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RE: **Case No. 2025-00346** (Post-Case Correspondence File)

Dear Mr. McNeil:

By this letter, Kentucky Power Company (“Kentucky Power” or the “Company”) provides the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“Commission”) with an update to the estimated in-service date for the Prestonsburg-Thelma Project (the “Project”), for which the Commission approved a certificate of public convenience and necessity (“CPCN”) to construct by its Order dated April 3, 2026, in the above-referenced case.

For the reasons stated below, the Company estimates that the Project will be placed into service by the fourth quarter of 2028, rather than the second quarter of 2028.

The main cause for the in-service delay for the Project is the length of time it is taking the Company to acquire rights of way (“ROW”) for the Project. As described in the Company’s application, the discovery of sensitive cultural resources required the Company to re-route the line north of Kenwood Substation to avoid these cultural resources. The re-route has required the Company to notify and provide a comment period to additional landowners. In turn, this has caused a delay in the Company being able to finalize ROW acquisition in the affected area. The construction delay has not affected any work taking place at the Thelma Substation.

Since receiving the Commission’s Order granting the CPCN in this case, the Company has worked diligently to finalize line routes and acquire necessary ROW. Project construction activities have also begun and remain ongoing in an effort to avoid further delays.

While the Company must inform PJM of this delay in its next regular quarterly report, no Project modifications, other than the in-service date, need to be made at PJM.

The Company will provide the Commission with additional updates regarding the Project in-service date upon any material change.

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Please do not hesitation to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "K. Gish", enclosed within a large, loopy blue oval.

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