COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF KENERGY CORP. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO APPLY FOR A FRANCHISE FROM THE CITY OF HENDERSON

CASE NO. 2020-00407

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<u>order</u>

On December 15, 2020, Kenergy Corp. (Kenergy) filed its application with the Commission seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to authorize it to bid on a franchise offered by the city of Henderson, Kentucky, for electric transmission and distribution service. Under the provisions of KRS 278.020(5), no utility may apply for a franchise from any governmental agency until it has obtained a CPCN from this Commission based on our finding that there is a need and demand for the service sought to be rendered.

In light of the city of Henderson's ordinance creating a franchise for electric transmission and distribution service, the Commission determines that there is evidence of a need and demand for electric transmission and distribution service in the abovementioned city. Since the Commission's authority in such matters is limited by statute to finding only whether there is a need and demand for the service sought to be rendered, no finding or determination is made as to the qualifications of the bidder, the validity of any of the provisions of the franchise offered by said city, or the manner in which any franchise fee is to be treated for rate purposes. The Commission directs Kenergy 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.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Kenergy is granted a CPCN that authorizes it to bid on a franchise offered by the city of Henderson, Kentucky, for electric transmission and distribution service.

2. If Kenergy is not the successful bidder, Kenergy shall file with the Commission, within ten days of the award of the franchise at issue, a written notice stating that Kenergy was not the successful bidder.

3. If Kenergy is the successful bidder, Kenergy shall file with the Commission, within ten days of the award of the franchise at issue, a copy of the executed franchise agreement and a statement disclosing the amount of the initial franchise fee.

4. If Kenergy is the successful bidder, Kenergy shall file with the Commission, within ten days of an increase or decrease in the amount of the initial franchise fee set forth in the franchise agreement, documentation setting forth the revised fee.

5. Any documents filed pursuant to ordering paragraphs 2, 3, or 4 of this Order shall reference the number of this case and shall be electronically submitted via the Commission's electronic Tariff Filing System.

6. This Order shall not be construed as granting a CPCN to construct utility facilities in said city.

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.

7. This case is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

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By the Commission



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Executive Director

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