COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A 138 KV TRANSMISSION LINE AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES IN PIKE AND FLOYD COUNTIES, KENTUCKY

CASE NO. 2020-00062

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<u>O R D E R</u>

On September 3, 2020, Kentucky Power Company (Kentucky Power) filed an application requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing it to construct a new double-circuit 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line approximately five miles in length in Pike and Floyd counties, Kentucky. The proposed transmission line project includes a new 138 kV substation to replace the existing Fords Branch 46 kV substation, which substation will be retired. Kentucky Power maintains this project is required to address PJM Baseline thermal and voltage criteria violations on Kentucky Power's existing Pikeville area subtransmission 46 kV network and will also permit Kentucky Power to increase the capacity of the Pikeville area 34.5 kV/12 kV distribution system.

KRS 278.020(9) requires the Commission to issue a decision no later than 90 days after the application is filed unless the Commission extends this period, for good cause, to 120 days. Due to the nature of the case and issues involved, the Commission finds good cause exists in this matter to warrant such an extension. The Commission further finds that a procedural schedule should be established for the orderly processing of this matter. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The period during which the Commission must enter a decision as set forth in KRS 278.020(9) is extended from 90 days to 120 days from the date of the filing of the application, which was on September 3, 2020.

2. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed.

3. a. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed, with the original and an electronic document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked. Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided.

b. Each response shall be answered under oath, or for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or an association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

c. Any party shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect.

d. For any request to which a party fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, that party shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

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e. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request.

f. Any party filing a paper containing personal information shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that the personal information cannot be read.

4 As set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11)(a), a person requesting permissive intervention in a Commission proceeding is required to demonstrate either (1) a special interest in the proceeding which is not adequately represented in the case, or (2) that the person requesting permissive intervention is likely to present issues or develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings. Further, KRS 278.040(2) requires that a person seeking intervention must have an interest in the rates or service of a utility, as those are the only matters that are subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Therefore, any person requesting to intervene in a Commission proceeding must state with specificity the person's special interest that is not otherwise adequately represented, or the issues and facts that the person will present that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter. A mere recitation of the quantity of utility service consumed by the movant or a general statement regarding a potential impact of possible modification of rates will not be deemed sufficient to establish a special interest. In addition, any motion to intervene filed after October 3, 2020, shall also show good cause for being

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untimely. If the untimely motion is granted, the movant shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

5. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions for continuance. Accordingly, motions for extensions of time with respect to the procedural schedule shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

6. The Commission directs the parties to the Commission's March 16, 2020 and March 24, 2020 Orders in Case No. 2020-00085¹ regarding filings with the Commission. The Commission expects the original documents to be filed with the Commission within 30 days of the lifting of the current state of emergency.

7. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

¹ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 16, 2020), Order at 5-6. Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 24, 2020), Order at 1–3.

By the Commission



ATTEST:

Acting Executive Director

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APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2020-00062 DATED SEP 24 2020

Requests for intervention shall be filed no later than	10/03/2020
Any requests for a public hearing pursuant to KRS 278.020(9) and 807 KAR 5:120, Section 3 shall be filed no later than	10/03/2020
All initial requests for information upon Kentucky Power shall be filed no later than	10/12/2020
Kentucky Power shall file responses to initial requests for information no later than	10/26/2020
All supplemental requests for information upon Kentucky Power shall be filed no later than	11/09/2020
Kentucky Power shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than	11/23/2020

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