## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF SALT RIVER	)	
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION FOR	)	CASE NO.
PASS-THROUGH OF EAST KENTUCKY POWER	)	2025-00214
COOPERATIVE, INC.'S WHOLESALE RATE	)	
ADJUSTMENT	)	

## COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO SALT RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION

Salt River Electric Cooperative Corporation (Salt River Electric), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, shall file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on September 16, 2025. The Commission directs Salt River Electric to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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).

response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Salt River Electric shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Salt River Electric obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect or incomplete when made or, though correct or complete when made, is now incorrect or incomplete in any material respect.

For any request to which Salt River Electric fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Salt River Electric 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 filling a paper containing personal information, Salt River Electric 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 Exhibit 4 of the Application, Billing Analysis. Provide the billing analysis in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas, rows, and columns unprotected and fully accessible. Reconcile Salt River Electric's allocation of the East Kentucky Power

Cooperative, Inc. (EKPC) wholesale increase to the allocation assigned by EKPC<sup>2</sup> to Salt River Electric and explain any variance shown in Exhibit 4.

- 2. Refer to Exhibit 6 of the Application, the Customer Notice.
- a. Reconcile the percent increase listed for Net Metering B2 Commercial (Rate Class 45) in the breakdown by customer classification section, as well as the average bill section.
- b. Reconcile these numbers with the numbers reflected in Exhibit 4, Page 5 of the Billing Analysis.
  - 3. Refer to the Direct Testimony of John Wolfram, Exhibit 7.
- a. Confirm that Salt River Electric's proposed rates reflect a strict proportional pass-through of EKPC's wholesale increase in accordance with KRS 278.455. If not confirmed, explain the variance.
- b. If Salt River Electric considered any deviation from strict proportionality pass-through of the wholesale rate increase, identify and explain why no such deviation was proposed.
- c. Provide the class billing determinants used to support the proportional pass-through of the wholesale rate increase.
- 4. Refer to Case No. 2023-00014,<sup>3</sup> which examined EKPC's fuel adjustment clause (FAC) adjustments and recovery.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Case No. 2025-00208, Electronic Application of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. for a General Adjustment of Rates, Approval of Depreciation Study, Amortization of Certain Regulatory Assets, and Other General Relief (filed Aug 1, 2025).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Case No. 2023-00014, An Electronic Examination of the Application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. Cooperatives from November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2022 (Ky. PSC Aug. 30, 2024), Order.

- a. Provide a reconciliation between the \$0.0117 per kWh FAC roll-in incorporated in Exhibit 4 and Salt River Electric's FAC Form A filings filed after the August 30, 2024 Order in Case No. 2023-00014. Identify any differences between the billing analysis in Exhibit 4 and the FAC recovery amounts reported in Salt River Electric's semi-annual filings.
- b. Confirm that Salt River Electric will continue to apply monthly FAC adjustments filed under 807 KAR 5:056 on customer bills following implementation of the proposed pass-through rates. If not confirmed, explain the response.
- 5. Refer to Schedule CL (Commercial Lighting Service) and Schedule LED (LED Outdoor Lighting) of Salt River Electric's current tariff.<sup>4</sup>
- a. Confirm that service under Schedule CL and Schedule LED is unmetered and billed on a per-light, per-month basis. If not confirmed, explain the response.
- b. Provide the assumed monthly kWh per fixture by type used in the billing analysis and show how those assumptions translate into the proposed monthly charges.
- c. Explain how the FAC roll-in is reflected for Schedule CL and Schedule LED.
- 6. Describe how bills will be calculated for service periods that straddle the effective date of the new retail rates, consistent with its current billing cycle and tariff provisions.
- a. State whether any portion of the bill will be prorated, and identify which components (customer, energy, demand, lighting) are prorated and which are not.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Salt River Electric Cooperative Corporation Tariff (last changed June 27, 2025).

- b. Describe the allocation method used to split usage/charges between the pre- and post-effective-date portions (e.g., by calendar days, meter-read splits, interval-data allocation), and provide the formulas used.
- c. Identify any tariff provisions, internal policies/procedures, or billingsystem constraints relied upon in calculating the billing calculations described.
- 7. Refer to Exhibit 4 of the Application, Billing Analysis, page 3, Large Power LLP-1 energy charge. Refer also to Exhibit 2, Proposed Tariffs, Large Power Service (Over 37.5 Under 500 KW) Schedule LLP-1 and Exhibit 3, page 1. The billing analysis gives a proposed energy charge of \$0.080110 per kWh while Exhibits 2 and 3 state \$0.08011 per kWh. Explain why the last 0 was not included in Exhibits 2 and 3.
- 8. Refer to Exhibit 4 of the Application, Billing Analysis, generally. Refer also to Exhibit 2, Proposed Tariffs, generally. Net Metering, Net Metering LLP-1 Large Power, Net Metering B2 Commercial, and Prepaid Metering were all included in the billing analysis without a proposed tariff associated with the proposed rate changes. Provide an updated tariff to support the changes made to the net metering rates.
- 9. Refer to Exhibit 4 of the Application, Billing Analysis, generally. Refer also to Exhibit 6, Customer Notice, page 26J. Net Metering, Net Metering LLP-1 Large Power, Net Metering B2 Commercial, and Prepaid Metering were all included in the billing analysis, but the Present and Proposed Rates table did not include the rate changes. Explain why the net metering rates were excluded from that table in the customer notice.
- 10. Refer to Exhibit 4 of the Application, Billing Analysis, page 2. Explain why the Farm & Home Service Prepay Charge per Day rate is not proposed to receive an increase.

11. Refer to Exhibit 4 of the Application, Billing Analysis, page 5. Refer also to Exhibit 6, Customer Notice, page 26L. The table in the customer notice showing the class bill increase in dollars and percent does not match the bill impacts outlined in the billing analysis for Prepaid Metering. Explain the discrepancy and confirm which bill impacts are correct.

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