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Linda C. Bridwell
PSC Executive Director
Public Service Commission
211 Sower Blvd.
Frankfort, KY 40601

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Re:

Case No. 2023-00052

Dear Ms. Bridwell:

Natural Energy Utility Corporation submits its responses to the Commission's Fourth Data Request. I certify that the electronic documents are true and correct copies of the original documents. A copy of the response has been mailed to Philip Whitley, 14402 Dearhaven Court, Rush, KY 41168

If you have any questions about this filing, please contact me.

Submitted By:

John N. Hughes

Attorney for NEUC

John R. Higher

### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

### **COUNTY OF BOYD**

Affiant, H. Jay Freeman, after be sworn, deposes and says that he is the President of Natural Energy Utility Corporation, that he is authorized to submit this Response and that the information contained in the response is true and accurate to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief, after a reasonable inquiry, and as to those matters that are based on information provided to him, he believes to be true and correct.

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Freeman to be his act and deed the 30th day of October, 2023.

**Notary Public** 

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## Witness: Jay Freeman

1. Refer to NEUC's response to Commission Staff's First Request for Information, Item 3. Please describe attempts made to contact the two other prospective customers who filled out applications with Mr. Whitley for the extension of the gas main to their properties.

ANSWER: Customer #1, Deer Haven Ct., and Customer #2, Deer Haven Ct., were contacted on 10/30/2023 at 10:30 a.m. regarding their interest in natural gas from NEUC.

 Describe the current interest level of the two other customers in obtaining gas service from NEUC. If this is not known, provide confirmation that NEUC has attempted to contact the prospective customers in response to this request for information and the responses of the homeowners' to NEUC's inquiry.

ANSWER: Customer #1 does have an interest in natural gas at \$3,051.23. Customer #2 said he does not have an interest at that price point.

3. Refer to NEUC's response to Commission Staff's Third Request for Information, Item 3. State whether the line to serve Mr. Whitley should be sized to serve additional customers if there is a likelihood that additional customers will be connected to the line.

ANSWER: As previously stated, if the other two customers still have interest prior to installing service, we would size accordingly. Otherwise, we will lay a dedicated 1 inch service line to Mr. Whitley.

 Describe NEUC's practice in providing reimbursement to customers who have paid for a service extension in the event that additional customers are later connected to the extension.

ANSWER: NEUC follows the tariff.

## 22) DISTRIBUTION MAIN EXTENSIONS:

The company will make extensions to existing distribution mains in its service areas in accordance with 807 KAR 5:022.

Title to all extensions covered by agreements shall be and remain in the Company and in no case shall the amount of the refunds exceed the original contribution.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed as to prohibit the Company from making at its expense extensions to its distribution mains should its judgement so dictate, provided like extensions are made for other customers or subscribers under similar conditions.

807 KAR 5:022. Gas service.

Section 4. Customer Service Lin

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- (1) Extension of services.
- (a) Normal extension. An extension of 100 feed or less shall be made by a utility to an existing distribution main without charge for a prospective customer who shall apply for and contract to use service for one (1) year or more and provides guarantee for the service.
  - (b) Other extensions.
    - 1. If an extension of the utility's main to serve an applicant or group of applicants amounts to more than 100 feet per customer, the utility shall, if not inconsistent with its filed tariff, require the total cost of the excessive footage over 100 feet per customer to be deposited with the utility by the applicant, based on average estimated cost per foot of the total extension.
    - 2. Each customer receiving service under this extension shall be reimbursed under the following plan: each year for a refund period of not less than ten (10) years, the utility shall refund to the customer who paid for the excessive footage, the cost of 100 feet of extension in place for each additional customer connected during the year whose service line is directly connected to the extension installed, and not to extensions or laterals therefrom. Total amount refunded shall not exceed the amount paid to the utility. After the end of the refund period, no refund shall be required.
- (c) An applicant desiring an extension to a proposed real estate subdivision may be required to pay all costs of the extension. Each year for a refund period of not less than ten (10) years, the utility shall refund to the applicant who paid for the extension a sum equivalent to the cost of 100 feet of extension installed for each additional customer connected during the year. Total amount refunded shall not exceed the amount paid to the utility. After the end of the refund period from the completion of the extension, a refund shall not be required.
- (d) Nothing contained in this administrative regulation shall be construed to prohibit the utility from making extensions under different arrangements if these arrangements have been included in the utility's tariff and approved by the commission.
- (e) Nothing contained in this administrative regulation shall be construed to prohibit a utility from making, at its expense, greater extensions than prescribed, if the same free extensions are made to other customers under similar conditions.
- (f) Upon complaint to and investigation by the commission, a utility may be required to construct extensions greater than 100 feet upon a finding by the commission that this extension is reasonable.