COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY)	
POWER COMPANY FOR (1) A CERTIFICATE OF)	
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY)	
AUTHORIZING THE DEPLOYMENT OF)	CASE NO.
ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE; (2))	2024-00344
REQUEST FOR ACCOUNTING TREATMENT;)	
AND (3) ALL OTHER NECESSARY WAIVERS,)	
APPROVALS, AND RELIEF)	

ORDER

On November 8, 2024, Kentucky Power Company (Kentucky Power) filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN); approval of accounting treatment to establish a regulatory asset to accumulate and defer for later review and recovery the costs for Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) deployment; and a waiver of the testing requirements in 807 KAR 5:006, Section 14(3); 807 KAR 5:006, Sections 26(4)(e) and 26(5)(a)(2); and 807 KAR 5:041, Sections 15(3) and 16. If the Commission found certain filing requirements were necessary, Kentucky Power requested a deviation within the application. Kentucky Power requested, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 22; a deviation for 807 KAR 5:001, Section 15(2)(d)(1); 807 KAR 5:001, Section 15(2)(d)(2); and KRS 322.340.

Commission regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Section 15, establishes certain filing requirements for applications for CPCNs. Section 15(2)(d)(1) requires that an application for a CPCN be filed with maps to a suitable scale showing the location or route of the proposed construction or extension and the location of any like facilities owned by others

located within the map area. Section 15(2)(d)(2) requires that an application for a CPCN be filed with plans, specifications, and drawings of the proposed plant, equipment, and facilities. KRS 322.340 requires that any plans, specifications, drawing, plats, and reports prepared by a registered engineer be signed, sealed, and dated by an engineer registered in Kentucky. However, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 22, the Commission may grant deviations from other sections of 807 KAR 5:001 "in special cases, for good cause shown."

Kentucky Power argued that, based on the type of application, certain filing requirements could not be met. A CPCN application for AMI meters could not include engineering plans or specific maps of the location of the project. Kentucky Power argued that, should the Commission still require compliance with the filing requirements in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 15(2)(d)(1) and Section 15(2)(d)(2), there is good cause to grant a deviation because the proposed projects are only modifying existing infrastructure within its territory.

Having considered the application and the request, the Commission finds that the filing requirements do apply; however, the Commission finds that there is good cause to grant the deviations in this case. The Commission notes that Kentucky Power filed a territory map, a relatively detailed description of the project including information related to the request for proposals, and the specifications of the meters chosen with the application. Further, the projects are not the type of projects that would typically have

engineering plans. Based the Commission granting deviations, the Commission does not need to address KRS 322.340.1

Since the application could not be deemed filed until such time as the filing requirements have been met, the Commission finds that, with the deviations, the application should be accepted for filing. The Commission notes that the filing date should be the date of the issuance of this Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. Kentucky Power's request for deviations from the filing requirements is granted.
- 2. Kentucky Power's request is granted with respect to the requirements in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 15(2)(d)(1) and Section 15(2)(d)(2).
- 3. Kentucky Power's application for a CPCN and other relief is accepted for filing as of the date this Order is entered.

¹ KRS 322.340 requires engineering plans, specifications, drawings, or plats to contain the certification by signature, seal, and stamp of an engineer certified and licensed in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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ATTEST:

Executive Director

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