

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY	)	
UTILITIES COMPANY FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF	)	CASE NO.
ITS ELECTRIC RATES AND APPROVAL OF	)	2025-00113
CERTAIN REGULATORY AND ACCOUNTING	)	
TREATMENTS	)	

ORDER

On September 23, 2025, the United States Department of Defense and all other Executive Agencies (DOD), an intervening party in this matter, filed a motion requesting permission to attend the October 8-9, 2025 informal conference virtually. As a basis for this motion, the DOD stated that, should a federal government shut down occur, counsel for DOD, Kyle Smith, would like to appear virtually at the informal conference, or in the alternative, be excused.<sup>1</sup> In the event of a government shutdown, counsel stated he would be furloughed and could not obligate the federal funds for the travel expense.<sup>2</sup>

Having considered the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds DOD's motion is granted. Although in-person appearance would be helpful considering the size and complexity of this case, the Commission recognizes it is unreasonable to require in-person attendance of the DOD's counsel if a federal government shutdown were to occur. Mr. Smith requested virtual appearance or excusal only if the government shutdown actually occurs. The Commission finds that a

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<sup>1</sup> Motion to Appear Virtually or be Excused from Attendance (Motion) (filed Sept. 23, 2025) at 1.


<sup>2</sup> Motion at 1-2.

government shutdown would constitute good cause to allow Mr. Smith to appear virtually or be excused entirely.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the DOD's motion is granted.

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