

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF SOUTH)	
KENTUCKY RURAL ELECTRIC)	CASE NO.
COOPERATIVE CORPORATION FOR A)	2025-00174
DECLARATORY ORDER REGARDING)	
REBUILDING ITS HEADQUARTERS)	
AFTER LOSS FROM TORNADO)	

VERIFIED APPLICATION

Comes now South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (“South Kentucky RECC”), by and through the undersigned counsel, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001 Section 19 and other applicable law, and does hereby submit its Application for the Commission to declare that South Kentucky RECC does not need a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN”) to rebuild its headquarters suffering a total loss after a tornado struck Somerset, Kentucky. South Kentucky RECC is respectfully requesting the Commission to issue its decision as quickly as possible due to the time sensitive nature of demolishing the existing headquarters to begin rebuilding. As grounds for this Application, South Kentucky RECC respectfully states as follows:

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

On May 16, 2025 an EF-4 tornado touched down in Somerset, Kentucky. The tornado caused widespread damage throughout Pulaski and Laurel Counties. South Kentucky RECC’s headquarters was in the path of the tornado and suffered significant damage. Luckily, no South Kentucky RECC employees were injured when the tornado struck South Kentucky RECC’s headquarters.

REQUEST FOR DECLARATORY ORDER

South Kentucky RECC requests the Commission issue a declaratory order confirming that South Kentucky RECC does not need a CPCN to rebuild its headquarters. South Kentucky RECC's insurance company, Federated Insurance, has verbally informed South Kentucky RECC that its headquarters building has been deemed a total loss. The remaining buildings on South Kentucky RECC's campus were damaged but can be repaired. South Kentucky received a CPCN to build its headquarters in Case No. 2014-00355.¹ Since the headquarters is a total loss, South Kentucky RECC will need to demolish the existing headquarters and rebuild. South Kentucky RECC will be rebuilding the headquarters on the same site as its headquarters that was destroyed. Federated Insurance and/or FEMA will be paying for the rebuild of the headquarters and the repairs of the other buildings on South Kentucky's campus. South Kentucky RECC will not be paying for any of the rebuilding or repairing of its headquarters or other buildings. Since this is strictly a rebuilding and repairing of existing buildings that are necessary due to a tornado, South Kentucky RECC does not believe that it needs to file an application for a CPCN for these projects.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, South Kentucky RECC respectfully requests that the Commission enter a declaratory order declaring that South Kentucky RECC does not need a CPCN for the rebuilding and repairing of its headquarters or other building that were destroyed/damaged in the May 16, 2025 tornado.

¹ *In the Matter of: Application of South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a New Headquarters Facility and for Approval to Transfer Ownership of Certain Assets or, in the Alternative, a Determination That Such Approval is Unnecessary*, Case No. 2014-00355, Order, (Ky. P.S.C. March 27, 3025).

VERIFICATION

STATE OF KENTUCKY)
) SS:
COUNTY OF PULASKI)

The undersigned, Kevin Newton, first being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the President and CEO of South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, that he has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing, and that the information contained therein is true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

SOUTH KENTUCKY RECC

By: Kevin Newton

KEVIN NEWTON
PRESIDENT & CEO
South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Kevin Newton, President and CEO of South Kentucky RECC, on this 30th day of May, 2025.

L. Allyn Howie
NOTARY PUBLIC

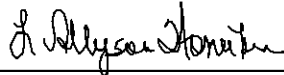
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Dated this 30th day of May 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

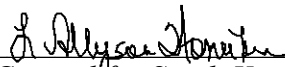


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that foregoing electronic filing was transmitted to the Commission on May 30, 2025 that there are currently no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding; and that pursuant to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085, no paper copies of the filing will be made.



Counsel for South Kentucky RECC