

Kentucky Public Service Commission

Kentucky Utilities & Charter: High-Volume Plan Update

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Kentucky Utilities & Charter High-Volume Plan

Effective Date: 03/01/24

Overview: The High-Volume Plan between Kentucky Utilities (KU) and Charter (CHTR) equips KU with the resources to ramp to receiving 3,500 poles per month from CHTR and enables KU to perform electric power space make ready on up to 200 poles per month.

Operational Planning:

- Bi-weekly in-person meeting with leadership teams.
- 03/11/24: Project team kickoff with project managers (PMs) assigned to both teams.
- Alignment on reporting.
- Clean-up initiative of ~7,000 pending poles in Katapult that need to be purged.
- Review of invoicing process and current in-flight payments.
 - Working to move \$75 pre-payment fee to later in the process to eliminate delays.
- CHTR to provide pole permit priorities monthly to ensure we are aligned on projects.

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- Current Pending Poles: 18,812
- Projected Poles in State Grant Round 2: 11,065
- First batch of 119 Applications for ~3,100 poles was submitted the week of 3/11.

Volume Review

KU

Current Pending:	18,812	
Round 2 Estimate:	11,065	
Assumptions: Rural Build will consume 90% of pole volume.		90%

MONTH	SUBMISSION AMOUNT	RURAL AMOUNT	EXPECTED ADDS ROUND 2	DECLINING BALANCE
Mar-24	1,000	900		17,912
Apr-24	2,500	2,250		15,662
May-24	3,500	3,150	2,766	15,278
Jun-24	3,500	3,150	2,766	14,895
Jul-24	3,500	3,150	2,766	14,511
Aug-24	3,500	3,150	2,766	14,127
Sep-24	3,500	3,150		10,977
Oct-24	3,500	3,150		7,827
Nov-24	3,500	3,150		4,677
Dec-24	3,500	3,150		1,527
Jan-25	3,500	3,150		(1,623)
Feb-25	3,500	3,150		(4,773)
Mar-25	3,500	3,150		(7,923)
Apr-25	3,500	3,150		(11,073)
May-25	3,500	3,150		(14,223)
Jun-25	3,500	3,150		(17,373)
Jul-25	3,500	3,150		(20,523)

Broadband Activation Deadlines:

- Round 1: 06/25 – 11/25
- RDOF: 12/25-12/28
- Direct Deals: Varies
- Round 2: TBD

KU Preparedness and Resourcing:

- Project Manager
- 2 Engineering Firms
- 2 additional Engineering and Design resources
- Additional field data collection and survey crews secured and ready
- Field Inspectors lined up and ready to safely lead crews completing power make-ready work
- 12 additional field crews secured for power make-ready work. Will start once work is engineered and designed