COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY)UTILITIES COMPANY FOR AN ORDER)AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF)2020-00109INDEBTEDNESS)

<u>ORDER</u>

On April 3, 2020, Kentucky Utilities Company (KU) filed an application requesting approval pursuant to KRS 278.300 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 18, that the Commission authorize KU to incur debt not to exceed the aggregate amount of \$750,000,000 in the form of First Mortgage Bonds, unsecured bonds, direct bank term loans, or any combination of these forms of indebtedness. KU also requests authority to increase its existing \$500,000,000 revolving line of credit or add one or more additional revolving lines of credit in the amount of \$150,000,000. KU further requests that the Commission amend and extend KU's existing authority to allow KU to exercise extensions of its existing or any new multiyear revolving credit line(s) in 2020 and 2021. KU and Louisville Gas and Electric Company also filed a joint motion requesting a telephonic informal conference.¹ On April 9, 2020, the Commission granted the motion of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and through the Office of Rate Intervention to intervene in this case.

¹ Joint Motion filed April, 3, 2020, Case No. 2020-00110, Application of Louisville Gas and Electric Company for an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Indebtedness.

Having reviewed KU's application, the Commission finds that an investigation will be necessary to determine the reasonableness of the request. To provide for orderly consideration of this application, the Commission further finds that a procedural schedule should be established in this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The motion to hold an telephonic informal conference is granted, and will be scheduled by subsequent notice. Commission Staff will contact participants by electronic mail to provide details for joining the conference by telephone.

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

3. a. Responses to requests for information shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided, with an original in paper medium and an electronic version to the Commission. Documents in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

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.

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c. Any party shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that 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.

e. A 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 personal information cannot be read.

4. Any party filing testimony shall comply with the electronic filing procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, and shall file with the Commission an original in paper and an electronic version. The copy in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed.

5. The Commission directs all parties to the Commission's March 16, 2020 and March 24, 2020 Orders in Case No. 2020-00085² 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.

6. Motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

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

² 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:

Executive Director

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APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2020-00109 DATED APR 17 2020

A Telephonic Informal Conference shall be held	04/29/20
All initial requests for information to KU shall be filed no later than	05/01/20
KU shall file responses to initial requests for information no later than	05/11/20

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