

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC INVESTIGATION OF THE)	CASE NO.
PROPOSED POLE ATTACHMENT TARIFFS OF)	2022-00108
INCUMBENT LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO WINDSTREAM KENTUCKY EAST, LLC

Windstream Kentucky East, LLC (Windstream East), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on May 5, 2022. The Commission directs Windstream East to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ regarding filings with the Commission. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the question to which the response is made and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the

¹ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Windstream East shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Windstream East obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which Windstream East fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Windstream East shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, Windstream East shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to Windstream East's current tariff on file with the Commission, P.S.C. KY No. 11, Original Page 1 through Original Page 15. Explain why no changes were proposed to these pages given that they currently only appear to apply to cable television service.

2. Refer to Windstream East's proposed tariff, P.S.C. KY No. 11, Original Page 20, 7. Payment, Security Bond and Lien.

a. Explain the reasoning and justification for charging interest at 1.5 percent per month instead of establishing a late payment charge.

b. Explain whether the interest charges on any balance that remains unpaid would be simple or compound interest.

c. Explain why 807 KAR 5:006, Section 9(3)(h), which states that a late payment charge may be assessed only once on a bill for rendered services, would not apply to the interest charge.

3. Refer to Windstream East's proposed tariff, P.S.C. KY No. 11, Original Page 22, B. Application for Pole License and Engineering Survey. Explain why Windstream East's proposed tariff does not include a per pole estimate of survey costs as Windstream East appears to require prepayment of survey costs.

4. Refer to Windstream East's proposed tariff, P.S.C. KY No. 11, Original Page 55, Exhibit D, Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges. Provide support for the following:

a. \$400 One Time Agreement Fee;

b. \$125 (per application) Application for Pole License Fee;

c. \$15 per pole Removal Verification Fee; and

d. \$75 per hour Additional Field or Engineering Fee.

5. Refer to Windstream East's proposed tariff, P.S.C. KY No. 11, Original Page 59, Exhibit G, Simple Make-Ready Specifications. Explain why the actual specifications were not included in the proposed tariff.

6. a. Identify each account and subaccount in which the costs of utility poles in service are recorded.

b. Provide a narrative description of the costs that are recorded in each such account, including a description of the type and vintage of poles for which costs are recorded in the account (e.g., wood poles placed in service in 2005) and a description of other plant, if any, for which costs are recorded in the account.

c. Provide an Excel spreadsheet with all formulas, rows, and columns unprotected and fully accessible showing the plant in service balance of each such account at the end of each of the last five fiscal years.

7. a. Identify each account and subaccount in which accumulated depreciation for poles in service is recorded.

b. Provide a narrative description of how the accumulated depreciation in each such account is calculated.

c. Identify the corresponding plant account or accounts for each account in which accumulated depreciation for poles is recorded.

d. Provide an Excel spreadsheet with all formulas, rows, and columns unprotected and fully accessible showing the balance of each such account at the end of each of the last five fiscal years.

8. a. Identify the depreciation rates currently used to calculate depreciation expense for each account containing utility pole costs.

b. Identify the useful lives of the poles used to calculate each such depreciation rate.

9. Identify the total number of poles owned or controlled by Windstream East, and provide a breakdown of those poles based on the year they were placed in service.

10. Describe in detail the current plan or policy regarding the inspection and replacement of aging or damaged poles owned or controlled by Windstream East, and provide a copy of any such plan or policy that has been memorialized in writing.



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