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# FEDERAL EXPRESS

Ms. Sharla Dillon Docket Room Manager Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-0505

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Re: In The Matter of the Petition of Kentucky Utilities Company for an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Securities and the Assumption of Obligations - Docket 09-00190

Dear Ms. Dillon:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are the original and four copies of the Order of the Virginia State Corporation Commission (VSCC Case No. PUE-2009-00130) approving the issuance of the long-term debt which is also the subject of Docket No. 09-00190. A copy of this filing has been made electronically.

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(TN Bar Association No. 022399)

TJE/dvg Enclosures

ce: Kendrick R. Riggs, Esq. John Wade Hendricks, Esq. Allyson K. Sturgeon, Esq.

## COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

#### STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, DECEMBER 28, 2009

CLERK'S OFFICE

APPLICATION OF

2009 DEC 28 1 2: 11

KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY d/b/a OLD DOMINION POWER COMPANY CASE NO. PUE 2009-001300111801

For authority to issue securities under Chapter 3 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia and to engage in an affiliate transaction under Chapter 4 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia

## ORDER GRANTING AUTHORITY

On December 4, 2009, Kentucky Utilities Company d/b/a/ Old Dominion Power Company ("Applicant" or the "Company"), filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") requesting authority to issue securities under Chapter 3 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia ("Code") and to engage in an affiliate transaction under Chapter 4 of Title 56 of the Code. Applicant paid the requisite fee of \$250.

Applicant requests authority to issue up to \$225,000,000 of long-term debt ("Proposed Debt") during the 2010 calendar year to Fidelia Corporation ("Fidelia"). The proposed transaction constitutes an affiliate transaction under Chapter 4 of Title 56 of the Code since Fidelia is the finance company subsidiary of E.ON AG ("E.ON"), the ultimate parent holding company of Applicant. The rate of interest on the Proposed Debt will depend on market conditions at the time of issuance and the term of maturity. The interest rate may be fixed or variable; however, the term of maturity will not exceed thirty years. Applicant further states that the interest rate on all borrowings will be at the lowest of: i) the effective cost of capital for E.ON; ii) the effective cost of capital as

determined by reference to the Company's cost of a direct borrowing from an independent third party for a comparable term loan.

The Proposed Debt will be in the form of unsecured notes to Fidelia, subject to the terms of the loan agreement as set forth in the application. Applicant further requests authority to enter into one or more interest rate hedging agreements that may be in the form of a T-bill lock, swap, or similar agreement ("Hedging Facility") designed to lock in the underlying interest rate on Proposed Debt in advance of closing on the loan.

The Company states that proceeds from the Proposed Debt will be used during 2010 for routine and ongoing upgrades and expansions related to its distribution and transmission systems and other capital projects including, but not limited to, pollution control facilities, and to refinance existing debt obligations.

THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of the application and having been advised by the Staff of the Division of Economics and Finance, is of the opinion and finds that approval of the application will not be detrimental to the public interest.

# Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1) Applicant is hereby authorized to issue and deliver the Proposed Debt in the form of unsecured notes in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$225,000,000 in the manner and for the purposes as set forth in its application, through the period ending December 31, 2010.
- 2) Applicant is authorized to execute, deliver and perform the obligations of the Company under, *inter alia*, the loan agreement with Fidelia, the Proposed Debt authorized in Ordering Paragraph (1), and such other agreements and documents as set out in its application and to perform the transactions contemplated by such agreements.

- 3) Applicant shall submit a Preliminary Report of Action within ten (10) days after the issuance of any securities pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (1) to include the type of security, the issuance date, amount of the issue, the interest rate, the maturity date, and a brief explanation of reasons for the term of maturity chosen.
- 4) Within sixty (60) days after the end of each calendar quarter in which any of the Proposed Debt is issued pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (1), Applicant shall file with the Commission a detailed Report of Action with respect to all Proposed Debt issued during the calendar quarter to include:
- (a) The issuance date, type of security, amount issued, interest rate, date of maturity, issuance expenses realized to date, net proceeds to Applicant, and an updated cost/benefit analysis that reflects the impact of any Hedging Facility for any Proposed Debt issued to refund other outstanding debt prior to maturity, if an update is applicable;
- (b) A summary of the specific terms and conditions of each Hedging Facility and an explanation of how it functions to lock in the interest rate on an associated issuance of Proposed Debt; and
- (c) The cumulative principal amount of Proposed Debt issued under the authority granted herein and the amount remaining to be issued.
- 5) Applicant shall file a final Report of Action on or before March 31, 2011, to include all information required in Ordering Paragraph (4) along with a balance sheet that reflects the capital structure following the issuance of the Proposed Debt. Applicant's final Report of Action shall further provide a detailed account of all the actual expenses and fees paid to date for the Proposed Debt with an explanation of any variances from the estimated expenses contained in the Financing Summary attached to the application.

- 6) Approval of the application shall have no implications for ratemaking purposes.
- 7) The approval granted herein shall not preclude the Commission from exercising the provisions of §§ 56-78 and 56-80 of the Code.
- 8) The Commission reserves the authority to examine the books and records of any affiliate in connection with the approval granted herein whether or not the Commission regulates such affiliate.
- 9) This matter shall be continued, subject to the continuing review, audit, and appropriate directive of the Commission.

AN ATTESTED COPY hereof shall be sent by the Clerk of the Commission to:

Kendrick R. Riggs, Esquire, Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC, 1700 PNC Plaza, 500 West Jefferson

Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202; Daniel K. Arbough, Director, Corporate Finance and

Treasurer, Kentucky Utilities Company, 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202; and
a copy shall be delivered to the Commission's Office of General Counsel and Division of

Economics and Finance.