COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC INVESTIGATION OF INTERCONNECTION AND NET METERING GUIDELINES	)))	CASE NO. 2020-00302

O R D E R

On September 24, 2020, the Commission established this case to investigate its 2009 Net Metering Interconnection Guidelines in light of the passage of time since the establishment of the guidelines and to address the Net Metering Act.[1] On February 4, 2026, the Commission established a procedural schedule in this case.[2] On September 1, 2026, the Commission issued an Order clarifying that the interconnection guidelines should encompass all behind-the-meter customers, including qualifying facility (QF) customers connecting to a utility's distribution grid.[3] The Commission also scheduled an informal conference (IC) for September 15, 2026.[4] At the September 15, 2026 IC, parties discussed the procedural steps to move the proceedings forward and the parties supported a timely resolution and collaborative process among the parties.[5]

[1] Order (Ky. PSC Sept. 24, 2020).

[2] Order (Ky. PSC Feb. 4, 2026).

[3] Order (Ky. PSC Sept. 1, 2026).

[4] Order (Ky. PSC Sept. 1, 2026).

[5] PSC Letter Filing Informal Conference Memorandum and Attendance List into the Record (Ky. PSC Sept. 28, 2026).

The Commission, on its own motion, finds that a procedural schedule should be established to allow the parties to work collaboratively to update the interconnection guidelines through a combination of topical ICs and the usage of working groups. This procedural schedule may be amended throughout the proceeding to accommodate the progress of the working groups. Each working group will focus on a specific topic, and parties are encouraged to bring experts to discuss each issue. Parties should be prepared to discuss interconnection for all behind-the-meter customers, not only net-metering customers, in each working group. Parties are also encouraged to meet prior to each working group to discuss the topics. The preliminary list of IC topics is included in the procedural schedule, for each party to openly discuss amendments and considerations for guideline amendments. Following the IC, a working group may continue to work collaboratively to draft redline amendments. The following IC will focus on a new topic. The amended procedural schedule is attached as Appendix A to this Order.

The Commission also, on its own motion, hereby schedules an IC on October 29, 2026, at 1 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time to be held at the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky. Parties may appear in person or virtually. Commission Staff will contact participants by electronic mail to provide details for joining the conference by video link. Parties should provide an attendance list that delineates the designated speaker, in-person attendees, and virtual attendees at least 48 hours prior to the informal conference. The agenda for the next IC is attached to this Order as Appendix B.

The Commission also finds that following each IC, parties should submit either joint redline suggestions for the specific sections of guidelines that the IC related to, or for each individual party to submit a redline version a week before the next IC. The Commission notes that redline corrections will be viewed as preliminary suggestions proposed by the parties and that the parties are welcome to add or change their proposed edits prior to Staff submitting its proposed guidelines. Staff should also file the agenda for the next IC two weeks following the previous working group. Parties are encouraged to bring forward their own agenda items as it relates to each topic.

At the end of the process, parties may file any other proposed edits. Following the working group process, Staff should prepare sample guidelines to file into the record and for all parties to comment on.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The procedural schedule set forth in Appendix A to this Order shall be followed.

2. An informal conference is scheduled on October 29, 2026, at 1 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time at the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.

3. Commission Staff will contact participants by electronic mail to provide details for joining the conference by video link.

4. Parties should provide an attendance list that delineates the designated speakers, in-person attendees, and virtual attendees 48 hours prior to the informal conference.

5. Parties shall submit jointly, or individually, redline corrections to the interconnection guidelines based on previously discussed IC topics prior to the next IC.

6. Parties may file other proposed edits consistent with the procedural schedule in Appendix A.

7. Commission Staff shall prepare sample guidelines to file into the record and for all parties to comment on, consistent with the procedural schedule in Appendix A.

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Entered on this 26th day of October, 2026.

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APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2020-00302 DATED OCT 26 2026

Application Processing Working Group ..... 10/29/2026 at 1 p.m. EDT

Equipment Installation and Monitoring Working Group.....12/14/2026 at 1 p.m. EST

Safety Standards Working Group .....01/27/2027 at 9 a.m. EST

Definitions and Availability Working Group.....02/17/2027 at 9 a.m. EST

Terms and Conditions Working Group ..... 03/24/2027 at 9 a.m. EDT

FERC Order 2222 Working Group..... 05/12/2027 at 9 a.m. EDT

Miscellaneous Topics Working Group 06/29/2027

Staff's Proposed Guidelines..... 08/21/2027

Parties' Comments and Edits to Staff's Proposed Guidelines 09/30/2027

Decision Submitted to the Commission 11/01/2027

APPENDIX B

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2020-00302 DATED OCT 26 2026

INFORMAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

Generally, the purpose of this IC is to discuss tariff changes needed to Level 1 and Level 2 of the application process. Parties are encouraged to meet beforehand and discuss these topics prior to this IC. Parties should read and review the application and approval process section of the existing guidelines and be prepared to discuss edits as needed. To the extent the application processing implicates topics such as equipment installation and safety standards, these topics are more appropriately addressed in those respective ICs. This discussion includes, but is not limited to, the following topics:

1. Timelines;
2. Fee structures;
3. Transparency in process;
4. Form availability;
5. Communication between applicant and utility;
6. Notification requirements in each stage; and
7. Documentation required.

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