand for each billing month will be calculated by the Company as the average of the previous three years, corresponding month maximum billing demands, subject to Terms and Conditions Items (3) and (4), and will be agreed to by the customer in advance.

Determination of Incremental Billing Demand Discount

Customers meeting all Availability of Service and Terms and Conditions above may contract for service for a period of up to ten (10) years, with a commensurate discount period of up to five (5) years. The qualifying incremental billing demand charge shall be reduced by 50%, 40%, 30%, 20%, 10% in the order of the Customer's choosing at the time of the contract filing. A sample illustration of an (IBDD) for a ten (10) year contract follows:

- (a) For the twelve consecutive monthly billings of the first contract year, the qualifying incremental billing demand charge shall be reduced by 50% from the applicable tariff L.G.S. or I.G.S., demand charge;
- (b) For the twelve consecutive monthly billings of the second contract year, the qualifying incremental billing demand charge shall be reduced by 40% from the applicable tariff L.G.S. or I.G.S., demand charge;
- (c) For the twelve consecutive monthly billings of the third contract year, the qualifying incremental billing demand charge shall be reduced by 30% from the applicable tariff L.G.S. or I.G.S., demand charge;
- (d) For the twelve consecutive monthly billings of the fourth contract year, the qualifying incremental billing demand charge shall be reduced by 20% from the applicable tariff L.G.S. or I.G.S., demand charge, but shall not be less than the applicable tariff rate schedule minimum billing demand;
- (e) For the twelve consecutive monthly billings of the fifth contract year, the qualifying incremental billing demand charge shall be reduced by 10% from the applicable tariff L.G.S. or I.G.S., demand charge, but shall not be less than the applicable tariff rate schedule minimum billing demand; and
- (f) All subsequent monthly billings shall be at the full charges stated in the applicable tariff rate schedule for contract years six (6) through ten (10).

The starting point for the IBDD is dependent upon the length of contract: i.e., an eight (8) year contract will have four (4) years of discount and a maximum annual IBDD of 40% in one year. Similarly, a six (6) year contract will have three (3) years of discount and a maximum annual IBDD of 30% in one year.

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Tariff E.D.R. Continued (Economic Development Rider)

Determination of Supplemental Billing Demand Discount

At the Company's discretion, a (SBDD) which is applicable to the monthly incremental billing demand charge is available to customers meeting all Availability of Service and Terms and Conditions above, and that create at least twenty five (25) new permanent job opportunities in the facility and that maintain those job opportunities in each discount year. The amount of additional discount is determined by the actual number of jobs maintained in each year. The order in which the SBDD is applied will follow the same order selected by the Customer for the IBDD contract. A sample illustration of the SBDD for a ten (10) year contract follows:

- (a) For the twelve consecutive monthly billings of the first contract year, the qualifying incremental billing demand charge shall be reduced an additional 5% for an increase of at least 50 jobs or 2.5% for an increase of at least 25 jobs;
- (b) For the twelve consecutive monthly billings of the second contract year, the qualifying incremental billing demand charge shall be reduced an additional 4.5% for an increase of at least 50 jobs or 2.0% for an increase of at least 25 jobs;
- (c) For the twelve consecutive monthly billings of the third contract year, the qualifying incremental billing demand charge shall be reduced an additional 4% for an increase of at least 50 jobs or 1.5% for an increase of at least 25 jobs;
- (d) For the twelve consecutive monthly billings of the fourth contract year, the qualifying incremental billing demand charge shall be reduced an additional 3.5% for an increase of at least 50 jobs or 1.0% for an increase of at least 25 jobs;
- (e) For the twelve consecutive monthly billings of the fifth contract year, the qualifying incremental billing demand charge shall be reduced an additional 3% for an increase of at least 50 jobs or 0.5% for an increase of at least 25 jobs; and
- (f) All subsequent monthly billings shall be at the full charges stated in the applicable tariff rate schedule for contract years six (6) through ten (10)

The length of the SBDD shall be identical to the length of the IBDD. The starting point for the discount will be commensurate with the contract length, i.e., an eight (8) year contract will have four (4) years of discount with a maximum SBDD of either 4.5% or 2.0% as appropriate during one year of the contract.

The appropriate discount(s) shall be applicable over a period of up to 60 consecutive billing months as selected by the Customer in 12-month increments at the time of the contract.

Terms of Contract

A contract or agreement addendum for service under this Rider, in addition to service under Tariffs L.G.S. or I.G.S., shall be executed by the Customer and the Company for the time period which includes the start-up period and the multi-year period during which a Total Demand Charge discount is in effect and an equal multi-year period during which the customer agrees to pay the full rates in the applicable Tariff rate schedule.

At a minimum, the contract or agreement addendum shall specify the Base Maximum Billing Demand, the anticipated annual total qualifying demand, the Adjustment Factor and related provisions to be applicable under this Rider, and the effective date for the contract addendum.

The customer may discontinue service under this Rider before the end of the contract or agreement addendum only by reimbursing the Company for any and all demand reductions received under this Rider when billed at the applicable tariff schedule rate.

Special Terms and Conditions

Except as otherwise provided in this Rider, written agreements shall remain subject to all of the provisions of the applicable tariffs. This Rider is subject to the Company's Terms and Conditions of Service.

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**Tariff R.E.A.
(Residential Energy Assistance)**

Proceeds of the charge and matching Company contributions will be used to provide financial assistance to eligible residential customers fix electric bills during peak hearing months (January through April).

Applicable

To Tariffs R.S., R.S.D., R.S.-L.M.-T.O.D., R.S.-T.O.D., R.S.-T.O.D.2

Rate

\$0.~~43~~0 per month per residential account.

Programs

Participation in the programs below will be determined by the residential customer's local community action agency in accordance with guidelines approved by the Commission and the availability of funds. Customer participation is limited to one program each calendar year.

Home Energy Assistance in Reduced Temperatures (HEART)

Participating low-income residential customers, whose primary source of heat is electric, are eligible to receive an electric bill credit of \$115.00 a month for bills rendered in January through April.

Participating low-income residential customers, whose primary source of heat is non-electric, are eligible to receive an electric bill credit of \$58.00 a month for bills rendered in January through April.

Temporary Heating Assistance in Winter (THAW)

Participating residential customers, who are experiencing temporary economic hardships, are eligible to receive electric bill credits totaling no more than \$175.00 for bills rendered in January through April in any single calendar year.

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Tariff K.E.D.S.
(Kentucky Economic Development Surcharge)

Proceeds of the surcharge and matching Company contributions will be used to fund economic development programs and activities as determined by the Company within the 20 counties comprising Kentucky Power's certified territory.

Applicable

To Tariffs G.S, S.G.S. – T.O.D., M.G.S. – T.O.D., L.G.S., L.G.S. – T.O.D., I.G.S., ~~C.S. – Coal~~, C.S. – I.R.P., M.W.

Rate

\$1.00 per month per commercial account.

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Tariff D.S.M.C.
(Demand-Side Management Adjustment Clause)

Applicable

To Tariffs R.S., R.S.D., R.S.-L.M.-T.O.D., R.S.-T.O.D., Experimental R.S.-T.O.D. 2, G.S., S.G.S.-T.O.D., M.G.S.-T.O.D., L.G.S., L.G.S.-T.O.D., I.G.S., C.S.-I.R.P., ~~C.S.-Coal~~, and M.W.,

Rate

1. The Demand-Side Management (DSM) clause shall provide for periodic adjustment per KWH of sales equal to the DSM costs per KWH by customer sector according to the following formula:

$$(c) \text{ Adjustment Factor} = \frac{\text{DSM}}{S(c)}$$

Where DSM is the cost by customer sector of demand-side management programs, net lost revenues, incentives, and any over/under recovery balances; (c) is customer sector; and S is the adjusted KWH sales by customer sector.

2. Demand-Side Management (DSM) costs shall be the most recent forecasted cost plus any over/under recovery balances recorded at the end of the previous period.
 - a. Program costs are any costs the Company incurred associated with demand-side management which were approved by the Kentucky Power Company DSM Collaborative. Examples of costs to be included are contract services, allowances, promotion, expenses, evaluation, lease expense, etc. by customer sector.
 - b. Net lost revenues are the calculated net lost revenues by customer sector resulting from the implementation of the DSM programs.
 - c. Incentives are a shared-savings incentive plan consisting of one of the following elements: The efficiency incentive, which is defined as 15 percent of the estimated net savings associated with the programs. Estimated net savings are calculated based on the California Standard Practice Manual's definition of the Total Resources Cost (TRC) test, or the maximizing incentive which is defined as 5 percent of actual program expenditures if program savings cannot be measured.
 - d. Over/ Under recovery balances are the total of the differences between the following:
 - i. the actual program costs incurred versus the program costs recovered through DSM adjustment clause, and
 - ii. the calculated net lost revenues realized versus the net lost revenues recovered through the DSM adjustment clause, and
 - iii. the calculated incentive to be recovered versus the incentive recovered through the DSM adjustment clause.
3. Sales (S) shall be the total ultimate KWH sales by customer sector less non-metered, opt-out and lost revenue impact KWHs by customer sector.
4. The provisions of the Demand-Side Management Adjustment Clause will be effective for the period ending December 31, 2023.
5. The DSM adjustment shall be filed with the Commission ten (10) days before it is scheduled to go into effect, along with all the necessary supporting data to justify the amount of the adjustments, which shall include data, and information as may be required by the Commission.

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(Demand-Side Management Adjustment Clause)**

Rate Continued

6. Copies of all documents required to be filed with the Commission under this regulation shall be open and made available for public inspection at the office of the Public Service Commission pursuant to the provisions of KRS 61.870 to 61.884.
7. The resulting range for each customer sector per KWH during the three-year Experimental Demand-Side Management Plan is as follows:

	Customer Sector		
	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Industrial*</u>
<u>DSM(c)</u>	\$479,489	\$181,893	0
S(c)	1,943,627,965	1,448,924,338	0
Adjustment Factor	\$0.000247	\$0.000126	0

* The Industrial Sector has been discontinued pursuant to the Commission's Order dated September 28, 1999.

Program Descriptions

The D.S.M.C. program availability, program, rate, and equipment descriptions follow:

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(Demand-Side Management Adjustment Clause)**

Program: TEE – Targeted Energy Efficiency

Availability of Service

Available on a voluntary basis to individual residential customers receiving retail electric service from the Company, who have primary electric heat and use an average of 700 kWh per month. Residential customers without primary electric heating may also be eligible for limited efficiency measures if they have electric water heating and use an average of 700 kWh per month from November through March. To qualify, the household's income cannot exceed the designated poverty guidelines as administered by the local community action agency.

Program Description

The Kentucky Power Targeted Energy Efficiency Program (TEE) provides weatherization and energy efficiency services to qualifying residential customers who need help reducing their energy bills. The Company provides funding for this program through the Kentucky Community Action network of not-for-profit community action agencies. The program funding and service is supplemental to the Weatherization Assistance Programs offered by the local community action agency. This program provides energy saving improvements to an existing home. Program services include residential energy audits, the installation of home weatherization/energy conservation items and customer education on home energy efficiency. The home weatherization/energy conservation measures may include, but not limited to:

- High efficiency lighting
- Domestic hot water pipe insulation
- Water heater insulation wrap (electric DHW only)
- Low flow showerhead
- Low flow faucet aerator
- Air and duct sealing (electric heat only)
- Insulation (electric heat only)
- Efficient windows and doors
- Air source heat pump

Rate

No rate applies for this program.

Equipment

The Kentucky Community Action network of not-for-profit community action agencies will furnish and install, in the customer's presence, the equipment as provided by this program.

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Tariff S.S.C. (System Sales Clause)

Applicable

To Tariffs R.S., R.S.D., R.S.-L.M.-T.O.D., R.S.-T.O.D., Experimental R.S.-T.O.D.2, G.S., S.G.S.-T.O.D., M.G.S.-T.O.D., L.G.S., L.G.S.-T.O.D., I.G.S., C.S.- I.R.P., ~~C.S. Coal~~, M.W., O.L. and S.L.

Rate

1. When the annual net revenues from system sales are above or below the annual base net revenues from system sales, as provided in paragraph 2 below, an additional credit or charge equal to the product of the KWHs and a system sales adjustment factor (A) shall be made, where "A", calculated to the nearest 0.0001 mill per kilowatt-hour, is defined as set forth below.

$$\text{Annual System Sales Adjustment Factor (A)} = (1.0 [T_a - T_b + U/a])/S_a$$

In the above formula "T" is Kentucky Power Company's (KPCo) annual net revenues from system sales in the current annual (a), base (b) periods, and "S" is the KWH sales in the current annual (a) period, all defined below. "U/a" represents any under-or-over recovery from the prior period.

The applicable rate for service rendered on and after September 28, 2021, calculated in accordance with the above formula, is \$(.00066) per kWh.

2. The net revenue from KPCo's sales to non-associated companies as reported in the FERC Energy Regulatory Commission's Uniform System of Accounts under Account 447, Sales for Resale, shall consist of and be derived as follows:

- a. KPCo's total revenues from system sales as recorded in Account 447, less b. and c. below.
- b. KPCo's total out-of-pocket costs incurred in supplying the power and energy for the sales in a. above.

The out-of-pocket costs include all operating, maintenance, tax, transmission losses and other expenses that would not have been incurred if the power and energy had not been supplied for such sales, including demand and energy charges for power and energy supplied by Third Parties.

- c. KPCo's environmental costs allocated to non-associated utilities in the Company's Environmental Surcharge Report.

3. The base annual net revenues from system sales are: \$ ~~1,935,350,326,879~~
4. Sales (S) shall be equated to the sum of (a) generation (including energy produced by generating plant during the construction period), (b) purchase, and (c) interchange-in, less (d) energy associated with pumped storage operations, less (e) inter-system sales and less (f) total system losses.
5. The system sales adjustment factor shall be based upon actual annual revenues and costs for system sales, subject to subsequent adjustment upon final determination of actual revenues and costs.
6. The annual System Sales Clause shall be filed with the Commission no later than August 15th of each year before it is scheduled to go into effect on Cycle 1 of the October billing cycle. The Company shall update the Annual System Sales Adjustment Factor for the period ending June 30, along with all the necessary supporting data to justify the amount of the adjustments, which shall include data, and information as may be required by the Commission.
7. Copies of all documents required to be filed with the Commission under this regulation shall be open and made available for public inspection at the office of the Public Service Commission pursuant to the provisions of KRS 61.870 to 61.884.

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**Tariff F.A.C.
(Fuel Adjustment Clause)**

Applicable

To Tariffs R.S., R.S.-L.M.-T.O.D., R.S.-T.O.D., R.S.-T.O.D. 2, R.S.D., G.S., S.G.S.-T.O.D., M.G.S.-T.O.D., L.G.S., L.G.S.-T.O.D., I.G.S., C.S.-I.R.P., ~~C.S.-Coal~~, M.W., O.L., and S.L.

Rate

- 1. The fuel clause shall provide for periodic adjustment per kWh of sales equal to the difference between the fuel costs per kWh of sales in the base period and in the current period according to the following formula:

$$\text{Adjustment Factor} = \frac{F(m)}{S(m)} - \frac{F(b)}{S(b)}$$

Where F is the expense of fossil fuel in the base (b) and current (m) periods; and S is sales in the base (b) and current (m) periods, all as defined below:

- 2. F(b)/S(b) shall be so determined that on the effective date of the Commission’s approval of the utility’s application of the formula, the resultant adjustment will be equal to zero (0).
- 3. Fuel costs (F) shall be the most recent actual monthly cost of:
 - a. Fossil fuel consumed in the utility’s own plants, and the utility’s share of fossil and nuclear fuel consumed in jointly owned or leased plants, plus the cost of fuel which would have been used in plants suffering forced generation or transmission outages, but less the cost of the fuel related substitute generation, plus
 - b. The actual identifiable fossil and nuclear fuel costs [if not known--the month used to calculate fuel (F), shall be deemed to be the same as the actual unit cost of the Company generation in the month said calculations are made. When actual costs become known, the difference, if any, between fuel costs (F) as calculated using such actual unit costs and the fuel costs (F) used in that month shall be accounted for in the current month’s calculation of fuel costs (F)] associated with energy purchased for reasons other than identified in paragraph (c) below, but excluding the cost of fuel related to purchases to substitute the forced outages, plus
 - c. The net energy cost of energy purchases, exclusive of capacity or demand charges (irrespective of the designation assigned to such transaction) when such energy is purchased on an economic dispatch basis. Included therein may be such costs as the charges for economy energy purchases, the charges as a result of scheduled outage, and other charges for energy being purchased by the Company to substitute for its own higher cost of energy; and less
 - d. The cost of fossil fuel recovered through intersystem sales including the fuel costs related to economy energy sales and other energy sold on an economic dispatch basis.
 - e. The fuel-related costs charged to the Company by PJM Interconnection LLC those costs identified in the following Billing Line Items, as may be amended from time to time by PJM Interconnection LLC: Billing Line Items 1210, 2210, 1215, 1218, 2217, 2218, 1230, 1250, 1260, 2260, 1370, 2370, 1375, 2375, 1400, 1410, 1420, 1430, 1478, 1340, 2340, 1460, 1350, 2350, 1360, 2360, 1470, 1377, 2377, 1480, 1378, 2378, 1490, 1500, 2420, 2220, 1200, 1205, 1220, 1225, 2500, 2510, 1930, 2211, 2215, 2415 and 2930.

f. All fuel costs shall be based on weighted average inventory costing.

g. All Commission approved financial power hedging program-related contract settlements, and related contract costs.

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4. Forced outages are all nonscheduled losses of generation or transmission which require substitute power for a continuous period in excess of six (6) hours. Where forced outages are not as a result of faulty equipment, faulty manufacture, faulty design, faulty installations, faulty operation, or faulty maintenance, but are Acts of God, riot, insurrection or acts of the public enemy, then the utility may, upon proper showing, with the approval of the Commission, include the fuel costs of substitute energy in the adjustment. Until such approval is obtained, in making the calculations of fuel costs (F) in subsection (3)(a) and (b) above, the forced outage costs to be subtracted shall be no less than the fuel cost related to the lost generation.
5. Sales (S) shall be all kWh's sold, excluding intersystem sales. If, for any reason billed system sales cannot be coordinated with the fuel costs for the billing period, sales may be equated to: (i) generation, plus (ii) purchases, plus (iii) interchange in, less (iv) energy associated with pumped storage operations, less (v) intersystem sales referred to in subsection (3)(d) above, less (vi) total system losses. Utility used energy shall not be excluded in the determination of sales (S).
6. The cost of fossil fuel shall only include the cost of the fuel itself and necessary charges for transportation of the fuel from the point of acquisition to the unloading point, as listed in Account 151 of FERC Uniform System of Accounts for Public Utilities and Licensees, less any cash or other discounts.
7. At the time the fuel clause is initially filed, the utility shall submit copies of each fossil fuel purchase contract not otherwise on file with the Commission and all other agreements, options, amendments, modifications, and similar documents related to the procurement of fuel supply or purchased power. Any changes in the contracts or other documents, including price escalations, and any new agreements entered into after the initial submission, shall be submitted at the time they are entered into. If fuel is purchased from utility-owned or controlled sources, or the contract contains a price escalation clause, those facts shall be noted and the utility shall explain and justify them in writing. Fuel charges, which are unreasonable, shall be disallowed and may result in the suspension of the fuel adjustment clause based on the severity of the utility's unreasonable fuel charges and any history of unreasonable fuel charges. The Commission on its own motion may investigate any aspect of fuel purchasing activities covered by 807 KAR 5:056 (Fuel Adjustment Clause).
8. The monthly fuel adjustment shall be filed with the Commission no later than ten (10) days before it is scheduled to go into effect, along with all the necessary supporting data to justify the amount of the adjustment.
9. Copies of all documents required to be filed with the Commission under 807 KAR 5:056 shall be open and made available for public inspection at the office of the Public Service Commission pursuant to the provisions of KRS 61.870 to 61.884.
10. At six (6) month intervals, the Commission shall conduct a formal review and may conduct public hearings on a utility's past fuel adjustments. The Commission shall order a utility to charge off and amortize, by means of a temporary decrease of rates, any adjustments the Commission finds unjustified due to improper calculation or application of the charge or improper fuel procurement practice.
11. Every two (2) years following the initial effective date of each utility's fuel clause, the Commission shall conduct a formal review and evaluate past operations of the clause, disallow improper expenses, and to the extent appropriate, reestablish the fuel clause charge in accordance with Section 1 (2) of 807 KAR 5:056.
12. The Commission may conduct a public hearing if the Commission finds that a hearing is necessary for the protection of a substantial interest or is in the public interest.
13. Resulting cost per kilowatt-hour in February 2020 to be used as the base cost in Standard Fuel Adjustment Clause is:

<u>Fuel</u>	February 2020	÷	\$12,810,858	=	\$0.02612/kWh
Sales	February 2020		490,482,730		

This, as used in the Fuel Adjustment Clause, is 2.612¢ per kilowatt-hour.

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~~14. Kentucky Power will temporarily reduce the FAC rate from 0.03466 to 0.03226, which will be applied to customer bills rendered between June 29, 2022 and July 28, 2022. This rate reduction reflects Company's election to collect t \$2,000,000 of the remaining \$3,000,000 of postponed February 2022 and March 2022 estimated costs, which otherwise would have been collected from customers during the July 2022 billing month. The rate reduction described in this paragraph will only be effective for and applied to customer bills rendered between June 29, 2022 and July 28, 2022. More information about the Company's requests to temporarily levelize fuel costs for customers, including its pending request to amortize and collect the remainder of postponed costs in the August 2022 billing cycle, can be found in the Company's Application filed in Case No. 2022-00125.~~

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**Tariff P.P.A.
(Purchase Power Adjustment)**

Applicable

To Tariffs R.S., R.S.D., R.S.-L.M.-T.O.D., R.S.-T.O.D., Experimental R.S.-T.O.D.2, G.S., S.G.S.-T.O.D., M.G.S.-T.O.D., L.G.S., L.G.S.-T.O.D., I.G.S., C.S. – I.R.P., ~~C.S.-Coal~~, M.W., O.L. and S.L.

Rate

The annual purchase power adjustment factor will be computed using the following formula:

1. Annual Purchase Power Net Costs (PPANC)

$$PPANC = N + CSIRP + \del{OATT} + RKP + RP - BPP$$

Where:

BPP = The annual amount of purchase power costs included in base rates, ~~\$6,554,678,98,165,699~~.

- a. N = The annual cost of power purchased by the Company through new Purchase Power Agreements and purchased power expense from avoided cost payments to net metering customers under tariff N.M.S.II-~~above or below the \$1,269,331 included in BPP~~. All new purchase power agreements shall be approved by the Commission to the extent required by KRS 278.300.
- b. CSIRP = The net annual cost of any credits provided to customers under Tariff C.S.-I.R.P., Tariff D.R.S., Tariff V.C.S. and special contracts for interruptible service above or below the ~~\$1,165,983,454,997~~ included in BPP.
- ~~e.~~ ~~OATT = 100% The net annual PJM load serving entity Open Access Transmission Tariff Charges above or below the \$96,896,495 included in BPP, less the transmission return difference pursuant to the Commission approved Settlement agreement in Case No. 2017-00179.~~
- ~~d.c.~~ RKP = Rockport related items includable in Tariff PPA pursuant to the Commission approved Settlement agreement in Case No. 2017-00179:
 - ~~1.~~ ~~Increase in Rockport collection resulting from reduction in base rate deferral;~~
 - ~~2.~~ ~~1. Rockport deferral amount to be recovered;~~
 - ~~3.~~ ~~Rockport fixed cost savings; and~~
 - ~~4.~~ ~~2. Rockport offset estimate and true-up.~~
 - ~~5.~~ ~~3. Final (over)/under recovery associated with tariff CC following its expiration~~
- ~~e.d.~~ RP = The cost of fuel related to substitute generation less the cost of fuel which would have been used in plants suffering forced generation or transmission outages above or below the ~~\$4,119,364,814,208~~ included in BPP.

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**Tariff P.P.A. Continued
(Purchase Power Adjustment)**

Rates

Tariff Class	\$/kWh	\$/kW
R.S., R.S.-L.M.-T.O.D., R.S.-T.O.D., and R.S.-T.O.D. 2, R.S.D.	\$0.00353	--
S.G.S.-T.O.D.	\$0.00288	--
M.G.S.-T.O.D.	\$0.00288	--
G.S.	\$0.00288	--
L.G.S., L.G.S.-T.O.D.	\$0.00014	\$0.82
L.G.S.-L.M.-T.O.D.	\$0.00265	--
I.G.S. and C.S.-I.R.P.	\$0.00014	\$1.04
M.W.	\$0.00199	--
O.L.	\$0.00051	--
S.L.	\$0.00051	--

The kWh factor as calculated above will be applied to all billing kilowatt-hours for those tariff classes listed above. The kW factor as calculated above will be applied to all on-peak and minimum billing demand kW for the LGS, LGS-T.O.D, IGS, and CS-I.R.P. tariff classes.

The Purchase Power Adjustment factors shall be modified annually using the following formula:

The Purchase Power Adjustment factors shall be determined as follows:

For all tariff classes without demand billing:

$$\text{kWh Factor} = \frac{\text{PPA(E)} \times (\text{BE}_{\text{Class}} / \text{BE}_{\text{Total}}) + \text{PPA(D)} \times (\text{CP}_{\text{Class}} / \text{CP}_{\text{Total}})}{\text{BE}_{\text{Class}}}$$

$$\text{kW Factor} = 0$$

For all tariff classes with demand billing:

$$\text{kWh Factor} = \frac{\text{PPA(E)} \times (\text{BE}_{\text{Class}} / \text{BE}_{\text{Total}})}{\text{BE}_{\text{Class}}}$$

$$\text{kW Factor} = \frac{\text{PPA(D)} \times (\text{CP}_{\text{Class}} / \text{CP}_{\text{Total}})}{\text{BD}_{\text{Class}}}$$

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Rates Continued

Where:

1. "PPA(D)" is the actual annual retail PPA demand-related costs, plus any prior review period (over)/under recovery.
2. "PPA(E)" is the actual annual retail PPA energy-related costs, plus any prior review period (over)/under recovery.
3. "BE_{Class}" is the historic annual retail jurisdictional billing kWh for each tariff class for the current year.
4. "BD_{Class}" is the historic annual retail jurisdictional billing kW for each applicable tariff class for the current year.
5. "CP_{Class}" is the coincident peak demand for each tariff class estimated as follows:

Tariff Class	BE _{Class}	CP/kWh Ratio	CP _{Class}
R.S., R.S.-L.M.-T.O.D., R.S.-T.O.D., and R.S.-T.O.D. 2, R.S.D.		0.02 2970428 %	
S.G.S.-T.O.D.		0.01 8187962 %	
M.G.S.-T.O.D.		0.01 8187962 %	
G.S.		0.01 8187962 %	
L.G.S., L.G.S.-T.O.D.		0.01 6146798 %	
L.G.S.-L.M.-T.O.D.		0.01 6146798 %	
I.G.S. and C.S.-I.R.P.		0.01 1832232 %	
M.W.		0.01 2350326 %	
O.L.		0.00 5294263 %	
S.L.		0.00 5375262 %	

6. "BE_{Total}" is the sum of the BE Class for all tariff classes.
7. "CP_{Total}" is the sum of the CP Class for all tariff classes.
8. The factors as computed above are calculated to allow the recovery of Uncollectible Accounts Expense of 0.40~~1~~% and the KPSC Maintenance Fee of 0.1~~493956~~% and other similar revenue based taxes or assessments occasioned by the Purchase Power Adjustment Rider revenues.
9. The annual PPA factors shall be filed with the Commission by August 15 of each year, with rates to begin with the October billing period, along with all necessary supporting data to justify the amount of the adjustments, which shall include data and information as may be required by the Commission.

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Tariff E.S.
(Environmental Surcharge)

Applicable

To Tariffs R.S., R.S.D., R.S.-L.M.-T.O.D., R.S.-T.O.D., Experimental R.S.-T.O.D. 2, G.S., S.G.S.-T.O.D., M.G.S.-T.O.D., L.G.S., L.G.S.-T.O.D., I.G.S., C.S.- I.R.P., ~~C.S.-Coal~~, M.W., O.L., and S.L.

Rate

The environmental surcharge shall provide for monthly adjustments based on a percent of revenues, equal to the difference between the environmental compliance costs in the base period as provided in Paragraph 2 below and in the current period as provided in Paragraph 3 below.

The retail share of the revenue requirement will be allocated between residential and non-residential retail customers based upon their respective total revenues during the previous calendar year. The Environmental Surcharge will be implemented as a percentage of total revenues for the residential class and as a percentage of non-fuel revenues for all other customers.

The revenues to which the residential Environmental Surcharge factor are applied is the sum of the customer's Service Charge, Energy Charge(s), Fuel Adjustment Clause, System Sales Clause, Demand-Side Management Adjustment Clause, Federal Tax ~~Cut~~Change, Residential Energy Assistance, ~~Capacity Charge~~, and Purchase Power Adjustment, and Distribution Reliability Rider.

The revenues to which the all other customer Environmental Surcharge factor are applied is the sum of the customer's Service Charge, Demand Charge, Energy Charge(s) less Base Fuel, Minimum Charge, Reactive Charge, System Sales Clause, Demand-Side Management Adjustment Clause, Federal Tax ~~Cut~~Change, Kentucky Economic Development Surcharge, ~~Capacity Charge~~, and Purchase Power Adjustment, and Distribution Reliability Rider.

1. Monthly Environmental Surcharge Gross Revenue Requirement, E(m)

Where: E(m) = CRR-BRR
CRR = Current Period Revenue Requirement for the Expense Month.
BRR = Base Period Revenue Requirement.

2. Base Period Revenue Requirement, BRR

BRR = The Following Monthly Amounts:

Billing Month	Base Net Environmental Costs
January	\$ 3,022,418 <u>503,207</u>
February	2,558,332 <u>3,961,295</u>
March	2,621,611 <u>3,695,547</u>
April	2,519,828 <u>4,652,708</u>
May	2,514,284 <u>4,476,891</u>
June	2,644,974 <u>3,896,996</u>
July	2,594,563 <u>4,132,198</u>
August	2,741,097 <u>3,932,695</u>
September	2,508,995 <u>3,687,618</u>
October	2,376,639 <u>3,775,108</u>
November	2,423,992 <u>3,816,807</u>
December	\$ 2,597,739 <u>3,814,390</u>
	\$ 31,124,472 <u>47,345,460</u>

In accordance with the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission by its Order dated October 7, 2013 in Case No. 2012-00578, the Mitchell FGD and all related associated costs are not included in base rates or the Base Revenue Requirement but will be included in the Current Period Revenue Requirement. The Mitchell FGD will be excluded from Base Rates at least until June 30, 2020.

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(Environmental Surcharge)**

3. Current Period Revenue Requirement, CRR

$$CRR = [((RB_{KP(e)}) (ROR_{KP(e)}) / 12) + OE_{KP(e)} - \{((RB_{IM(e)}) (ROR_{IM(e)}) / 12) + OE_{IM(e)}\} (-15) - AS]$$

Where:

- RB_{KP(e)} = Environmental Compliance Rate Base for Mitchell.
- ROR_{KP(e)} = Annual Rate of Return on Mitchell Environmental Compliance Rate Base; Annual Rate divided by 12 to restate to a Monthly Rate of Return.
- OE_{KP(e)} = Monthly Pollution Control Operating Expenses for Mitchell.
- ~~RB_{IM(e)} = Environmental Compliance Rate Base for Rockport.~~
- ~~ROR_{IM(e)} = Annual Rate of Return on Rockport Rate Base; Annual Rate divided by 12 to restate to a Monthly Rate of Return.~~
- ~~OE_{IM(e)} = Monthly Pollution Control Operating Expenses for Rockport.~~
- AS = Net proceeds from the sale of Title IV and CSAPR SO 2 emission allowances, ERCs, and NOx emission allowances, reflected in the month of receipt.

~~“KP(C)” identifies components from Mitchell Units – Current Period, and “IM(C)” identifies components from the Indiana Michigan Power Company’s Rockport Units – Current Period.~~

The Environmental Compliance Rate Base for ~~both~~ Kentucky Power ~~and Rockport~~ reflects the current cost associated with the 1997 Plan, the 2003 Plan, the 2005 Plan, the 2007 Plan, the 2015 Plan, the 2017 Plan, the 2019 Plan, and the 2021 Plan. The Environmental Compliance Rate Base for Kentucky Power should also include construction work in progress until assets are placed in service. The Operating Expenses for ~~both~~ Kentucky Power ~~and Rockport~~ reflects the current operating expenses associated with the 1997 Plan, the 2003 Plan, the 2005 Plan, the 2007 Plan, the 2015 Plan, the 2017 Plan, the 2019 Plan, and the 2021 Plan.

The Rate of Return for Kentucky Power is ~~9.94~~0% rate of return on equity as authorized by the Commission in its Order Dated ~~January 13, 2021~~XXXX XX, 20XX, Case No. 20230-0015974.

~~The Rate of Return for Rockport should reflect the requirements of the Rockport Unit Power Agreement.~~

Net Proceeds from the sale of emission allowances and ERCs that reflect net gains will be a reduction to the Current Period Revenue Requirement, while net losses will be an increase.

The Current Period Revenue Requirement will reflect the balances and expenses as of the Expense Month of the filing.

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4. Revenue Allocation

$$\text{Residential Allocation RA(m)} = \frac{\text{KY Residential Retail Revenue RR(b)}}{\text{KY Retail Revenue R(b)}}$$

$$\text{All Other Allocation OA(m)} = \frac{\text{KY All Other Classes Retail Revenue OR(b)}}{\text{KY Retail Revenue R(b)}}$$

Where:

(m) = the expense month.
(b) = the most recent calendar year revenues

5. Environmental Surcharge Factor

$$\text{Residential Monthly Environmental Surcharge Factor} = \frac{\text{Net KY Retail E(m)} * \text{RA(m)}}{\text{KY RR(m)}}$$

$$\text{All Other Monthly Environmental Surcharge Factor} = \frac{\text{Net KY Retail E(m)} * \text{AO(m)}}{\text{KY OR(m)- KY OF(m)}}$$

Where:

Net KY Retail E(m) = Monthly E(m) allocated to Kentucky Retail Customers, net of Over/(Under) Recovery Adjustment; Allocation based on Percentage of Kentucky Retail Revenues to Total Company Revenues in the Expense Month.

(For purposes of this formula, Total Company Revenues do not include Non-Physical Revenues.)

RR(m) = Average Kentucky Residential Retail Revenues for the Preceding Twelve Month Period

OR(m) = Average Kentucky All Other Classes Retail Revenues for the Preceding Twelve Month Period

OF(m) = Average Kentucky All Other Classes Fuel Revenues for the Preceding Twelve Month Period.

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6. Environmental costs "E" shall be the Company's costs of compliance with the Clean Air Act and those environmental requirements that apply to coal combustion wastes and by-products, as follows:

Total Company:

- return on Title IV and CSAPR SO₂ allowance inventory
- over/under recovery balances between the actual costs incurred less the amount collected through the environmental surcharge
- costs associated with any Commission's consultant approved by the Commission
- costs associated with the consumption of Title IV and CSAPR SO₂ allowances
- costs associated with the consumption of NO_x allowances
- return on NO_x allowance inventory
- costs associated with maintaining approved pollution control equipment including material and contract labor (excluding plant labor)
- costs associated with consumables used in conjunction with approved environmental projects.
- return on inventories of consumables used in conjunction with approved environmental projects.
- return on environmental compliance rate base including construction work in progress.
- Monthly expense to amortize the \$1,446,998.35 regulatory asset for prudently incurred ELG (Effluent Limitation Guidelines) project costs over a two-year period to begin with July 2022 billing and conclude with June 2024 billing.

~~The Company's share of costs associated with the following environmental equipment at the Rockport Plant:~~

- ~~Continuous Emissions Monitors~~
- ~~Air Emission Fees~~
- ~~Costs Associated with the Rockport Unit Power Agreement~~
- ~~Activated Carbon Injection~~
- ~~Mercury Monitoring~~
- ~~Precipitator Modifications~~
- ~~Dry Sorbent Injection~~
- ~~Coal Combustion Waste Landfill~~
- ~~Low NO_x burners, over Fire Air Landfill~~
- ~~Selective Catalytic Reduction Technology~~

The Company's share of costs associated with the following environmental equipment at the Mitchell Plant:

- Mitchell Unit Nos 1 and 2 Water Injection, Low NO_x burners, Low NO_x burner Modification, SCR, FGD, Landfill, Coal Blending Facilities and SO₃ Mitigation
- Mitchell Plant Common CEMS, Replace Burner Barrier Valves and Gypsum Material Handling Facilities
- Air Emission Fees
- Precipitator Modifications and Upgrades
- Coal Combustion Waste Landfill
- Bottom Ash and Fly Ash Handling
- Mercury Monitoring (MATS)
- Dry Fly Ash Handling Conversion
- Wastewater Ponds (for the Mitchell CCR compliance project) with depreciation expense calculated using a 20 percent depreciation rate approved by the Commission's July 15, 2021 and May 3, 2022 Orders in Case No. 2021-00004.

7. The monthly environmental surcharge shall be filed with the Commission ten (10) days before it is scheduled to go into effect, along with all necessary supporting data to justify the amount of the adjustments which shall include data and information as may be required by the Commission.

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**Decommissioning Rider
(D.R.)**

Applicable

To Tariffs R.S., R.S.D., R.S.-L.M.-T.O.D., R.S.-T.O.D., Experimental R.S.-T.O.D.2, G.S., S.G.S.-T.O.D., M.G.S.-T.O.D., L.G.S., L.G.S.-T.O.D., I.G.S., C.S.- I.R.P., ~~C.S.-Coal~~, M.W., O.L., and S.L..

Rate

1. Pursuant to the final order of the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Case No. 2012-00578 and the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement dated July 2, 2013 as filed and approved by the Commission, Kentucky Power Company is to recover from retail ratepayers the coal-related retirement costs of Big Sandy Unit 1, the retirement costs of Big Sandy Unit 2 and other site-related retirement costs that will not continue in use on a levelized basis, including a weighted average cost of capital (WACC) as set in the Company’s most recent Rate Case carrying cost over a 25 year period beginning with the date rates became effective in Case No. 2014-00396. The term “Retirement Costs” are defined as and shall include the net book value, materials and supplies that cannot be used economically at other plants owned by Kentucky Power, and removal costs and salvage credits, net of related ADIT. Related ADIT shall include the tax benefits from tax abandonment losses.

The applicable rates for service rendered on and after September 28, 2022 to be applied to the revenues described in paragraph 5 of this tariff are:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Residential Adjustment Factor} &= \frac{\$12,203,475}{\$260,106,760} = 4.6917\% \\ \text{All Other Classes Adjustment Factor} &= \frac{\$14,511,306}{\$183,145,514} = 7.9234\% \end{aligned}$$

2. The allocation of the actual revenue requirement (ARR) between residential and all other customers shall be based upon their respective contribution to total retail revenues for the most recent twelve month period, ending June 30 according to the following formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Residential Allocation RA}(y) &= \text{ARR}(y) \times \frac{\text{KY Residential Retail Revenue RR}(b)}{\text{KY Retail Revenue R}(b)} \\ \text{All Other Allocation OA}(y) &= \text{ARR}(y) \times \frac{\text{KY All Other Classes Retail Revenue OR}(b)}{\text{KY Retail Revenue R}(b)} \end{aligned}$$

Where:

- (y) = the expense year;
(b) = Most recent available twelve month period ended June 30.

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Decommissioning Rider Continued

3. The Residential D.R. Adjustment shall provide for annual adjustments based on a percent of total revenues, according to the following formula:

$$\text{Residential D.R. Adjustment Factor} = \frac{\text{Net Annual Residential Allocation NRA}(y)}{\text{Residential Retail Revenue RR}(b)}$$

Where:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Net Annual Residential Allocation NRA}(b) &= \text{Annual Residential Allocation RA}(y), \text{ net of} \\ &\quad \text{Over/(Under) Recovery Adjustment;} \\ \text{Residential Retail Revenue RR}(b) &= \text{Annual Retail Revenue for all KY residential classes} \\ &\quad \text{for the year (b).} \end{aligned}$$

4. The All Other Classes D.R. Adjustment shall provide for annual adjustments based on a percent of non-fuel revenues, according to the following formula:

$$\text{All Other Classes D.R. Adjustment Factor} = \frac{\text{Net Annual All Other Allocation NOA}(y)}{\text{All Other Classes Non-Fuel Retail Revenue ONR}(b)}$$

Where:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Net Annual All Other Allocation NOA}(y) &= \text{Annual All Other Allocation OA}(y), \text{ net of} \\ &\quad \text{Over/(Under) Recovery Adjustment;} \\ \text{All Other Classes Non-Fuel Retail Revenue ONR}(b) &= \text{Annual Non-Fuel Retail Revenue for all classes} \\ &\quad \text{other than residential for the year (b).} \end{aligned}$$

5. The Revenues to which the residential Decommissioning Rider factor are applied is the sum of the customer's Service Charge, Energy Charge(s), Fuel Adjustment Clause, System Sales Clause, Demand-Side Management Adjustment Clause, Federal Tax ~~CutChange~~, Residential Energy Assistance, ~~Capacity Charge, and~~ Purchase Power Adjustment, and Distribution Reliability Rider.

The Revenues to which the all other customer Decommissioning Rider factor are applied is the sum of the customer's Service Charge, Demand Charge, Energy Charge(s) less Base Fuel, Minimum Charge, Reactive Charge, System Sales Clause, Demand-Side Management Adjustment Clause, Federal Tax ~~CutChange~~, Kentucky Economic Development Surcharge, ~~Capacity Charge, and~~ Purchase Power Adjustment, and Distribution Reliability Rider.

6. The annual Decommissioning Rider adjustments shall be filed with the Commission no later than August 15th of each year before it is scheduled to go into effect on Cycle 1 of the October billing cycle, along with all the necessary supporting data to justify the amount of the adjustments, which shall include data, and information as may be required by the Commission.
7. Copies of all documents required to be filed with the Commission shall be open and made available for public inspection at the office of the Public Service Commission pursuant to the provisions of KRS 61.870 to 61.884.

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Distribution Reliability Rider
(D.R.R.)

Applicable

To Tariffs R.S., R.S.D., R.S.-L.M.-T.O.D., R.S.-T.O.D., Experimental R.S.-T.O.D.2, G.S. Secondary and Primary, S.G.S.-T.O.D., M.G.S.-T.O.D., L.G.S. Secondary and Primary, L.G.S.-T.O.D. Secondary and Primary, I.G.S. Secondary and Primary, C.S. – I.R.P. Secondary and Primary, and M.W.

Rate

The Distribution Reliability Rider will apply to all customers served at secondary and primary voltages excluding customers receiving service under Tariffs O.L. and S.L. The Annual Distribution Reliability Net Costs to be recovered through this rider will be calculated on a per bill basis using the following formula:

1. Annual Distribution Reliability Net Costs (ADRNC)

ADRNC = ERW + ATL + DACRR + ANDSS + ARSHR

Where:

- a. ERW ≡ targeted widening of primary distribution circuits.
- b. ATL ≡ the cost of constructing primary lines to tie two circuits together to permit electrical load to be transferred.
- c. DACRR ≡ the costs of installing automation equipment to allow for the isolation of a fault and reconfiguration of the circuit to close other devices to re-energize the non-impacted areas of original circuit impacted by the initial fault and the recloser devices upgrade from three-phase to single-phase to allow for future DACR implementation, closure via electronics, event recordings and power quality investigations, and more precise coordination with other devices.
- d. ANDSS ≡ the costs of new distribution substations in remote areas with associated transmission lines in and out to reduce the number of radial distribution circuits and reduce outage times.
- e. ARSHR ≡ the costs of targeted facilities projects to renew and improve cable, conductor, hardware, and equipment to reduce feeder-level outages.
- f. Subparts a through e include the capital expenditure and operations and maintenance to support that capital to enhance customer reliability.

2. Pursuant to the final order of the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Case No. 2021-00159 dated _____ as filed and approved by the Commission, Kentucky Power Company is to recover from its retail customers the costs associated with the Distribution Reliability Work Plan including vegetation management and other targeted investments to maintain and improve reliability.

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Distribution Reliability Rider Continued
(D.R.R.)

3. The allocation of the ADRNC between residential and all other customers shall be based upon their respective contribution to total non-fuel retail revenues for the most recent twelve-month period, ending December 31 according to the following formula:

$$\text{Residential Allocation}(y) = \frac{\text{KY Residential Retail Revenue RR}(b)}{\text{KY Retail Revenue R}(b)}$$

$$\text{All Other Classes Allocation}(y) = \frac{\text{KY All Other Classes Non-Fuel Retail Revenue OR}(b)}{\text{KY Retail Revenue R}(b)}$$

Where:

- (y) = the expense year;
- (b) = most recent available twelve month period ended December 31.;
- RR = \$XXX;
- OR = \$XXX; and
- R = \$XXX.

4. The rate will be calculated according to the following formula:

$$\text{Residential Factor} = \frac{\text{Residential Allocation} \times \text{ADRNC}}{\text{Number of Residential Bills}}$$

$$\text{All Other Classes Factor} = \frac{\text{All Other Classes Allocation} \times \text{ADRNC}}{\text{Number of All Other Classes Bills}}$$

5. The applicable rates for service rendered on and after _____, calculated in accordance with the above, is:

$$\text{Residential Factor} = \frac{\$XXX}{XXX} = \$X/\text{bill}$$

$$\text{All Other Classes Factor} = \frac{\$XXX}{XXX} = \$X/\text{bill}$$

All Other Classes excludes Tariffs O.L. and S.L. and all customers receiving service at subtransmission and transmission voltage levels.

6. The annual Distribution Reliability Rider adjustments shall be filed with the Commission no later than February 15th of each year before it is scheduled to go into effect Cycle 1 of April billing, along with all the necessary supporting data to justify the amount of the adjustments, which shall include data, and information as may be required by the Commission.

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7. Copies of all documents required to be filed with the Commission shall be open and made available for public inspection at the office of the Public Service Commission pursuant to the provisions of KRS 61.870 to 61.884.

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Securitization Financing Rider
(S.F.R.)

Applicable

To Tariffs R.S., R.S.D., R.S.-L.M.-T.O.D., R.S.-T.O.D., Experimental R.S.-T.O.D.2, G.S., S.G.S.-T.O.D., M.G.S.-T.O.D., L.G.S., L.G.S.-T.O.D., I.G.S., C.S.- I.R.P., M.W., O.L., and S.L..

Rate

1. Pursuant to the final order of the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Case No. 2023-00159, Kentucky Power Company is to recover from retail ratepayers the costs approved for securitization by the Commission.

This rider is designed to recover from customers the amounts necessary to service, repay and administer customer-backed bonds associated with the approved securitized costs pursuant to the terms of the financing order of the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Case No. 202#-#####.

This rider shall remain in effect until the complete repayment and retirement of any customer-backed bonds, or refunding bonds, associated with the approved securitized costs. This schedule is irrevocable and nonbypassable for the full term during which it applies.

The applicable rates for service rendered on and after XXXXXXXXX ##, 202# to be applied to the revenues described in paragraph 5 of this tariff are:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \text{Residential Adjustment} & = & \frac{\$X}{\$X} = X.X\% \\ \text{Factor} & & \\ \\ \text{All Other Classes} & = & \frac{\$X}{\$X} = X.X\% \\ \text{Adjustment Factor} & & \end{array}$$

2. The allocation of the actual revenue requirement (ARR) between residential and all other customers shall be based upon their respective contribution to total retail revenues for the most recent twelve-month period ending December 31 or June 30, according to the following formula:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \text{Residential Allocation RA(y)} & = & \text{ARR(y)} \times \frac{\text{KY Residential Retail Revenue RR(b)}}{\text{KY Retail Revenue R(b)}} \\ \\ \text{All Other Allocation OA(y)} & = & \text{ARR(y)} \times \frac{\text{KY All Other Classes Retail Revenue OR(b)}}{\text{KY Retail Revenue R(b)}} \end{array}$$

Where:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \text{(y)} & = & \text{the expense year;} \\ \text{(b)} & = & \text{Most recent available twelve month period ended December 31 or June 30.} \end{array}$$

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Securitization Financing Rider Continued
(S.F.R.)

3. The Residential S.F.R. Adjustment shall provide for annual adjustments based on a percent of total revenues, according to the following formula:

$$\text{Residential S.F.R. Adjustment Factor} = \frac{\text{Net Annual Residential Allocation NRA(y)}}{\text{Residential Retail Revenue RR(b)}}$$

Where:

$$\text{Net Annual Residential Allocation NRA(y)} = \text{Annual Residential Allocation RA(y), net of Over/(Under) Recovery Adjustment;}$$

$$\text{Residential Retail Revenue RR(b)} = \text{Annual Retail Revenue for all KY residential classes for the year (b).}$$

4.4. The All Other Classes S.F.R. Adjustment shall provide for annual adjustments based on a percent of non-fuel revenues, according to the following formula:

$$\text{All Other Classes S.F.R. Adjustment Factor} = \frac{\text{Net Annual All Other Allocation NOA(y)}}{\text{All Other Classes Non-Fuel Retail Revenue ONR(b)}}$$

Where:

$$\text{Net Annual All Other Allocation NOA(y)} = \text{Annual All Other Allocation OA(y), net of Over/(Under) Recovery Adjustment;}$$

$$\text{All Other Classes Non-Fuel Retail Revenue ONR(b)} = \text{Annual Non-Fuel Retail Revenue for all classes other than residential for the year (b).}$$

5. The Revenues to which the residential Securitization Financing Rider factor are applied is the sum of the customer's Service Charge, Demand Charge, Energy Charge(s), Fuel Adjustment Clause, System Sales Clause, Demand-Side Management Adjustment Clause, Federal Tax Change, Residential Energy Assistance, Purchase Power Adjustment and Distribution Reliability Rider.

The Revenues to which the all other customer Securitization Financing Rider factor are applied is the sum of the customer's Service Charge, Demand Charge, Energy Charge(s) less Base Fuel, Minimum Charge, Reactive Charge, System Sales Clause, Demand-Side Management Adjustment Clause, Federal Tax Change, Kentucky Economic Development Surcharge, Purchase Power Adjustment and Distribution Reliability Rider.

6. The initial Securitization Financing Rider rates shall be file on the day following the pricing of the bonds and shall become effective the first billing cycle following the closing of the bonds. All subsequent Rider rate adjustments shall be semi-annual (every six months).

The semi-annual Securitization Financing Rider adjustments shall be filed with the Commission no later than February 15 and August 15th of each year before it is scheduled to go into effect on Cycle 1 of the April and October billing cycles, respectively, along with all the necessary supporting data to justify the amount of the adjustments, which shall include data, and information as may be required by the Commission.

Interim Securitization Financing Rider adjustments may be filed with the Commission outside of the standard semi-annual timeframe in order to correct for over- or under-collection to be submitted no later than 10 days before the rate is to be effective.

2. Copies of all documents required to be filed with the Commission shall be open and made available for public inspection at the office of the Public Service Commission pursuant to the provisions of KRS 61.870 to 61.884.

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**Federal Tax ~~Cut-Change~~ Tariff
(F.T.C.)**

Applicable

To Tariffs R.S., R.S.D., R.S.-L.M.-T.O.D., R.S.-T.O.D., Experimental R.S.-T.O.D.2, G.S., S.G.S.-T.O.D., M.G.S.-T.O.D., L.G.S., L.G.S.-T.O.D., I.G.S., C.S.- I.R.P., ~~C.S. Coal~~, M.W., O.L., and S.L.

Rate

1. Pursuant to the final order of the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Case No. 2023~~0~~-001~~5974~~, Kentucky Power Company is to credit to retail ratepayers the approved annual amount of excess accumulated deferred federal income taxes (ADIT) beginning January ~~XX14~~, 202~~4~~~~1~~ ~~at the rates set forth below and continue to do so until the Company's base rates are re-set in a future base rate proceeding.~~
2. The Company shall amortize the— calendar year retail Generation and Distribution related ~~ARAM of Protected Excess ADIT of \$1,678,164 and the amount of retail Generation and Distribution related Unprotected Excess ADIT needed to support the remainder of the actual calendar year rate credits provided to customers through this rider tariff.~~
3. ~~Beginning with the October 2024 Federal Tax Change Tariff adjustment filing, the actual Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax (CAMT) expense and credits for the prior calendar/tax year shall be included in the Annual Revenue Requirement based on the Company's actual 2023 federal income tax return. This methodology will continue on a year to year basis.~~
4. ~~For purposes of computing over or under-recovery under this tariff, the Company shall include the actual CAMT expense and the actual CAMT credits at the time that the credits can be used.~~
5. ~~The Company shall include a final reconciliation of the retail Generation and Distribution related Unprotected Excess ADIT as part of the over or under-recovery computation in the October 2024 Federal Tax Change Tariff adjustment filing.~~
- 2.—
- 3-6. ~~The applicable rates Residential rate credits and All Other rate credits shall be credited to customers~~ on a kWh basis are as follows:

	Residential (\$/kWh)	All Other (\$/kWh)
January-March and December	\$(0.00053)2187	\$(0.00037)672
April-November	\$0.00010	\$0.00672

~~The Residential rate credit will end the earlier of December 31, 2023 or the billing month when the \$30 million credit for Residential customers is calculated to be distributed in full. The All Other rate credit will end the earlier of December 31, 2023 or the billing month when the \$10 million credit for All Other customers is calculated to be distributed in full. The rates set forth above may be adjusted in their final billing month to reconcile the amounts distributed to the \$30 million credit available for distribution to Residential customers and the \$10 million credit available for distribution to All Other customers.~~

- 4-7. The allocation of the Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) which consists of the actual retail Generation and Distribution related ARAM of Protected Excess ADIT, the actual CAMT expenses and credits and any over or under-recovery based upon actual information for prior periods ~~Commission authorized amount of Unprotected Excess ADIT,~~ between residential and all other customers shall be based upon their respective contribution to total retail revenues, according to the following formula:

$$\text{Residential Allocation RA}(y) = \text{AC}(y) \times \frac{\text{KY Residential Retail Revenue RR}}{\text{KY Retail Revenue R}}$$

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$$\text{All Other Allocation OA}(y) = \text{AC}(y) \times \frac{\text{KY All Other Classes Retail Revenue OR}}{\text{KY Retail Revenue R}}$$

Where:

- (y) = the credit year;
- RR = ~~\$301,523,011~~248,770,246;
- OR = ~~\$392,479,515~~279,559,942; and
- R = ~~\$694,002,526~~528,330,188.

8. The annual Federal Tax Change Tariff adjustments shall be filed with the Commission no later than October 15th of each year before it is scheduled to go into effect on Cycle 1 of the December billing cycle, along with all the necessary supporting data to justify the amount of the adjustments, which shall include data, and information as may be required by the Commission.

9. Copies of all documents required to be filed with the Commission shall be open and made available for public inspection at the office of the Public Service Commission pursuant to the provisions of KRS 61.870 to 61.884.

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Tariff C.F.F.F.
(City's Franchise Tariff Fee)

Availability of Service

Where a city or town within Kentucky Power's service territory requires the Company to pay a percentage of revenues from certain customer classifications collected within such city or town for the right to erect the Company's poles, conductors, or other apparatus along, over, under, or across such city's or town's streets, alleys, or public grounds, the Company shall increase the rates and charges to such customer classifications within such city or town by a like percentage. The aforesaid charge shall be separately stated and identified on each affected customer's bill.

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U.G.R.T.
(Utility Gross Receipts Tax)
(School Tax)

Applicable

To all Tariff Schedules.

Rate

This tariff schedule is applied as a rate increase pursuant to KRS 160.617 to all other tariff schedules for the recovery by the utility of the utility gross receipts license tax imposed by the applicable school district pursuant to KRS 160.613 with respect to the customer's bill. The current utility gross receipts license tax for school imposed by a school district may not exceed 3%. The utility gross receipts license tax shall appear on the customer's bill as a separate line item.

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K.S.T.
(Kentucky Sales Tax)

Applicable

To all Tariff Schedules.

Rate

This tariff schedule is applied as a rate increase to all other applicable tariff schedules for the recovery by the utility pursuant to KRS 139.210 of the Kentucky Sales Tax imposed by KRS 139.200 for all customers not exempted by KRS 139.470(7). For any other exempt customers, an exemption certification must be received and on file with the Company. The Kentucky Sales Tax rate is currently imposed by the Commonwealth of Kentucky at the rate of 6%. The Kentucky Sales Tax shall appear on the customer's bill as a separate line item.

Sales of electricity under Tariff R.S. are exempt from sales tax only if the service is to the customer's place of domicile as defined by KRS 139.470(7)(b). Kentucky Power may retroactively charge a customer, under the parameters of KRS 278.225, for all applicable sales tax the Department of Revenue determines is due for service that is not exempt. It is the customer's responsibility to file all necessary documentation, including Form 51A380 (1-23), when notified by the Company, establishing the customer's place of domicile. In such a case, any exemption will become effective with the customer's first full billing cycle after the customer's delivery of a properly executed Form 51A380 (1-23).

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**Tariff K.F.R.F.
(EASTERN KENTUCKY FUEL RELIEF FUND)**

Applicable

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Rate

1. Pursuant to the Public Service Commission’s May 4, 2022 Order in Case No. 2021-00481, and contingent upon the closing of the acquisition of Kentucky Power by Liberty Utilities Co., Kentucky Power shall provide retail ratepayers a \$40 million credit beginning the later of (a) the date on which Liberty Utilities Co. files written notice of its acquisition of Kentucky Power; or (b) July 1, 2022.
2. The \$40 million credit shall be allocated 75% to Residential customers (\$30 million) and 25% (\$10 million) to All Other customers, in accordance with Ordering Paragraph 13 and the manner illustrated in Appendix B of the Public Service Commission’s May 4, 2022 Order in Case No. 2021-00481.
3. The Residential rate credits and All Other rate credits shall be credited to customers on a kWh basis as follows:

Billing Month	Residential (\$/kWh)	All Other (\$/kWh)
January—March and December	XXXXX	XXXXX
April—November	XXXXX	XXXXX

The Residential rate credit will end the earlier of December 31, 2023 or the billing month when the \$30 million credit for Residential customers is calculated to be distributed in full. The All Other rate credit will end the earlier of December 31, 2023 or the billing month when the \$10 million credit for All Other customers is calculated to be distributed in full. The rates set forth above may be adjusted in their final billing month to reconcile the amounts distributed to the \$30 million credit available for distribution to Residential customers and the \$10 million credit available for distribution to All Other customers.

4. The \$30 million credit available for distribution to Residential customers and the \$10 million credit available for distribution to All Other customers shall be subject to final reconciliation and distribution or collection by Order of the Commission in the Company’s next base rate case.

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