

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY)	
POWER COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)	
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO)	CASE NO.
EXPAND AND UPGRADE PORTIONS OF THE)	2025-00335
BAKER SUBSTATION IN LAWRENCE COUNTY,)	
KENTUCKY (BAKER REACTOR BREAKER)	
PROJECT))	

ORDER

On October 29, 2025, Kentucky Power Company (Kentucky Power) filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the expansion and upgrade of Kentucky Power's Baker Substation in Lawrence County, Kentucky. 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 Appendix A to this Order.

Additionally, the Commission finds that Kentucky Power should respond to Commission Staff's requests for information as directed whether identified on the procedural schedule or otherwise, as provided in those requests. A request for information from Commission Staff is attached as Appendix B to this Order.

KRS 278.020(9) requires the Commission to issue a decision no later than 90 days after the application is filed unless the Commission extends this period, for good cause, to 120 days. Due to the nature of the case and the issues involved, the Commission finds that good cause exists in this matter to warrant such an extension to permit the

Commission to thoroughly review the application. Therefore, the Commission will continue the application 120 days, up to and including February 27, 2026.

In the event the Commission determines a hearing is necessary, Kentucky Power shall comply with the hearing requirements stated herein. Any hearing scheduled in this matter shall be held on the designated day or days and continued until called from the bench by the presiding officer. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 2, if the hearing is not concluded on the designated day, the hearing may be continued upon verbal announcement by the presiding officer. A verbal announcement made by the presiding officer shall be proper notice of the continued hearing. Hearings are held in the Richard Raff Hearing Room at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky. Witnesses who sponsor schedules, testimony, or responses to requests for information are expected to participate in person at a hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The procedural schedule set forth in Appendix A to this Order shall be followed.
2. 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.
3. Pursuant to KRS 278.020(9), this application shall be continued to 120 days, up to and including February 27, 2026.
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 person requesting permissive intervention in a Commission proceeding is required to demonstrate either (1) a special interest in the proceeding that is not otherwise adequately represented in the case, or (2) that intervention is likely to present issues or develop 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. Kentucky Power shall give notice of the hearing in compliance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2)(b). In addition, the notice of hearing shall include the following statements: "This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed by connecting to the YouTube link posted on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov" the day of the hearing, and "Public

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).

comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to provide public comments may do so by arriving at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, before the start of the hearing.” At the time the notice is mailed or publication is requested, Kentucky Power shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

8. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.

9. Any hearing scheduled in this matter shall be held on the designated day or days and continued until called from the bench by the presiding officer. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 2, if the hearing is not concluded on the designated day, the hearing shall be continued upon verbal announcement by the presiding officer. A verbal announcement made by the presiding officer shall be proper notice of the continued hearing.

10. Witnesses who sponsor schedules, testimony, or responses to requests for information shall participate in person at any hearing scheduled in this matter.

11. Kentucky Power shall file a witness list at least fourteen days prior to the hearing date.

12. Pursuant to KRS 278.360 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(9), a digital video recording shall be made of the hearing.

13. 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.

14. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions to substitute witnesses or excuse witnesses from testifying at Commission hearings. Accordingly,


motions to substitute witnesses or excuse a witness from testifying at a Commission hearing or from testifying in person at a Commission hearing shall be made in writing at least 14 days prior to the hearing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

15. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Commissioner


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director



APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2025-00335 DATED NOV 25 2025

Last day for intervention requests to be accepted..... 12/09/2025

Kentucky Power shall file responses to initial requests for
information no later than..... 12/09/2025

All supplemental requests for information to Kentucky Power
shall be filed no later than 12/22/2025

Kentucky Power shall file responses to supplemental requests
for information no later than 01/05/2026

Last day for parties to request a public hearing or submit a
request for the matter be decided based upon the written record 01/12/2026

APPENDIX B

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2025-00335 DATED NOV 25 2025

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY

Kentucky Power Company (Kentucky Power), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, shall file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due December 9, 2025. The Commission directs Kentucky Power to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085² 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.

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

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

For any request to which Kentucky Power fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Kentucky Power 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, Kentucky Power 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, pages 2-3, paragraph 4. Identify the independent power producers (IPPs) connected to Kentucky Power's system, including:
 - a. The voltage level each IPP is connected to Kentucky Power's system; and
 - b. The location of each IPP.
2. Refer to the Application, page 4, paragraph 11. Also refer to Exhibit 10, page 1.
 - a. Describe in greater detail how a reactor functions to control voltage levels and fluctuations in current during varying system conditions.

b. Explain why reactors need to be switched on or off to manage low or high voltage conditions or to allow for safe transfer/switching.

3. Refer to the Application, page 5, paragraph 13.

a. Explain if the TC Energy gas line is a transmission or distribution gas line.

b. Explain the size of the gas line and the operating pressure.

c. Confirm that Kentucky Power will be financially responsible for the physical removal of the pipe.

d. Explain which party will be responsible for physically relocating the gas line.

e. Explain whether the relocation of the gas line will impact the supply of natural gas to the Big Sandy Unit.

4. Refer to the Application, page 6, which states “Kentucky Power’s allocation of total AEP East Zonal costs in [sic] roughly 5.62%, so the Company will be responsible for approximately \$1.35 million of the total costs” Refer also to the Application filed in Case No. 2024-00283, page 5, paragraph 16.³ Explain how the costs of the proposed project that Kentucky Power is responsible for remained constant at approximately \$1.35 million when the total cost of the project increased by approximately 25 percent and there were no changes to Kentucky Power’s allocation of total AEP East Zonal costs.

³ Case No. 2024-00283, *Electronic Application of Kentucky Power Company for a Declaratory Order that the Proposed Installation of a New Three-Phase Reactor Circuit Breaker and Associated Construction at the Baker Substation in Lawrence County, Kentucky is an Ordinary Extension in the Usual Course of Business and Does Not Require a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity* (filed Sept. 4, 2024), Application.

5. Refer to the Application, page 7, paragraph 23, where Kentucky Power states that “The majority of the Project will be performed within Company-owned property.” Refer also to the Application, page 8, paragraph 25, where Kentucky Power states “. . . the Project will be performed entirely within Company property”

a. Confirm that the entirety of the proposed project will be performed within Kentucky Power’s property. If not confirmed, explain how much of the proposed project will be performed outside of Kentucky Power-owned property.

b. If the entirety of the proposed project will not be performed within Kentucky Power’s property, explain what activities will be performed outside of Kentucky Power-owned property.

6. Refer to the Application, Exhibit 4. Provide an expanded view map showing and identifying all the Baker substation 345 kV and 765 kV transmission lines and the next substation interconnection points for each line.

7. Refer to the Application Exhibit 5. Provide an expanded view of Exhibit 5 showing where the gas pipeline will be relocated.

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