

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY)	
POWER COMPANY FOR AN ORDER)	
APPROVING ACCOUNTING PRACTICES TO)	
ESTABLISH A REGULATORY ASSET RELATED)	CASE NO.
TO THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES)	2026-00101
INCURRED BY KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY)	
IN CONNECTION WITH THE MAJOR JANUARY)	
2026 STORM EVENT)	

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 on May 26, 2026. The Commission directs Kentucky Power 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

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).

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 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, Exhibit 2. Provide a fully itemized breakdown, in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas, columns, and rows unprotected and fully accessible, reflecting the estimated jurisdictional incremental Operations & Maintenance

(O&M) costs associated with the January 25, 2026 Major Event storm (Winter Storm Fern). The response should include at minimum:

- a. Labor (regular and overtime, separately stated);
- b. Contract costs by vendor;
- c. Materials and supplies by category; and
- d. Any overhead allocations.

2. Refer to the Application, paragraph 6. Explain, in detail, the methodology used to determine incremental O&M costs, including:

- a. How costs embedded in base rates were excluded;
- b. Any allocation factors applied; and
- c. All assumptions used in developing the incremental cost estimate.

3. Refer to the Application and Exhibit 2. Provide a reconciliation between the following items:

- a. Total storm costs;
- b. Capitalized costs;
- c. Incremental O&M costs; and
- d. Any other excluded or deferred amounts.

4. Refer to the Application, paragraph 23.

a. The information provided in the application is incomplete. Provide the number of damaged transformers and broken poles.

b. Confirm whether the reported damage (including transformers, cross arms, poles, and conductor spans) represents final or preliminary figures. If preliminary,

consider this an ongoing request to provide the updated totals throughout the pendency of this case.

5. Refer to the Application, paragraph 41. Provide the expected timeline for when the actual storm-related costs will be finalized and filed with the Commission.

6. Refer to the Application, paragraph 41. Explain the process used to develop the preliminary cost estimates, including what costs were known versus estimated at the time of filing, any contingency factors applied, and expected margin of error.

7. State whether Kentucky Power expects to receive insurance proceeds, monetary grants, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assistance, or other federal/state funding related to Winter Storm Fern. If so:

- a. Provide estimated amounts; and
- b. Explain how such amounts will be reflected in the requested deferral.

8. Explain any new efforts Kentucky Power is taking to harden its distribution and transmission systems against future storms as a result of Winter Storm Fern. Provide any documentation demonstrating these efforts.

9. Refer to Application, paragraph 22. Explain how Kentucky Power chooses the “contract employees” to participate in storm damage restoration efforts.

10. Refer to the Application, paragraphs 36-37.

a. Provide the amount of storm damage expense that Kentucky Power is authorized to embed in base rates for major storm events.

b. Confirm whether Kentucky Power exhausted the amount of storm damage expense embedded in base rates prior to the time Winter Storm Fern occurred. If not confirmed, explain and provide the remaining amount.

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