

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 effective on 03/01/24 between Kentucky Utilities (KU) and Charter (CHTR) establishes plan for the submittal and processing of applications for up to 3,500 poles per month from CHTR and establishes a plan for KU's performance of 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 status reporting between Charter and KU. Format TBD.
- CHTR to clean-up ~7,000 pending poles in Katapult that need to be purged.
- Review of invoicing process and current in-flight payments.
 - KU working to move \$75 pre-payment fee to later in the process to expedite application processing.
- CHTR to provide pole permit priorities monthly to ensure parties are aligned on projects.

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- **Estimated Scope of Work:** 29,877 Poles
 - **Submitted & Prioritized:** 3,113 Poles
 - **Pending (to be prioritized):** 18,812 Poles
 - **Projected Poles in State Grant Round 2:** 11,065 Poles
- First batch of 119 Applications for 3,113 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