## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY	)	
POWER COMPANY FOR (1) A GENERAL	)	
ADJUSTMENT OF ITS RATES FOR	)	
ELECTRIC SERVICE; (2) APPROVAL OF	)	
TARIFFS AND RIDERS; (3) APPROVAL OF	)	CASE NO.
ACCOUNTING PRACTICES TO ESTABLISH	)	2020-00174
REGULATORY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES; (4)	)	
APPROVAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC	)	
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY; AND (5)	)	
ALL OTHER REQUIRED APPROVALS AND	)	
RELIEF	)	

## ORDER

On June 29, 2020, Kentucky Power Company (Kentucky Power) filed a motion requesting a deviation from the notice requirements of 807 KAR 5:001, Section 22, and 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(2)(b)(3). Those regulations require a utility to publish notice of a rate adjustment once a week, for three consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made no later than the date the application is submitted to the Commission.

Kentucky Power's service territory in which Kentucky Power arranges publication of customer notices. Kentucky Power stated that the *Lewis County Herald* agreed to publish the notice for three consecutive weeks beginning the week of June 22, 2020. However, on June 29, 2020, the *Lewis County Herald* notified Kentucky Power that it mistakenly failed to publish the first customer notice the week of June 22, 2020. Kentucky Power proposed to publish the first notice in the *Lewis County Herald* on June 30, 2020, which

is one day after Kentucky Power filed its application for a general rate adjustment on June 29, 2020.

Kentucky Power asserted that it used its best efforts and obtained agreement by the *Lewis County Herald* to timely publish the notice consistent with Commission regulations, and that the *Lewis County Herald*'s failure to timely publish the notice is outside Kentucky Power's control. Kentucky Power further asserted that, if granted, customer notice would be published three times with the first publication only one day after the required deadline.

Having reviewed the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that Kentucky Power established good cause to permit a deviation from the notice requirement for the reasons that follow. Only one of the 20 newspapers in Kentucky Power's service territory failed to timely publish the notice, which indicates that Kentucky Power arranged for timely publication of the notice. Further, Kentucky Power filed its request to deviate on the same day that it was informed that the *Lewis County Herald* failed to publish the notice on the agreed-upon timeline. Finally, with the publication one day after Kentucky Power filed its rate application, customers will receive notice within close proximity to the date the application was filed, and the notice will be published at the frequency established by Commission regulation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Kentucky Power's motion to deviate from the Commission's notice requirements set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 22, and 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(2)(b)(3) is granted.

## By the Commission

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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