## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF EAST	)	
KENTUCKY POWER COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR	)	
1) A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE	)	CASE NO.
AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A NEW	)	2024-00310
GENERATION RESOURCE; 2) A SITE	)	
COMPATIBILITY CERTIFICATE; AND 3) OTHER	)	
GENERAL RELIEF	)	

## <u>ORDER</u>

On September 20, 2024, East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. (EKPC), filed an application<sup>1</sup> requesting issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to construct a new electric generation station using Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engine (RICE) generators in Casey County, Kentucky (the Liberty RICE Facility), the issuance of a Site Compatibility Certificate for the Liberty RICE Facility, and other general relief. The Commission established a procedural schedule by Order dated October 9, 2024,<sup>2</sup> that established the orderly processing of this case. There are four intervenors in this case, Nucor Steel Gallatin (Nucor);<sup>3</sup> the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and through the Office of Rate Intervention (Attorney

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Application (filed Sept. 20, 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Order (Ky. PSC Oct. 9, 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Order (Ky. PSC Oct. 25, 2024).

General);<sup>4</sup> Sierra Club;<sup>5</sup> and, two parties acting jointly, Mountain Association and Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (collectively, Joint Intervenors).<sup>6</sup>

No intervenors filed testimony on or before the deadline set forth in the procedural schedule established in this matter, thus several of the remaining procedural schedule dates are now moot. Therefore, the Commission, on its own motion, finds that the procedural schedule established on October 9, 2024, should be amended to process the case more efficiently. Specifically, the Commission finds that an additional round of data requests should be established, and an in-person informal conference (IC) should be scheduled.

The IC should be scheduled for January 29, 2025, at 2 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, to be held at the office of Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. A virtual link will be provided for out of state attendees who cannot be present. Any out of state attendee that cannot attend the IC in person will need to file notice on the record that they request approval to exercise the virtual attendance option and state their reason.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. The procedural schedule established on October 9, 2024, is amended.
- An in-person informal conference will be held January 29, 2025, at 2 p.m.
   Eastern Standard Time, at the offices if the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211
   Sower Blvd., Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Order (Ky. PSC Oct. 31, 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Order (Ky. PSC Nov. 21, 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Order (Ky. PSC Nov. 21, 2024).

- 3. A virtual link shall be provided for out of state attendees who cannot be present. Any attendee that cannot attend the IC in person will need to request approval on the record that they will need to exercise the virtual attendance option and state their reason.
- 4. All supplemental requests for information to EKPC shall be filed no later than February 6, 2025.
- 5. EKPC shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than February 20, 2025.
- 5. A public hearing to be held at 9 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time beginning March 17, 2025, at the offices of the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses of EKPC.
- 6. All provisions of the Commission's October 9, 2024 Order that are in conflict with the provisions of this Order are vacated, and all other provisions not in conflict with the provisions of this Order shall remain in effect.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Commissioner

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ATTEST:

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Executive Director

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