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 FOR THE)
CONSTRUCTION OF A HIGH-SPEED FIBER)
NETWORK AND FOR APPROVAL OF THE) CASE NO.
LEASING OF THE NETWORK'S EXCESS) 2021-00365
CAPACITY TO AN AFFILIATE TO BE ENGAGED)
IN THE PROVISION OF BROADBAND SERVICE)
TO UNSERVED AND UNDERSERVED)
HOUSEHOLDS AND BUSINESSES OF THE)
COMMONWEALTH)

NOTICE OF FILING

Notice is given to all parties that the following materials have been filed into the record of this proceeding:

- The digital video recording of the evidentiary hearing conducted on March 31, 2022 in this proceeding;
- Certification of the accuracy and correctness of the digital video recording;
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Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 11th day of May 2022.

Linda C. Bridwell Executive Director

Public Service Commission of Kentucky

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CERTIFICATION

- I, Candace H. Sacre, hereby certify that:
- 1. The attached flash drive contains a digital recording of the Formal Hearing conducted in the above-styled proceeding on March 31, 2022. The Formal Hearing Log, Exhibit, and Exhibit List are included with the recording on March 31, 2022;
 - 2. I am responsible for the preparation of the digital recording;
- 3. The digital recording accurately and correctly depicts the Formal Hearing of March 31, 2022; and
- 4. The Formal Hearing Log attached to this Certificate accurately and correctly states the events that occurred at the Formal Hearing of March 31, 2022, and the time at which each occurred.

Signed this Chay of May, 2022.

Candace H. Sacre

Administrative Specialist III

Stephanie Schweighardt

Notary Public State at Large ID#: 614400

Commission Expires: January 14, 2023



Session Report - Detail

2021-00365 31Mar2022

Kenergy Corporation (Kenergy)

Date:	Туре:	Location:	Department:
3/31/2022	Public Hearing\Public Comments	Hearing Room 1	Hearing Room 1 (HR 1)

Witness: Jonathan Chambers; Jeff Hohn; Jason Keller; Travis Siewert; Robert Stumph

Judge: Kent Chandler; Amy Cubbage

Clerk: Candace Sacre

Event Time	Log Event	
9:14:24 AM	Session Started	
9:14:30 AM	Session Paused	
9:14:33 AM	Session Resumed	
9:14:48 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Good morning. We are on the record in Case No. 2021-00365, the electronic application of Kenergy Corporation for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the construction of a high-speed fiber network and for approval of the leasing of the network's excess capacity to an affiliate to be engaged in the provision of broadband service to unserved and underserved households and businesses of the Commonwealth.
9:15:18 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	My name is Kent Chandler. I am Chairman of the Kentucky Public Service Commission. I am joined today by Vice Chair Amy Cubbage
9:15:24 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Hearing recommendations. (Click on link for further comments.)
9:15:51 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	The hearing today is for the purpose of taking evidence on the application in this matter.
9:15:55 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Entry of appearance of counsel.
9:15:59 AM	Atty Hopgood Kenergy	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Chris Hopgood.
9:16:05 AM	Asst Atty General West	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Michael West,
9:16:06 AM	Camera Lock Deactivated	
9:16:12 AM	Atty Osterloh KBCA	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Todd Osterloh, Jim Gardner, and Rebecca Price.
9:16:24 AM	Gen Counsel Vinsel PSC	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Nancy Vinsel and Justin Young.
9:16:28 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Public notice. (Click on link for further comments.)
9:16:57 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Outstanding petitions or motions. (Click on link for further comments.)
9:17:08 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Public comments. (Click on link for further comments.)
9:19:46 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Mr. Hopgood, first witness?
9:19:50 AM	Atty Hopgood Kenergy	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Jonathan Chambers.

9:19:52 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Procedural discussion. (Click on link for further comments.)
9:20:14 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Witness is sworn.
9:20:23 AM	Chairman Chandler - witness Cha	ambers
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Examination. Name and address?
9:20:33 AM	Atty Hopgood Kenergy - witness	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Direct Examination. Where work?
9:20:41 AM	Atty Hopgood Kenergy - witness	Chambers
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Provided testimony and submitted responses?
9:20:48 AM	Atty Hopgood Kenergy - witness	Chambers
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Any changes need to be made?
9:20:57 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Questions?
9:21:16 AM	Chairman Chandler - witness Cha	ambers
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Examination. Scope of projects Kenect done to date, fiber installation on scale \$150 million?
9:21:38 AM	Chairman Chandler - witness Cha	ambers
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Curious, give range of size of projects participated in in past?
9:22:51 AM	Chairman Chandler - witness Cha	ambers
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Kenergy certainly fall middle of range?
9:23:19 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Mr. Hopgood?
9:23:46 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Next witness?
9:23:48 AM	Atty Hopgood Kenergy	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Jeff Hohn.
9:24:05 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Witness is sworn.
9:24:12 AM	Chairman Chandler - witness Hol	hn
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Examination. Name and address?
9:24:19 AM	Atty Hopgood Kenergy - witness	Hohn
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Direct Examination. Where work?
9:24:22 AM	Atty Hopgood Kenergy - witness	Hohn
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Title?
9:24:24 AM	Atty Hopgood Kenergy - witness	Hohn
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Provided testimony and submitted responses?
9:24:30 AM	Atty Hopgood Kenergy - witness	Hohn
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Any changes need to be made?
9:24:37 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Mr. West?
9:24:41 AM	Asst Atty General West - witness	Hohn
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Cross Examination. Discuss safeguards put in place make sure
		ratepayers electric utility not subsidize broadband affiliate?
9:25:11 AM	Asst Atty General West - witness	Hohn
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Other additional safeguards in place, different business structure?
9:25:25 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Questions?
9:25:36 AM	Gen Counsel Vinsel PSC - witnes	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Cross Examination. Confirm what just said, Kenergy not expect any net cost to owner members?
9:25:52 AM	Gen Counsel Vinsel PSC - witnes	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	In application, testimony, responses, half radio equipment no long
	•	manufactured?

9:26:13 AM	Gen Counsel Vinsel PSC - witness	
0.26.24.444	Note: Sacre, Candace	Manufacturer Alcatel?
9:26:21 AM	Gen Counsel Vinsel PSC - witness	
0.26.24 AM	Note: Sacre, Candace Gen Counsel Vinsel PSC - witness	When stopped manufacturing equipment?
9:26:34 AM	Note: Sacre, Candace	Post-hearing data request documentation when Alcatel stopped
	Note. Sacre, Candace	manufacturing equipment and stopped technical support?
9:26:35 AM	POST-HEARING DATA REQUEST	manufacturing equipment and stopped technical supports
3.20.33 / li 1	Note: Sacre, Candace	GEN COUNSEL VINSEL PSC - WITNESS HOHN
	Note: Sacre, Candace	DATE WHEN ALCATEL STOPPED MANUFACTURING RADIO
		EQUIPMENT AND DATE WHEN STOPPED TECHNICAL SUPPORT
9:27:00 AM	Gen Counsel Vinsel PSC - witness	Hohn
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Given half system no longer manufactured, Kenergy had problems
		obtaining replacement parts?
9:27:15 AM	Gen Counsel Vinsel PSC - witness	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	New or used equipment?
9:27:22 AM	Gen Counsel Vinsel PSC - witness	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Refurbished?
9:27:29 AM	Gen Counsel Vinsel PSC - witness	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	In response, Kenergy indicated decided fiber network way to go, case where benefits to service and reliability fiber network so
		enhanced was no comparison, or more case fiber more like Cloud
		storage and microwave like floppy disks, benefits so enhanced or
		one technology just dying?
9:28:46 AM	Gen Counsel Vinsel PSC - witness	Hohn
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Financial guarantees part of contract, guarantee from Conexon for
		lease payments, guarantee that lease payments be made over
0.20.40.414	C C 11/1 1 DCC 11	certain time?
9:29:10 AM	Gen Counsel Vinsel PSC - witness	
9:29:16 AM	Note: Sacre, Candace Gen Counsel Vinsel PSC - witness	Is this the backstop, the guarantee?
9.29.10 AM	Note: Sacre, Candace	Unconditional guarantee?
9:29:25 AM	Gen Counsel Vinsel PSC - witness	
3.23.23 AT	Note: Sacre, Candace	Follow up post-hearing data request?
9:29:26 AM	POST-HEARING DATA REQUEST	Tonom up post mouning data request.
	Note: Sacre, Candace	GEN COUNSEL VINSEL PSC - WITNESS HOHN
	Note: Sacre, Candace	CONFIRM WHETHER GUARANTEE FROM CONEXON FOR LEASE
	·	PAYMENTS AN UNCONDITIONAL GUARANTEE
9:29:35 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Vice Chair?
9:29:37 AM	Vice Chairman Cubbage - witness	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Examination. Kenergy done economic feasibility study for this?
9:30:41 AM	Vice Chairman Cubbage - witness	
0.00.40.444	Note: Sacre, Candace	Just study or rolling out broadband through co-op?
9:30:48 AM	Vice Chairman Cubbage - witness	
0.20.56 AM	Note: Sacre, Candace	Been submitted?
9:30:56 AM	Session Note Entry Note: Sacre, Candace	Mr. Hongood?
9:31:00 AM	Atty Hopgood Kenergy - witness I	Mr. Hopgood?
9.51.00 AM	Note: Sacre, Candace	Redirect Examination. Was a feasibility study done by Conexon?
9:31:03 AM	Chairman Chandler	realized Examination. Was a reasibility study dolle by correston:
313±103 / 11·1	Note: Sacre, Candace	Stick around end of hearing. (Click on link for further comments.)
9:31:27 AM	Chairman Chandler	The state of the s
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Next witness?
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9:31:29 AM	Atty Hopgood Kenergy	T C
0.04.47.444	Note: Sacre, Candace	Travis Siewert.
9:31:47 AM	Chairman Chandler	
0.04.54.444	Note: Sacre, Candace	Witness is sworn.
9:31:54 AM	Chairman Chandler - witness Siev	
0 22 02 444	Note: Sacre, Candace	Examination. Name and address?
9:32:02 AM	Atty Hopgood Kenergy - witness	
0 00 05 444	Note: Sacre, Candace	Direct Examination. Where work?
9:32:05 AM	Atty Hopgood Kenergy - witness	
0 00 00 444	Note: Sacre, Candace	Job title?
9:32:08 AM	Atty Hopgood Kenergy - witness	
0 22 44 444	Note: Sacre, Candace	Provided testimony and submitted responses?
9:32:14 AM	Atty Hopgood Kenergy - witness	
0 22 22 444	Note: Sacre, Candace	Any changes need to be made?
9:32:23 AM	Chairman Chandler	0 1: 3
0.22.21 AM	Note: Sacre, Candace	Questions?
9:32:31 AM	Staff Atty Young PSC - witness Si	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Cross Examination. Sharing between Kenergy and Kenect when
9:32:51 AM	Staff Atty Young PSC - witness Si	comes to employees?
3.32.31 AN	Note: Sacre, Candace	Regarding how maintain books, separation of books required by
	Note: Sacre, Caridace	statute?
9:33:23 AM	Chairman Chandler	outer.
31331237111	Note: Sacre, Candace	Questions?
9:33:31 AM	Chairman Chandler	(
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Witness excused.
9:33:41 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Another witness?
9:33:42 AM	Atty Hopgood Kenergy	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Robert Stumph.
9:34:01 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Witness is sworn.
9:34:07 AM	Chairman Chandler - witness Stu	mph
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Examination. Name and address?
9:34:15 AM	Atty Hopgood Kenergy - witness	Stumph
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Direct Examination. Where work?
9:34:17 AM	Atty Hopgood Kenergy - witness	·
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Job title?
9:34:21 AM	Atty Hopgood Kenergy - witness	•
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Provided testimony and submitted responses?
9:34:27 AM	Atty Hopgood Kenergy - witness	•
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Any changes need to be made?
9:34:34 AM	Chairman Chandler	0 11 2
0.24.42 AM	Note: Sacre, Candace	Questions?
9:34:43 AM	Staff Atty Young PSC - witness St	·
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Cross Examination. What difficulties Kenergy had locating/purchasing microwave equipment?
9:35:12 AM	Staff Atty Young PSC - witness St	
3.33112 / W I	Note: Sacre, Candace	Same question tech support, phased out, difficulty acquiring?
9:35:29 AM	Staff Atty Young PSC - witness St	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Currently, no availability tech support?
9:35:35 AM	Staff Atty Young PSC - witness St	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Benefits using fiber optic network within modern smart meters
	·	versus other methods?

9:35:47 AM	Staff Atty Young PSC - witness S	Stumph
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Using fiber optics with meters versus other communication method?
9:35:59 AM	Staff Atty Young PSC - witness S	itumph
	Note: Sacre, Candace	When fiber optics into place, expected benefits between two?
9:36:10 AM	Staff Atty Young PSC - witness S	itumph
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Any particular ones?
9:36:20 AM	Staff Atty Young PSC - witness S	itumph
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Unique benefits using fiber optic network overall versus other type
		communications?
9:36:42 AM	Staff Atty Young PSC - witness S	•
	Note: Sacre, Candace	No way two-way communication currently microwave?
9:36:50 AM	Staff Atty Young PSC - witness S	·
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Any unique advantages using fiber optics cybersecurity?
9:37:13 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Questions?
9:37:16 AM	Chairman Chandler - witness Stu	•
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Examination. Follow up Vinsel question earlier, hear that about
		manufacturing support?
9:37:20 AM	Chairman Chandler - witness Stu	•
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Have documentation, email, message, letter, indicating no longer
0 27 20 414		provide support, manufacturer?
9:37:39 AM	Chairman Chandler - witness Stu	•
	Note: Sacre, Candace	How come across fact not providing support?
9:37:55 AM	Chairman Chandler	M 11 12
0 27 57 414	Note: Sacre, Candace	Mr. Hopgood?
9:37:57 AM	Chairman Chandler	W.t.
0.20.00 AM	Note: Sacre, Candace Chairman Chandler	Witness excused.
9:38:00 AM		Applicant baye anything class
0.20.11 AM	Note: Sacre, Candace	Applicant have anything else?
9:38:11 AM	Atty Hopgood Kenergy	No further testimony.
9:38:13 AM	Note: Sacre, Candace Chairman Chandler	No further testimony.
3.30.13 AM	Note: Sacre, Candace	Mr. Osterloh?
9:38:15 AM	Atty Osterloh KBCA	rii. Osteriori:
9.30.13 AM	Note: Sacre, Candace	Jason Keller.
9:38:29 AM	Chairman Chandler	Jason Relici.
J.30.23 AM	Note: Sacre, Candace	Witness is sworn.
9:38:35 AM	Chairman Chandler - witness Kel	
3.30.33 AM	Note: Sacre, Candace	Examination. Name and address?
9:38:44 AM	Atty Osterloh KBCA - witness Kel	
3.30.11741	Note: Sacre, Candace	Direct Examination. Role with KBCA?
9:38:53 AM	Atty Osterloh KBCA - witness Kel	
3.30.33 / li 1	Note: Sacre, Candace	Prepare and cause filed testimony and sponsor responses?
9:39:01 AM	Atty Osterloh KBCA - witness Kel	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
3.33.01 AM	Note: Sacre, Candace	Adopt as your testimony today?
9:39:09 AM	Chairman Chandler	Adopt as your testimony today:
31331037111	Note: Sacre, Candace	Questions?
9:39:15 AM	Chairman Chandler	Questions.
JIJJIIJ AN	Note: Sacre, Candace	Witness excused.
9:39:47 AM	Chairman Chandler	Trialicoo Cacascal
21331 17 API	Note: Sacre, Candace	Excuse Hohm.
9:40:01 AM	Chairman Chandler	Excuse Figure
ALIGIOT WILL	Note: Sacre, Candace	Anything need to take up? (Click on link for further comments.)
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9:40:20 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Post-hearing data requests. (Click on link for further comments.)
9:42:11 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Briefs. (Click on link for further comments.)
9:46:10 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Anything else?
9:46:32 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Take a short recess.
9:46:35 AM	Session Paused	
9:48:55 AM	Session Resumed	
9:48:56 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Back on record in Case No. 2021-00365.
9:49:02 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Checked, individual interest providing public comment not logged back in.
9:49:08 AM	Chairman Chandler	
	Note: Sacre, Candace	Hearing adjourned.
9:49:25 AM	Session Ended	

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