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Case No. 2026-00001

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In the Matter of:

Electronic Application of Kentucky Power Company for Approval of (1) A Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a Mechanical Draft Cooling Tower at the Mitchell Generating Station, (2) Approval of Regulatory Assets, and (3) All Other Required Approvals and Relief

Case No. [2026-00001](#)

Motion to Take Official Notice of Prior Testimony and Request for Clarification

Comes now **Zachary Tackett**, a Kentucky Power ratepayer, and

respectfully moves the Commission to take official notice of Kentucky Power Company's testimony and evidence submitted in Case No. [2025-00175](#) and requests clarification concerning the relationship between that proceeding and the present application.

Background

In Case No. [2025-00175](#), Kentucky Power sought Commission approval of significant capital investments associated with continuing operation of the Mitchell Generating Station beyond December 31, 2028.

As part of that proceeding, Company witness Joshua D. Snodgrass testified that both Mitchell units had undergone extensive cooling tower upgrades and repairs that were intended to extend the useful life of the cooling systems, improve plant efficiency and reliability, and prevent future outages for repairs.

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The Commission entered its Final Order in that proceeding on **December 30, 2025**, approving continued investment in the Mitchell Generating Station.

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The Commission's docket reflects that on **January 5, 2026**, six days after entry of that Final Order, Kentucky Power filed a Notice of Intent stating its intention to seek approval for construction of a new mechanical-draft cooling tower. The Company subsequently filed the present application on **February 17, 2026**.

Basis for this Motion

The undersigned makes **no allegation of misconduct** and recognizes that engineering conditions can change over time.

However, the close proximity between the Commission's approval of significant Mitchell investments and Kentucky Power's subsequent filing seeking approval for a substantial additional capital project raises

legitimate questions concerning the chronology of events and the completeness of the information available to the Commission during Case No. [2025-00175](#).

Because this proceeding concerns the same generating facility and closely related capital investments, clarification will assist the Commission in evaluating whether all reasonably foreseeable costs associated with continued operation of the Mitchell Generating Station have been fully presented.

Request for Clarification

The undersigned respectfully requests that Kentucky Power provide the following information:

1. The date on which Kentucky Power first concluded that construction of a new mechanical-draft cooling tower was reasonably foreseeable.
2. The date of the earliest engineering report, structural assessment, inspection, consultant recommendation, or other technical evaluation identifying conditions that ultimately led to the filing of this application.
3. Whether any such engineering reports, inspections, consultant recommendations, or structural evaluations were completed before **December 30, 2025**, and, if so, when Kentucky Power first became aware of their conclusions.
4. Whether the cooling tower improvements described in Case No. [2025-00175](#) relate to the same cooling tower structures or systems that are the subject of this proceeding.
5. What remaining useful life Kentucky Power expected the previously completed cooling tower upgrades to provide at the time testimony was presented in Case No. [2025-00175](#).
6. Whether Kentucky Power had identified the need for a new mechanical-draft cooling tower before the Commission entered its Final Order in Case No. [2025-00175](#).
7. If so, whether the anticipated cost of the proposed cooling tower was incorporated into any economic, least-cost, production-cost, or revenue requirement analyses supporting continued operation of the Mitchell Generating Station in Case No. [2025-00175](#).
8. If the need for the proposed cooling tower was not identified until

after December 30, 2025, what material engineering, operational, or structural information became available after that date that resulted in the filing of this application.

9. Whether the Mitchell Operating Committee, Kentucky Power management, American Electric Power Service Corporation, or Wheeling Power authorized, discussed, or approved pursuit of a replacement cooling tower before December 30, 2025, and, if so, the dates of those actions.

Conclusion

The undersigned respectfully submits that these questions are directly relevant to the Commission's evaluation of this application and will assist both the Commission and the public in understanding the relationship between the investments previously approved in Case No. [2025-00175](#) and the additional capital investment now requested.

This Motion is not intended to suggest wrongdoing by any party. Rather, it seeks clarification regarding the chronology of Kentucky Power's engineering evaluations, planning process, and capital investment decisions to ensure that the Commission has a complete and accurate record before rendering its decision.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Commission:

1. Take official notice of the relevant testimony and filings from Case No. [2025-00175](#);
2. Direct Kentucky Power to provide the requested clarification; and
3. Grant any further relief the Commission deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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