COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF SHELBY)CASE NO.ENERGY COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR A GENERAL)2024-00351ADJUSTMENT OF RATES))

<u>ORDER</u>

On December 10, 2024, Shelby Energy Cooperative, Inc. (Shelby Energy) filed its application for an increase of rates based on a historical test year pursuant to KRS 278.180 and KRS 278.190.¹ Shelby Energy proposed an effective date of January 1, 2025.² The Commission suspended the rates and established a procedural schedule by Order dated January 6, 2025, to ensure the orderly processing of this case.³ The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and through the Office of Rate Intervention (Attorney General), is the sole intervenor in this case.⁴

On February 28, 2025, the Attorney General's office filed notice stating that it will not submit testimony in this case.⁵ Given the absence of intervenor testimony, several of the dates in the procedural schedule established on January 6, 2025, are now moot.

⁴ Order (Ky. PSC Dec. 12, 2024).

¹ Shelby Energy tendered its application on December 5, 2024, and it was deemed deficient by letter dated December 10, 2024. Shelby Energy tendered subsequent documents and the application was deemed filed on December 10, 2024.

² Application (filed Dec. 5, 2024), Attachment to Exhibit 5, Customer Notice. However, since the application was deemed deficient, the soonest the rates could go into effect was Jan. 9, 2025.

³ Order (Ky. PSC Jan. 6, 2025).

⁵ Attorney General Notice Regarding Testimony (filed Feb. 28, 2025).

The Commission, on its own motion, finds that the procedural schedule should be amended to eliminate unnecessary dates and to direct parties to either request a hearing date or submit the case on the record by April 7, 2025. In addition, Shelby Energy should respond to the request for information attached to this Order as an Appendix on or before March 21, 2025.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The procedural schedule established on January 6, 2025, is amended to remove all dates related to intervenor testimony and subsequent data requests.

2. Shelby Energy and the Attorney General shall, on or before April 7, 2025, file a request for a hearing or a statement electing to submit the case on the record.

3. On or before March 21, 2025, Shelby Energy shall file its responses to the Commission Staff's request for information attached to this Order as an Appendix.

4. All provisions of the Commission's January 6, 2025 Order that are in conflict with the provisions of this Order are vacated, and all other provisions not in conflict shall remain in effect.

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APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2024-00351 DATED MAR 13 2025

<u>COMMISSION STAFF'S FOURTH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION</u> <u>TO SHELBY ENERGY COOPERATIVE, INC</u>.

Shelby Energy Cooperative, Inc. (Shelby Energy), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, shall file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on March 21, 2025. The Commission directs Shelby Energy to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085⁶ regarding filings with the Commission. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the question to which the response is made and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Shelby Energy shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Shelby Energy obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect or incomplete when

⁶ 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).

made or, though correct or complete when made, is now incorrect or incomplete in any material respect.

For any request to which Shelby Energy fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Shelby Energy shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall be given to copied and scanned material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, Shelby Energy shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to the Application, Exhibit 4, Tariff Sheet No. 240. The Tariff revision states that extensions to a member whose installed transformer capacity will exceed 25 kVA will be required to pay the additional cost of construction. Provide the calculation of the charge, as well as any associated materials, as it will be provided to the customer, including but not limited to each element of the calculation.

2. Refer to the Application, Exhibit 4, Tariff Sheet No. 240. The Tariff revision states that shall the member request the Cooperative to perform right-of-way (ROW) clearing, the member will be required to the pay the additional cost of ROW clearing. Provide the calculation of the charge, as well as any associated materials, as it will be explained to the customer, including each element of the calculation.

3. Refer to the Application, Exhibit 4, Tariff Sheet No. 243. The Tariff revision states that extensions to a member whose installed transformer capacity will exceed 25 kVA will be required to pay the additional cost of construction. Provide the calculation of the charge, as well as any associated materials, as it will be explained to the customer including each element of the calculation.

4. Refer to the Application, Exhibit 4, Tariff Sheet No. 243. The Tariff revision states that shall the member request the Cooperative to perform ROW clearing, the member will be required to the pay the additional cost of ROW clearing. Provide the calculation of the charge, as well as any associated materials, as it will be explained to the customer including each element of the calculation.

5. Refer to Shelby Energy's tariff on file with the Commission. For each nonrecurring charge set forth in the tariff, provide the cost justification.

a. Refer to Tariff Sheet No. 222, Reconnection Service Fee. Explain whether customers with AMI meters are subject to this fee.

b. Refer to Tariff Sheet No. 223, Collection of Delinquent Accounts. Explain whether customers with AMI meters are subject to this fee.

c. Refer to Tariff Sheet No. 245, Meter Testing. Explain whether customers with AMI meters are subject to this fee.

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