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PARTIES OF RECORD

Re: Case No. 2023-00177

This letter is to inform all parties that the Commission retained the services of a consultant, Vantage Energy Consulting LLC (Vantage Consulting) to assist the Commission and Commission Staff in the review and analysis of the evidentiary record, and provide advice and consultation to the Commission regarding East Kentucky Power Cooperative Inc.'s (EKPC) application for two Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for a project to construct Peg's Hill Phase 2 of the landfill at its Hugh L. Spurlock Station in Mason County, Kentucky and a project resulting in the Closure in Place of the Cooper former impoundment at the John S. Cooper Station in Pulaski County, Kentucky. In addition, EKPC requested to amend its Environmental Compliance Plan to include 23 addition projects and to recover the costs for all of its requests to be funneled through the Environmental Surcharge Mechanism.

The scope of the contract is for Vantage Consulting to assist the Commission in research and analysis of EKPC's proposed application in terms of economic cost, ratepayer impact, and reliability and whether the application as proposed represents a reasonable long-term plan in terms of environmental compliance, cost, and reliability. Vantage Consulting will perform the same role that Commission Staff performs in reviewing evidence and advising the Commission. Vantage Consulting will not file independent testimony or testify at any hearing in this proceeding. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Vinsel, General Counsel at 502-782-2582.

Sincerely,

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