

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF APACHE GAS)	
TRANSMISSION COMPANY, INC. FOR)	CASE NO.
APPROVAL OF THE AUTHORITY TO OBTAIN)	2025-00301
FINANCING)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO APACHE GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY, INC.

Apache Gas Transmission Company, Inc. (Apache), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, shall file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on or before October 27, 2025. The Commission directs Apache to the Commission's July 22, 2021, Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ 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

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).

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

Apache shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Apache 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 Apache fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Apache 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, Apache 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, generally. Explain how Apache plans to repay the proposed Small Business Administration (SBA) Microloan and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP) Loan.

2. Refer to the Application, Exhibit C, *Apache Gas Transmission Company Assumptions and Financial Projections (2026-2028)*, pages 3 and 4. Explain how Apache

will repay the proposed loans in months where it does not have sufficient revenues to cover its current debt service.

3. Explain what due diligence was performed to evaluate alternative financing options with potentially lower interest rates or more favorable terms, beyond the two loans proposed and provide a summary of the loan options that were evaluated and a justification for why the chosen loans were deemed the most advantageous for the company and its customers.

4. Refer to the Application, Exhibit B, *Loan Approval Notification* and Exhibit C, *Breakdown of Funds*.

a. Confirm that the 2026 Pipeline Replacement Program and the 2026 Main Replacement Program are two separate programs. If confirmed, provide a list of the projects for each program as well as the associated estimated expenses.

b. Explain how the remaining amount of the loan will be allocated.

c. Explain why Apache chose to utilize two distinct loans for these projects instead of a single financing instrument.

d. Quantify the amount of savings resulting from the two distinct loans being secured at the same time. Include in the response, workpapers to support the calculations and provide a narrative explanation for how excess indebtedness achieves savings in this case.

5. Refer to the Application, Exhibit C, USDA RMAP LOAN (Loan A) and SBA Microloan (Loan B). Explain the start date of both loans in the amortization schedule based on Apache's application being accepted for filing until September 24, 2025, after all deficiencies had been cured.

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