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Kentucky utility regulators approve EKPC's proposal for Data Center Power tariff

East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC) today applauded the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) for approving its proposal for a Data Center Power (DCP) tariff, which establishes parameters for providing electric service to data centers that locate in areas served by one of EKPC's 16 owner-member electric cooperatives.

"EKPC's new DCP tariff ensures all cooperative members are treated fairly when data centers are developed in Kentucky and consume large amounts of electricity," said President & CEO Anthony "Tony" Campbell. "Data centers will provide the infrastructure enabling the next era of progress in science, technology, productivity, communications, and even national security. EKPC is establishing the tools to accommodate that infrastructure if it locates in Kentucky. I want to thank the commissioners and staff for their careful review and approval of the cooperative's plan for serving these loads."

In crafting its proposal for the new tariff, EKPC studied the experiences of other electric utilities and communities around the U.S. where data centers have been established in recent years, said EKPC General Counsel David Samford.

"EKPC recognizes data center developments provide an opportunity for tremendous benefits to local communities and wider regions in terms of jobs, investment and tax base," Samford said. "Due to the large scale of some proposed projects, energy agreements must be structured from the outset to ensure costs and risks are appropriately identified and allocated to data centers and to protect other cooperative members, which is the goal of this new tariff."

The tariff creates a new customer class for data centers, and implements requirements to:

- Assure that costs and risks are appropriately identified and allocated between new data center loads and traditional residential, commercial and industrial members.
- Prevent other cooperative members from paying for infrastructure, upgrades and any other costs the cooperative may incur to serve data centers.

- Ensure data centers bear the cost of new infrastructure dedicated to their service, and provide sufficient cash flow for EKPC and the local electric distribution cooperative to provide large amounts of electricity.
- Obtain financial protections for existing members in the event a data center closes before the end of their contract.
- Require developers of data center projects exceeding 250 megawatts to provide a power supply plan with a dedicated resource in order to minimize risk to other members.

The new DCP tariff applies to data center loads of 15 megawatts or greater that have high load factors, meaning they operate at a high capacity most of the time. A special contract must be established between each eligible data center, EKPC and the local retail cooperative. EKPC proposed the new rate structure in April.

EKPC is committed to working with prospective data center developers to provide public information when appropriate about the facilities' energy needs and how meeting those needs will affect surrounding communities. EKPC informs the governor's office and Economic Development Cabinet of new large loads that propose to locate in cooperative territories.

EKPC and its 16 owner-member electric cooperatives have a legal obligation to provide electric service to all homes, businesses, factories and other entities that choose to locate in the cooperatives' service territories.

EKPC has been contacted by a number of developers proposing to establish data centers in various parts of the 89-county region served by 16 owner-member electric cooperatives. Due to the unique energy needs involved in many of these proposals, EKPC has taken a proactive role to engage developers early in the process to understand their needs and EKPC's options for meeting those needs.

EKPC is a generation and transmission electric cooperative that provides wholesale electricity to 16 owner-member cooperatives that serve 1.1 million Kentucky and thousands of businesses across 89 counties. EKPC owns and operates traditional power plants in Mason, Pulaski, Clark and Oldham counties, as renewable energy plants in Barren, Boone, Clark, Greenup and Pendleton counties, along with nearly 3,000 mile of electric transmission lines. Learn more at www.ekpc.coop.

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Pulaski counties; natural gas-fueled plants in Clark and Oldham counties; renewable energy plants in Barren, Boone, Clark, Greenup, Hardin and Pendleton counties; and nearly 3,000 miles of transmission lines. Together, EKPC and its 16 owner-member cooperatives are known as Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives. Visit EKPC at www.ekpc.coop.

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