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Re:

Petition of Kingsport Power Company d/b/a AEP Appalachian Power for Approval of its Targeted Reliability Plan, and its TRP & MS Rider, an Alternative Rate Mechanism and Motion for Protective Order

Docket No. 17-000032

Dear Chairman Price:

Enclosed herewith is Kingsport Power's AFFDAVIT OF PUBLICATION for filing in the captioned docket. We shall be shipping the original and four (4) copies via FED EX for Monday delivery.

If you have any questions, please contact the writer.

Very sincerely yours,

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NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:

PETITION OF KINGSPORT POWER COMPANY d/b/a AEP APPALACHIAN POWER FOR APPROVAL OF ALTERNATIVE RATE MECHANISM (OR RIDER) AND MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

DOCKET NO.: 17-000032

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Comes Kingsport Power Company d/b/a AEP Appalachian Power, by counsel, and files herewith the AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION relative to the public notice in this docket which was published in the Kingsport Times News, the newspaper of general circulation in the service territory of Kingsport Power, on the 12th day of July, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Kingsport Power Company d/b/a AEP Appalachian Power ("Company") filed a Petition with the Tennessee Public Utility Commission ("TPUC") on April 19, 2017, Docket No. 17-00032, proposing an Alternative Rate Mechanism ("ARM"), in the form of a Rider, to recover from, or refund to, the Company's customers, the costs associated with distribution reliability and major storm restoration that differ from cost levels included in the Company's base rates. The distribution reliability program (the "Targeted Reliability Plan") would consist of a vegetation management component ("vegetation management program") and a distribution system improvement component ("system improvement program"). The vegetation management program would transition the Company to a four-year ongoing vegetation management cycle, which will initially require a concentrated and accelerated effort of rights-ofway clearing. The system improvement program would focus on circuit improvements, circuit inspections and maintenance, and station improvements designed to improve reliability and protect the distribution system from storms and other events. The major storm component would allow the Company to track and recover the actual costs associated with major storms, such as snow and ice storms. The approval of the ARM would not immediately change customer rates. The Rider rates would initially be set to zero. However, approximately one year after TPUC approval of the ARM, and annually thereafter, the Company would submit filings, to be reviewed and ruled upon by the TPUC, with rates or factors designed to recover actual Targeted Reliability Plan and major storm costs not recovered in base rates. A complete copy of the Company's Petition, Exhibits, Pre-Filed Testimony and proposed Rider are on file with the TPUC (https://www.tn.gov/tpuc) and are also available for public inspection at the Company's local office located at 420 Riverport Road, Kingsport, TN 37660-3500. The matter will be set for hearing on August 15, 2017, beginning at 1:00 p.m. C.D.T., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, in the TPUC's Hearing Room on the ground floor of the Andrew Jackson State Office Building, 500 Deaderick Street, Nashville, Tennessee.