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) ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE; (2)) REQUEST FOR ACCOUNTING TREATMENT;) AND (3) ALL OTHER NECESSARY WAIVERS,) APPROVALS, AND RELIEF)

CASE NO. 2024-00344

<u>ORDER</u>

On November 8, 2024, Kentucky Power Company (Kentucky Power) tendered an application for a Certification of Public Necessity (CPCN) to be issued on or before February 28, 2025, for the deployment of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI); approval of accounting treatment to establish a regulatory asset to accumulate and defer for later review and recovery the costs for 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. Within its application, Kentucky Power requested deviations for several filing requirements, if the information tendered did not satisfy the administrative regulations. On November 21, 2024, Kentucky Power filed a motion for an informal conference (IC) in this matter. On November 22, 2024, the Commission issued an Order granting the deviations and deeming the application filed as of the date of the Order.

The Commission, on its own motion, finds that a procedural schedule should be established for the orderly processing of this case. The procedural schedule is attached as an Appendix to this Order. In addition, the Commission finds that the motion for an IC should be granted. Kentucky Power requested a date of February 28, 2025, for a final Order, and the Commission agrees that one way to facilitate Kentucky Power's request is to allow for an informal conference to facilitate discussion on this application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Kentucky Power's motion for an IC is granted.

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

3. Kentucky Power shall respond to all requests for information propounded by Commission Staff, whether identified on the procedural schedule or otherwise, as provided in those requests.

4. 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. 2020-00085¹ regarding filings with the Commission.

5. 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

¹ 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).

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 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.

6. 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.

7. 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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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Executive Director

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2024-00344 DATED NOV 27 2024

Last day for intervention requests to be accepted
All initial requests for information to Kentucky Power shall be filed no later than
Informal Conference12/17/2024
Kentucky Power shall file responses to initial requests for information no later than
All supplemental requests for information to Kentucky Power shall be filed no later than01/03/2025
Kentucky Power shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than01/10/2025
Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared form shall be filed no later than01/17/2025
All requests for information to intervenors shall be filed no later than01/24/2025
Intervenors shall file responses to requests for information no later than02/05/2025
Kentucky Power shall file, in verified form, its rebuttal testimony no later than02/12/2025
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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