### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF EAST ) KENTUCKY POWER COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR ) A (1) CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE ) AND NECESSITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ) TRANSMISSION FACILITIES IN MADISON ) COUNTY, KENTUCKY; AND (2) DECLARATORY ) ORDER CONFIRMING THAT A CERTIFICATE OF ) PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IS ) NOT REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN FACILITIES )

CASE NO. 2022-00314

#### <u>ORDER</u>

On October 27, 2022, East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc (EKPC), pursuant to KRS 278.020, 807 KAR 5:001, Sections 15 and 19, and 807 KAR 5:120, submitted an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to construct 7.7-mile 138-kilovolt transmission line as a rebuild of a 69-kilovolt transmission line along with associated facilities in Madison County, Kentucky.

KRS 278.020(9) requires the Commission to issue a decision no later than 90 days after the application is filed unless the Commission extends this period, for good cause, to 120 days. Due to the nature of the case and the issues involved, the Commission finds that good cause exists in this matter to warrant such an extension to permit the Commission to thoroughly review the application. Therefore, the Commission will continue the application to 120 days, up and including February 24, 2023. The Commission further finds that a procedural schedule should be 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. This case is continued to 120 days, up to and including February 24, 2023.

2. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed.

3. Any party filing a paper with the Commission shall file an electronic copy in accordance with the electronic filing procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked. The Commission directs the parties to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085<sup>1</sup> regarding filings with the Commission.

4. As set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11)(a), a person requesting permissive intervention in a Commission proceeding is required to demonstrate either (1) a special interest in the proceeding that is not adequately represented in the case, or (2) that the person requesting permissive intervention is likely to present issues or develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings. Therefore, any person requesting to intervene in a Commission proceeding must state with specificity the person's special

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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).

interest that is not otherwise adequately represented, or the issues and facts that the person will present that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter. A mere recitation of the quantity of utility service consumed by the movant or a general statement regarding a potential impact of possible modification of rates will not be deemed sufficient to establish a special interest. In addition, any motion to intervene filed after the date established in the procedural schedule shall also show good cause for being untimely. If the untimely motion is granted, the movant shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

5. EKPC shall give notice of any scheduled hearing in accordance with the provisions set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2). In addition, the notice of hearing shall include the following statement: "This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov"; and "Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listing on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov." At the time publication is requested, EKPC shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

6. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.

7. Pursuant to KRS 278.360 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(9), a digital video recording shall be made of the hearing.

8. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions for continuance. Accordingly, motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

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9. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions to excuse witnesses from testifying at Commission hearings. Accordingly, motions to excuse a witness from testifying at a Commission hearing or from testifying in person at a Commission hearing shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

10. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Vice Chairman Commissioner



ATTEST:

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**Executive Director** 

# APPENDIX

### APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2022-00314 DATED NOV 04 2022

Last day for intervention requests to be accepted
All initial requests for information to EKPC shall be filed no later than
EKPC shall file responses to initial requests for information no later than
All supplemental requests for information to EKPC shall be filed no later than
EKPC shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than
Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared form shall be filed no later than
All requests for information to Intervenors shall be filed no later than01/06/2023
Intervenors shall file responses to requests for information no later than01/16/2023
EKPC shall file, in verified form, its rebuttal testimony no later than01/20/2023
Last day for Parties to request a Public Hearing or submit a request for the matter be decided based upon the written record

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