

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY)	
POWER COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)	
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO)	CASE NO.
REBUILD THE WOOTON-STINNETT PORTION)	2022-00118
OF THE HAZARD-PINEVILLE 161 KV LINE IN)	
LESLIE COUNTY, KENTUCKY)	

ORDER

On May 27, 2022, Kentucky Power Company (Kentucky Power) filed an application for approval to complete a project they entitled *The Wooton-Stinnett Portion of the Hazard-Pineville 161 KV Line in Leslie County, KY*. There are three basic components of the plan: (a) rebuilding approximately 11 miles of 161 kV transmission line between the Wooton Substation and the Stinnett Substation within or near an existing right-of-way in Leslie County, Kentucky; (b) upgrading equipment at the Wooton, Leslie, and Stinnett substations located in Leslie County, Kentucky; and (c) reinforcing distribution lines between the Leslie and Stinnett substations in order to accommodate future distribution load during construction outages necessary to complete the Rebuild Project.

Kentucky Power estimates the total cost to complete the project at approximately \$49 million, with at least \$78,000 in annual maintenance costs thereafter. The application states that much of the line in question was constructed as far back as 1942 with poles made of wood. Recent inspections have revealed numerous instances of damaged or rotted poles and cross-arms that support the power lines, as well as other issues

concerning the safety and stability of the power line, creating a potential threat to providing adequate electrical service to the area.

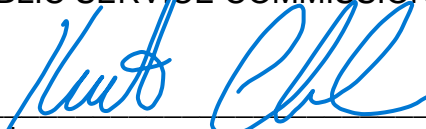
Pursuant to KRS 278.020(8), “[t]he commission shall issue its decision no later than ninety (90) days after the application is filed, unless the commission extends this period for good cause, to one hundred twenty (120) days.” The Commission finds that such an extension is warranted in this case given the size and significance of the project, as well as the limited resources available to the Commission and its staff at the present time.

The Commission finds that the period in which it must issue a decision in this case is extended to 120 days. Further, the Commission finds that a procedural schedule is established for the orderly processing of this case. A procedural schedule is set forth in the Appendix to this Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The time period in which the Commission must issue its decision in this case is extended to 120 days.
2. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner



ATTEST:


Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2022-00118 DATED JUN 20 2022

Last day for intervention requests to be accepted.....	06/28/2022
All initial requests for information to Kentucky Power shall be filed no later than	07/01/2022
Kentucky Power shall file responses to initial requests for information no later than.....	07/12/2022
All supplemental requests for information to Kentucky Power shall be filed no later than	07/22/2022
Kentucky Power shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than	08/02/2022
Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared form shall be filed no later than	08/05/2022
All requests for information to Intervenors shall be filed no later than	08/12/2022
Intervenors shall file responses to requests for information no later than.....	08/19/2022
Kentucky Power shall file, in verified form, its rebuttal testimony no later than	08/26/2022
Last day for Parties to request a Public Hearing or submit a request for the matter be decided based upon the written record.....	08/26/2022

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