

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE  
KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION	)	
OF SOUTH KENTUCKY RURAL	)	CASE NO.
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	)	2024-00402
CORPORATION FOR A GENERAL	)	
ADJUSTMENT OF RATES	)	

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SOUTH KENTUCKY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
CORPORATION'S VERIFIED RESPONSE TO  
COMMISSION STAFF'S POST-HEARING REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
ENTERED JULY 21, 2025

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Comes now South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (South Kentucky), by counsel, and does hereby tender its Verified Response to Commission Staff's Post-Hearing Request for Information entered July 21, 2025.

Filed: July 29, 2025

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Electronic Application of South Kentucky )  
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a General Adjustment of Rates and Other )  
General Relief

Case No. 2024-00402

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**VERIFICATION OF CARRIE BESSINGER**

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY )  
COUNTY OF PULASKI )

Carrie Bessinger, Chief Financial Officer of South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, being duly sworn, states that she has supervised the preparation of certain responses to the Commission Staff's Post-Hearing Request for Information in the above-referenced case and that the matters and things set forth therein are true and accurate to the best of her knowledge, information and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry.

  
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Carrie Bessinger

The foregoing Verification was signed, acknowledged and sworn to before me this 28th day of July, 2025, by Carrie Bessinger.

  
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Commission expiration: Aug 31, 2025



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**VERIFICATION OF KEVIN NEWTON**

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY )  
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COUNTY OF PULASKI )

Kevin Newton, Chief Executive Officer of South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, being duly sworn, states that he has supervised the preparation of certain responses to the Commission Staff's Post-Hearing Request for Information in the above-referenced case and that the matters and things set forth therein are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry.

  
Kevin Newton

The foregoing Verification was signed, acknowledged and sworn to before me this 28th day of July, 2025, by Kevin Newton.

  
Commission expiration: Aug 31, 2025



**South Kentucky RECC  
Case No. 2024-00402  
Commission Staff's Post-Hearing Request for Information**

**Request 1:** Provide a side-by-side comparison of the cost justification for the current \$17.55 Meter Test Charge to the cost justification of the proposed \$150.00 Meter Test Charge in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas, rows, and columns unprotected and fully accessible.

**Response 1:** In the June 30, 2022 Order in Case No. 2021-00407, *Electronic Application of South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation for a General Adjustment of Rates, Approval of Depreciation Study, and Other General Relief*, the Commission set the rates for the non-recurring charges without South Kentucky requesting to do so in its Application. Based upon this, South Kentucky does not have cost justification for the current non-recurring charge rates. South Kentucky believes labor costs should not be excluded from the cost justification because they are a cost incurred to perform the requested service and are included in the adjustments to reduce the revenue requirement calculation for rate-making purposes which eliminates the costs from being doubly recovered.

Additionally, no person currently working for South Kentucky has any knowledge of the prior non-recurring cost justifications because the rates were set sometime in the 1990s.

Please see the Excel spreadsheet provided separately for proposed rate cost justifications.

**ATTACHMENT  
IS AN EXCEL  
SPREADSHEET  
AND UPLOADED  
SEPARATELY**

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**Request 2:** Provide a side-by-side comparison of the cost justification for the current \$6.20 Return Check Charge to the cost justification of the proposed \$10.00 Return Check Charge in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas, rows, and columns unprotected and fully accessible.

**Response 2:** Please see response to Request 1.

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**Request 3:** Provide a side-by-side comparison of the cost justification for the current \$17.55 Trip Charge: Regular Hours to the cost justification of the proposed \$140.00 Trip Charge: Regular Hours in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas, rows, and columns unprotected and fully accessible.

**Response 3:** Please see response to Request 1.

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**Request 4:** Provide a side-by-side comparison of the cost justification for the current \$345.00 Trip Charge: After Hours to the cost justification of the proposed \$387.00 Trip Charge: After Hours in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas, rows, and columns unprotected and fully accessible.

**Response 4:** Please see response to Request 1.



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**Request 5:** Explain whether South Kentucky RECC has the capability to communicate with customers via SMS/text messaging, in addition to email. If not, explain whether South Kentucky RECC plans to acquire that capability.

**Response 5:** Yes, South Kentucky has the capability to communicate with members via SMS/text messaging, in addition to email. Members enrolled in specific programs receive daily text messages which include usage alerts and service updates. While this feature is available, South Kentucky typically reserves mass text alerts for critical communications and rarely uses them for general messaging. Text messaging is primarily utilized for targeted or individual notifications. South Kentucky continues to explore effective ways to keep members informed while respecting their communication preferences.

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**Request 6:** Refer to the Direct Testimony of John Wolfram, page 12 and Exhibit JW-2, Reference Schedule 1.10, line 171. Explain the increase of 5.8 percent in wages and the 11.9 percent increase into payroll tax.

**Response 6:** The 5.8 percent increase in wages is the result of wage increases between the test year of June 2023-May 2024 to wage rates at the time of filing. The 11.9 percent increase in payroll taxes is the estimated increase in taxes calculated on increased wages from Schedule 1.10. The higher percentage increase for the payroll taxes, as determined in South Kentucky's response to the Attorney General's First Request for Information, Item 47(d), is due to the inclusion of all regular and overtime wages in the proforma tax calculation and may include an undetermined amount of non-taxable wages for employees that have pre-tax deductions for benefits withheld.

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**Request 7:** Refer to the Rebuttal Testimony of John Wolfram, page 11, lines 1-4. Explain why there was a correction to the salary and wages expense and not a change in the payroll taxes.

**Response 7:** The change to Schedule 1.10, salary and wages expense, was so small the effect on payroll tax expense is negligible.