#### **BEFORE THE**

#### **KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of:

# ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY)UTILITIES COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC)CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AUTHORIZING KU)CASE NO. 2023-00187TO BID ON A FRANCHISE ESTABLISHED BY THE CITY )OF IRVINE)

#### **APPLICATION**

The Applicant, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU"), respectfully states as follows:

1. The full name and mailing address of KU is Kentucky Utilities Company, One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507. KU may be reached by electronic mail at the electronic mail addresses of its counsel set forth below.

2. KU is a utility engaged in the electric business. KU generates and purchases electricity, and distributes and sells electricity at retail in the following counties in Central, Northern, Southeastern, and Western Kentucky:

Adair	Edmonson	Jessamine	Ohio
Anderson	Estill	Knox	Oldham
Ballard	Fayette	Larue	Owen
Barren	Fleming	Laurel	Pendleton
Bath	Franklin	Lee	Pulaski
Bell	Fulton	Lincoln	Robertson
Bourbon	Gallatin	Livingston	Rockcastle
Boyle	Garrard	Lyon	Rowan
Bracken	Grant	Madison	Russell
Bullitt	Grayson	Marion	Scott
Caldwell	Green	Mason	Shelby
Campbell	Hardin	McCracken	Spencer
Carlisle	Harlan	McCreary	Taylor

Carroll	Harrison	McLean	Trimble
Casey	Hart	Mercer	Union
Christian	Eubank	Montgomery	Washington
Clark	Henry	Muhlenberg	Webster
Clay	Hickman	Nelson	Whitley
Crittenden	Hopkins	Nicholas	Woodford
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3. This filing is made in accordance with Section 278.020(4) of the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

4. KU was incorporated in Kentucky on August 17, 1912, and in Virginia on November 26, 1991 (and effective as of December 1, 1991), and is in good corporate standing in both states. A copy of the Certificate is attached as Exhibit B.

5. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001 Section 8, on May 25, 2023, KU filed with the Commission notice of its intent to use electronic filing procedures in this proceeding. Copies of all orders, pleadings, and other communications related to this proceeding should be directed to:

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6. Receipt of the requested certificate will allow KU to pursue its bid on a new franchise for which the City of Irvine, Kentucky (the "City") has solicited bids pursuant to resolution or ordinance and advertisement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

7. There is and will continue to be a demand and need for electric service in the areas of the City subject to the franchise, and KU desires to obtain a franchise in accordance with the bidding protocol established by the City.

8. Should KU be successful in acquiring said franchise, it will file copies thereof with the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Kentucky Utilities Company asks that the Commission enter an Order granting to KU a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to bid for and acquire a franchise from the City on or before July 10, 2023.

Dated at Louisville, Kentucky, this 1st day of June, 2023.

Jan V. John

Sara V. Judd Senior Counsel PPL Services Corporation 220 West Main Street Louisville, Kentucky 40202 (502) 627-4850 svjudd@pplweb.com

Exhibit A

#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CITY OF IRVINE

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 23-06**

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FRANCHISE FOR THE ERECTION, LAYING AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRIC FACILITIES AND APPURTENANT FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT IN, ALONG AND ACROSS THE PUBLIC WAYS, ROADS, STREETS, ALLEYS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF IRVINE, KENTUCKY: FOR FURNISHING AND SELLING ELECTRICITY BY MEANS OF SAID FACILITIES; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF SAID FRANCHISE.

WHEREAS, the City of Irvine ("City") wishes to ensure that electric service continues to be

furnished to its citizens in a reliable and efficient manner;

WHEREAS, the City is aware that the provision of such service requires the continued use of

public streets, ways, alleys and other public places;

WHEREAS, the franchise granted to and acquired by Kentucky Utilities Company on December 22, 2013, under which that utility provided such service, will expire by its terms; December 22, 2023.

WHEREAS, the City wishes to provide for the sale of a new franchise for the benefit of its citizenry, giving effect to Section 96.010 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes;

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as follows:

<u>Section 1.</u> An exclusive franchise ("Franchise") to use the City's public rights-of-way, as described in the Franchise Agreement attached to this Ordinance, is hereby created.

<u>Section 2.</u> The Franchise created by this Ordinance shall be bid in accordance with the applicable requirements of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and Chapter 424 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, as well as any applicable City ordinances.

<u>Section 3.</u> The Franchise created by this Ordinance shall be awarded to the highest and best bidder as shall be determined by the City in its sole discretion. In awarding the Franchise, the City shall consider the technical, managerial, and financial qualifications of the bidder to perform its obligations under the Franchise.

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<u>Section 4.</u> The winning bidder and the City shall negotiate, execute and be bound by a Franchise Agreement with terms identical to, or substantially identical to, the Franchise Agreement referenced in <u>Section 1</u> above and attached hereto, such Agreement to contain terms "that are fair and reasonable to the City, to the purchaser of the Franchise and to the patrons of the utility" (KRS Section 96.010). Such Franchise Agreement shall become effective with the first billing cycle on or after the expiration of the existing franchise agreement, to allow the City and the winning bidder to develop appropriate procedures for identifying and reviewing the electric-consuming entities within the City's corporate limits.

<u>Section 5.</u> All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

<u>Section 6.</u> Should any section, clause, line, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance or the attached Agreement be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the same shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance or the attached Agreement, as applicable.

<u>Section 7.</u> Time is of the essence in carrying out the terms and the provisions of this Ordinance and the Franchise created herein.

<u>Section 8.</u> This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage and publication. Read at a meeting of the Irvine City Council on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023; a second reading was held on the 8th day of May, 2023; said Ordinance was READ and APPROVED on the  $\delta^{\frac{14}{2}}$ 

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TESTED BY: A

Felicia Campbell, City Clerk



## Exhibit B

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## [See Attached]

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### Commonwealth of Kentucky Michael G. Adams, Secretary of State

Michael G. Adams Secretary of State P. O. Box 718 Frankfort, KY 40602-0718 (602) 564-3490 http://www.sos.ky.gov

**Certificate of Existence** 

Authentication number: 225108 Visit <u>https://app.sos.kv.gov/Rshow/certvalidate.espx</u> to authenticate this certificate.

I, Michael G. Adams, Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby certify that according to the records in the Office of the Secretary of State,

#### **KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY**

is a corporation duly incorporated and existing under KRS Chapter 14A and KRS Chapter 271B, whose date of incorporation is August 17, 1912 and whose period of duration is perpetual.

I further certify that all fees and penalties owed to the Secretary of State have been paid; that Articles of Dissolution have not been filed; and that the most recent annual report required by KRS 14A.6-010 has been delivered to the Secretary of State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020, in the 228<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.



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Michael G. Adams Secretary of State Commonwealth of Kentucky 225108/0028494