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Re: Docket No. 16-00001- First Request of Energy Coalition of America, LLC to Kingsport Power Company for Interrogatories and Production of Documents

Dear Chairman Hillard:

Enclosed for filing are the original and four copies of Energy Freedom Coalition of America, LLC's First Request to Kingsport Power Company for Interrogatories and Production of Documents.

Thank you for your assistance regarding this matter. If you have any questions, or if I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS	

# FIRST REQUEST OF ENERGY FREEDOM COALITION OF AMERICA, LLC TO KINGSPORT POWER COMPANY FOR INTERROGATORIES AND PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

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COMES NOW Energy Freedom Coalition of America, LLC ("EFCA"), by and through undersigned counsel, hereby serves this Discovery Request upon Kingsport Power Company ("Kingsport"), pursuant to Rule 26, 33, 34, and 36 of the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure and Tenn. Comp. R. & Reg. 1220-1-2-.11. We request that full complete responses be provided pursuant to the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure. The responses are to be produced to counsel for EFCA at the following address: Attn: Charles B. Welch,

Esq., Farris Bobango, PLC, 414 Union Street, Suite 1105, Nashville, Tennessee 37219 on or before March 31, 2016 as required by the Scheduling Order entered in this Docket.

#### PRELIMINARY MATTERS AND DEFINITIONS

Please answer each question separately and in the order that it is asked. The numbers of the answers should correspond to the number of the Data Request being answered. Following each answer, please identify the person or persons responsible for the answer and indicate what person or witness provided responsive information or documents, and where applicable, what witness will sponsor each answer in testimony.

In response to the data requests seeking the production of documents, please produce all responsive documents for inspection and copying unaltered and/or unredacted as they are kept in the usual course of business and organize and label them to correspond to the categories in this request. If the requested documents are kept in an electronic format, you shall produce the requested documents in such format. If any part of a document is responsive to any request, the whole document is to be produced. If there has been any alteration, modification, or addition to a document (whether in paper form or electronic), including any margin notes, handwritten notes, underlining, date stamps, received stamps, attachments, distribution lists, drafts, revisions or redlines, each such alteration, modification or addition is to be considered a separate document.

As used in these requests, the singular shall also be treated as plural and vice-versa. If you are unable to respond fully and completely to a document request, you shall explain the reasons why you are unable to do so. The terms defined above and the individual requests for information should be construed broadly to the fullest extent of their meaning in a good faith effort to comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

This request is directed to all documents and information in your custody or control. A document is deemed to be in your custody or control if you have possession of the document, have the right to secure such document or communication from another person having possession thereof, or the document or communication is reasonably available to you, including those documents or communications in the custody or control of your company's present employees, attorneys, agents, or other persons acting on its behalf and its affiliates. In response to requests for production of documents contained in these data

requests, you shall produce the document, including all appendices, exhibits, schedules, and attachments, that is most relevant to the request.

If you are unable to produce a document or information based on a claim that the document is not in your custody or control, state the whereabouts of such document or information when it was last in your possession, custody or control, and provide a detailed description of the reason the document is no longer in your possession, custody or control, and the manner in which it was removed from your possession, custody or control.

These data requests are continuing in nature, and should there be a change in circumstances which would modify or change an answer supplied by your company, then in such case, you should change or modify such answer and submit such changed answer as a supplement to the original answer. Further, should a subsequent version(s) of a document have been created or exist as of the date of these data requests, such version(s) must be produced. Where prior versions or drafts of documents exist, please produce all such documents in your possession, custody or control.

The term "communication" includes, without limitation of its generality, correspondence, email, statements, agreements, contracts, reports, white papers, users guides, job aids, discussions, conversations, speeches, meetings, remarks, questions, answers, panel discussions and symposia, whether written or oral. The term includes, without limitation of its generality, both communications and statements which are face-to-face and those which are transmitted by documents or by media such as intercoms, telephones, television, radio, electronic mail or the Internet.

The term "document," as used herein, shall have the same meaning and scope as contained in Rule 34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and shall include, without Imitation, all written, reported, recorded, magnetic, graphic, photographic matter, however produced or reproduced, which is now, or was at any time, in the possession, custody, or control of your company and its affiliates including, but not limited to, all reports, memoranda, notes (including reports, memoranda, notes of telephone, email or oral conversations and conferences), financial reports, data records, letters, envelopes, telegrams, messages, electronic mail (e-mail), studies, analyses, books, articles, magazines, newspapers, booklets, circulars, bulletins, notices, instructions, accounts, pamphlets, pictures, films, maps, work papers, arithmetical computations, minutes of all communications of any type (including inter- and intra-office communications), purchase

orders, invoices, statements of account, questionnaires, surveys, graphs, recordings, video or audio tapes, punch cards, magnetic tapes, discs, data cells, drums, printouts, records of any sort of meeting, invoices, diaries, and other data compilations from which information can be obtained, including drafts of the foregoing items and copies or reproductions of the foregoing upon which notations and writings have been made which do not appear on the originals.

The term "identify" or "identifying" means:

- a. When used in reference to <u>natural persons</u>: (1) full name; (2) last known address and telephone number; (3) whether the person is currently employed by, associated or affiliated with Kingsport; (4) that person's current or former position; and (5) dates of employment, association or affiliation.
- b. When used in reference to a <u>document:</u> (1) its author; (2) actual and intended recipient(s); (3) date of creation; and (4) brief description of its contents.
- c. When used in reference to a <u>communication</u>: (1) whether the communication was oral or written; (2) the identity of the communicator; (3) the person receiving the communication; and (4) the location of the communicator and the person receiving the information, if the communication was oral.

The terms "you," "your," "yours," or "your company" means Kingsport and its parent, affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, agents, attorneys, employees, representatives, agents, and consultants.

## FIRST INTERROGATORIES AND REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF

#### **DOCUMENTS**

1. Please provide any workpapers supporting or relating to Kingsport's cost allocation studies (described in the testimony and exhibits of Company Witnesses Buck) and rate design proposals (described in the testimony and exhibits of Company Witness Caudill).

2. With respect to the testimony of Company Witness Castle at page 5, lines 20-21, please provide any communications or written documents (including, but not limited to, letters, emails, reports, analyses or studies) relating to the Company's decision "to close its current Rider N.M.S. to new customers at the end of 2016."

#### **RESPONSE:**

- 3. With respect to the testimony of Company Witness Castle at page 6, lines 7-8, please provide any communications or written documents (including, but not limited to, letters, emails, reports, analyses or studies) which support or relate to the claimed "cross-subsidization that occurs with the current net metering construct."
  - a. With respect to the claimed "cross-subsidization that occurs with the current net metering construct," did Kingsport consider any other rate proposals (including, but not limited to, rate schedules, rate structures, fees or surcharges) to address this issue? If so, please provide any communications or written documents (including, but not limited to, letters, emails, reports, analyses or studies) which support or relate to such other rate proposals.
  - b. How does the proposed Rider N.M.S.-2 "reduce or eliminate the claimed cross-subsidization"? Please provide any workpapers or other calculations which support or relate to this reduction or elimination of claimed cross-subsidization.

#### RESPONSE:

- 4. With respect to the testimony of Company Witness Castle at page 6, lines 8-11, please provide any workpapers or other calculations which support or relate to the "large portion of fixed charges" that are effectively avoided by customers served on a tariff not having a demand charge.
  - a. What are the total "fixed charges" associated with serving a customer on Rider N.M.S.? Please provide any workpapers or supporting calculations with respect to such fixed charges.
  - b. What is a "large portion" of these fixed charges? Please provide any workpapers or supporting calculations with respect to the determination of such "large portion."

- 5. With respect to the testimony of Company Witness Castle at page 6, line 11, please provide any workpapers or other calculations which support or relate to the "avoided fixed costs that must be recovered from other customers."
  - a. With respect to the claimed "avoided fixed costs that must be recovered from other customers," did Kingsport consider any other rate proposals (including, but not limited to, rate schedules, rate structures, fees or surcharges) to address this issue? If so, please provide any communications or written documents (including, but not limited to, letters, emails, reports, analyses or studies) which support or relate to such other rate proposals.

#### **RESPONSE:**

6. With respect to the development of its Rider N.M.S.-2, did Kingsport consider or review (1) similar rate filings or proposals from other utilities, (2) precedent from other jurisdictions, or (3) reports, studies or analyses, that address or relate to the claimed cross-subsidization that occurs under net metering tariffs lacking a demand meter or that value excess generation at the "fully delivered cost"? If so, please provide a copy of any such rate filings or proposals, orders from other jurisdictions constituting such precedent, or such reports, studies, or analyses.

#### **RESPONSE:**

7. With respect to the testimony of Company Witness Castle at page 6, lines 12-13, please provide any workpapers or other calculations which support or relate to the "fixed infrastructure" utilized by participating customers.

#### **RESPONSE:**

- 8. With respect to the testimony of Company Witness Castle at page 11, lines 13-14, please provide the basis for the statement that excess generation will effectively be valued "at the Company's cost to purchase that generation from other sources." Please provide any workpapers or other calculations which support or relate to "the Company's cost to purchase that generation from other sources."
  - a. How is "the Company's cost to purchase that generation from other sources" calculated?
  - b. Does such calculation include all costs associated with procuring and delivering such generation from other sources? Please explain, and include any workpapers or other calculations which support or relate to such costs.

#### **RESPONSE:**

9. With respect to the testimony of Company Witness Castle at page 6, lines 7-11, in calculating the claimed "cross- subsidization" that occurs when excess generation is valued at the fully delivered cost or retail rate, did the Company take into account costs that are avoided, or benefits that are produced, by having such excess generation produced on the customer's side of the meter rather than delivered by the Company (e.g., avoided T&D infrastructure costs; avoided line losses; benefits of increased system resilience and increased power quality; environmental benefits associated with reduced greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from distributed energy resources versus the Company's generating portfolio; and demand- induced benefits through the reduction in wholesale power prices due to reduction in peak loads)? If so, please provide any workpapers or other calculations which support or relate to the inclusion of such costs that are avoided, or benefits that are produced, by having such excess generation produced on the customer's side of the meter rather than delivered by the Company. If not, please explain why such avoided costs, or benefits produced, were not considered by the Company in determining the claimed "cross-

subsidization" that occurs when excess generation is valued at the fully delivered cost or retail rate.

#### **RESPONSE:**

- 10. With respect to the testimony of Company Witness Buck at page 26, Table 4, the "Going Level ROR" for the Residential Class improves from -9.96% to a "Proposed ROR" of -0.33% under the Company's proposal.
  - a. Please describe the impact of the introduction of a demand charge for Rider N.M.S.-2 and Tariff R.S.-D. on this improvement in ROR. Please provide any supporting calculations or workpapers.
  - b. What would the "Proposed ROR" for the residential class be without the introduction of a demand charge for Rider N.M.S.-2 and Tariff R.S.-D.? Please provide any supporting calculations or workpapers.
  - c. Please describe the impact of the reduction in the energy rate for excess generation to "the Company's cost to purchase that generation from other sources" (Castle, page 6, lines 13-14) in Rider N.M.S.-2 and Tariff R.S.-D. on this improvement in ROR. Please provide any supporting calculations or workpapers.
  - d. What would the "Proposed ROR" for the residential class be without the reduction in the energy rate for excess generation "to the Company's cost to purchase that generation from other sources" (Castle, page 6, lines 13-14) for Rider N.M.S.-2 and Tariff R.S.-D. Please provide any supporting calculations or workpapers.

#### **RESPONSE:**

- 11. With respect to the testimony of Company Witness Buck at page 26, Table 4, the "Going Level ROR" for the Small General Service Class improves from 15.91% to a "Proposed ROR" of 19.51% under the Company's proposal. Please describe the impact of the introduction of a demand charge for Rider N.M.S.-2 and Tariff S.G.S.-D. on this improvement in ROR. Please provide any supporting calculations or workpapers.
  - a. What would the "Proposed ROR" for the residential class be without the introduction of a demand charge for Rider N.M.S.-2 and Tariff S.G.S.-D.? Please provide any supporting calculations or workpapers.
  - b. Please describe the impact of the reduction in the energy rate for excess generation to "the Company's cost to purchase that generation from other sources" (Castle, page 6, lines 13-14) in Rider N.M.S.-2 and Tariff S.G.S.-D. on this improvement in ROR. Please provide any supporting calculations or workpapers.
  - c. What would the "Proposed ROR" for the residential class be without the reduction in the energy rate for excess generation to "the Company's cost to purchase that generation from other sources" (Castle, page 6, lines 13-14) for Rider N.M.S.-2 and Tariff S.G.S.-D. Please provide any supporting calculations or workpapers.

- 12. With respect to the testimony of Company Witness Buck at page 26, Table 4, the "Going Level ROR" for the Medium General Service Class improves from 10.07% to a "Proposed ROR" of 14.59% under the Company's proposal. Please describe the impact of the introduction of a demand charge for Tariff M.G.S. on this improvement in ROR. Please provide any supporting calculations or workpapers.
  - a. What would the "Proposed ROR" for the residential class be without the introduction of a demand charge for Tariff M.G.S.? Please provide any supporting calculations or workpapers.

#### **RESPONSE:**

13. With respect to the Company's Class Cost of Service Study (KgPCo Exhibit No. 3 (DRB)) (CCOS), please explain how any calculations or findings support or relate to the statement in Mr. Castle's testimony regarding the claimed "cross-subsidization that occurs with the current net metering construct." (Page 6, lines 7-8) Please identify what elements, calculations or findings in the CCOS support or relate to Mr. Castle's statement.

#### **RESPONSE:**

14. With respect to the Company's Class Cost of Service Study (KgPCo Exhibit No. 3 (DRB)) (CCOS), please explain how any calculations or findings support or relate to the statement in Mr. Castle's testimony regarding the need to incorporate demand meters so that "participating customers will be charged for the fixed infrastructure they utilize." (Page 6, lines 12-13) Please identify what elements, calculations or findings in the CCOS support or relate to Mr. Castle's statement.

#### **RESPONSE:**

15. With respect to the Company's Class Cost of Service Study (KgPCo Exhibit No. 3 (DRB)) (CCOS), please explain how any calculations or findings support or relate to the statement in Mr. Castle's testimony regarding the need to value customers' excess generation "at the Company's cost to purchase that generation from other sources." (Page 6, lines 13-14) Please identify what elements, calculations or findings in the CCOS support or relate to Mr. Castle's statement.

#### **RESPONSE:**

16. With respect to the Company's Class Cost of Service Study (KgPCo Exhibit No. 3 (DRB)) (CCOS), please explain how any calculations or findings support or relate to the basis for including demand charges in proposed Tariff R.S.-D. Please identify what elements, calculations or findings in the CCOS support or relate to the inclusion of demand charges in proposed Tariff R.S.-D.

#### **RESPONSE:**

17. With respect to the Company's Class Cost of Service Study (KgPCo Exhibit No. 3 (DRB)) (CCOS), please explain how any calculations or findings support or relate to the

basis for including demand charges in proposed Tariff S.G.S.-D. Please identify what elements, calculations or findings in the CCOS support or relate to the inclusion of demand charges in proposed Tariff S.G.S.-D.

#### **RESPONSE:**

18. With respect to the Company's Class Cost of Service Study (KgPCo Exhibit No. 3 (DRB)) (CCOS), please explain how any calculations or findings support or relate to the basis for including demand charges in proposed Tariff M.G.S. Please identify what elements, calculations or findings in the CCOS support or relate to the inclusion of demand charges in proposed Tariff M.G.S.

#### **RESPONSE:**

19. With respect to the Company's Class Cost of Service Study (KgPCo Exhibit No. 3 (DRB)) (CCOS), please explain how any calculations or findings support or relate to the basis for an energy charge in proposed Tariff R.S.-D. that is less than the energy charge in proposed Tariff R.S. Please identify what elements, calculations or findings in the CCOS support or relate to the reduced energy charge in proposed Tariff R.S.-D.

#### RESPONSE:

20. With respect to the Company's Class Cost of Service Study (KgPCo Exhibit No. 3 (DRB)) (CCOS), please explain how any calculations or findings support or relate to the basis for an energy charge in proposed Tariff S.G.S.-D. that is less than the energy charges in proposed Tariff S.G.S. Please identify what elements, calculations or findings in the CCOS support or relate to the reduced energy charge in proposed Tariff S.G.S.-D.

#### **RESPONSE:**

- 21. With respect to the testimony of Company Witness Caudill at page 10, lines 1-2, please explain the basis for the statement that the Company is proposing "an improvement to the language related to customer excess generation" in Rider N.M.S.-2. Please describe how the language was changed, and how the language change constitutes an "improvement."
  - a. Why was an "improvement" necessary? Please provide any communications or written documents (including, but not limited to, letters, emails, reports, analyses or studies) relating to the decision to "improve" the language related to customer excess generation.

#### **RESPONSE:**

22. With respect to KgPCo Exhibit No. 1 (TAC) at page 1, the Company indicates that it has 69 average monthly customers served under S.G.S.-N.M. How many residential customers are currently served under Rider N.M.S.?

23. With respect to KgPCo Exhibit No. 1 (TAC) at page 1, the customers served under S.G.S.-N.M. would experience a 10.43% increase under the Company's proposal (column 5). What estimated increase would residential customers currently served under Rider N.M.S. receive if they were served under the Company's proposed Rider N.M.S.-2? Please provide supporting calculations.

#### **RESPONSE:**

24. Identify each individual responding to these interrogatories and requests for production of documents. Affirm that the individual is authorized by Kingsport to respond on the Company's behalf.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument has been served via electronic email submission or regular U.S. mail to all parties of record in this proceeding on March 31, 2016.

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