

**Report on the Progress Made in Expediting
Pole Attachment Requests for Broadband Service in Kentucky**

**A Report to the
Legislative Research Commission
for Referral to
the Interim Joint Committee on
Natural Resources and Energy
Pursuant to S.J.R. 175 from the 2024 Regular Session**

**by the
Kentucky Public Service Commission**

September 30, 2026

Executive Summary

S.J.R. 175, 2024, a joint resolution “facilitating the deployment of broadband internet service to unserved and underserved citizens in the Commonwealth and declaring an emergency,” recognized the importance of broadband internet access to broadband internet service and that lack of internet access in rural areas places unserved or underserved citizens at a disadvantage. S.J.R. 175, 2024 noted that broadband providers have and will receive significant monies to fund broadband deployment in the Commonwealth and found that the PSC should make every effort to remove unnecessary delays in how broadband attachment requests are received and processed by pole-owning utilities.

S.J.R. 175, 2024 directed the PSC to promulgate emergency amendments to its pole attachment regulations to, among other things, expedite the processing of broadband requests for pole attachments, reduce the backlog of pole attachment requests and establish parameters to expedite the processing of pole attachment requests for unserved and underserved areas. S.J.R. 175, 2024 directed the PSC to establish a docket on pole attachment issues to receive comments from affected parties and find resolutions that will expedite pole attachment requests and broadband deployment. Finally, S.J.R. 175, 2024 directed the PSC to prepare and submit a quarterly report to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the Interim Joint Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, beginning September 30, 2024. This report is submitted as the ninth quarterly report in fulfillment of the legislative mandate.

Background

Pursuant to KRS Chapters 74, 278, 279, and parts of 61, the PSC is obligated to ensure that rates for electric, gas, water, sewer, and telecommunications services are fair, just and reasonable. In addition to its regulation of utility rates, the PSC is also responsible for ensuring that utility services are adequate, efficient and reasonable. The nearly 1,100 utilities under the PSC jurisdiction include investor-owned and cooperative electric companies, natural gas distributors and pipeline companies, water and sewer providers including districts, associations and investor-owned utilities, and cooperative telephone companies. The PSC does not regulate the rates and service of utilities subject to the control of cities or rural electric cooperatives served by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

The United States Congress, on February 21, 1978, by Public Law 95-234, 92 Stat. 33, 47 U.S.C. § 224, amended the Federal Communications Act to grant regulatory jurisdiction over cable television (CATV) pole attachments to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in those states which did not exercise such regulation. The new law exempted cooperative-formed electric and telephone utilities from the FCC's pole attachment jurisdiction. Congress, however, allowed states to "reverse preempt" the FCC and assert state jurisdiction over CATV attachments to utility poles.

Several Kentucky utilities requested that the PSC exercise "reverse preemption" and, in August 1981, the PSC issued an order asserting jurisdiction over CATV attachments and reverse preempted the FCC. See, PSC Case No. 8040, *The Regulation of Rates, Terms and Conditions for the Provision of Pole Attachment Space to Cable Television Systems by Telephone Companies* (Ky. PSC Aug. 26, 1981). Unlike the FCC's jurisdiction, the PSC's jurisdiction over CATV attachments extended to electric and telephone cooperatives. Kentucky is currently one of 24 states and the District of Columbia that exercise jurisdiction over pole attachments.

The Kentucky Court of Appeals denied a jurisdictional challenge from several CATV providers finding that the PSC had, "jurisdiction over the utility companies, and that jurisdiction extends to their poles and the "services" and "rates" generated by pole attachment agreements." *Kentucky CATV Ass'n v. Volz*, 675 S.W.2d 393, 396 (Ky. App. 1983).

The PSC also adopted a methodology for calculating pole attachment rates. See, *The Adoption of a Standard Methodology for Establishing Rates for CATV Pole Attachments*, (Ky. PSC Sept. 17, 1982). The PSC required pole-owning utilities to file pole attachment tariffs setting out the rates and conditions of service for CATV attachments.

From the early eighties until the late 2010s, the PSC handled issues relating to pole attachments, including non-CATV attachments, on an *ad hoc* basis. The PSC would address these issues through Staff Opinions or Orders as required by the nature of each case. However, as broadband deployment increased, and to a lesser extent requests to

attach small cell antennas, it became apparent that a comprehensive regulation was necessary to address the increasing importance of third-party pole attachments.

The PSC, thus, in late 2019, completed a draft of a new regulation designed to comprehensively address pole attachments to the poles of jurisdictional utilities. In February of 2020 the PSC sent the proposed regulation to interested parties and held several meetings in February and March 2020 with the intent of promulgating the regulation by May 2020. The PSC had to postpone several meetings and the filing of the regulation due to COVID-19 but in December of 2020 the PSC restarted the meetings relating to the proposed pole attachment regulation.

The PSC, therefore, was well situated to promulgate a pole attachment regulation when, during the 2021 Regular Session, the General Assembly, on March 30, 2021, enacted House Bill 320, 2021 Ky. Acts ch. 171, sec. 1, which required, among other things, that the PSC, by December 31, 2021, promulgate regulations regarding pole attachments, including those necessary for the provisions of broadband service.

The PSC filed the new broadband regulation (codified as 807 KAR 5:015) with the Legislative Research Commission on May 14, 2021, more than seven months before the deadline established by the General Assembly. 807 KAR 5:015 became effective in late January 2022 and pole owning utilities filed conforming tariffs on or before February 28, 2022. The Kentucky Broadband and Cable Association (KBCA) filed objections to each filed tariff and, pursuant to KRS 278.190, the PSC suspended the utilities' proposed pole attachment tariffs to conduct further investigation of the tariffs. On December 22, 2022, the PSC issued Orders approving, with modifications, the utilities' various tariffs.

The PSC, after promulgating 807 KAR 5:015 and approving pole attachment tariffs, received no complaints from utilities or attachers regarding problems with the implementation of the new pole attachment regime. The PSC first became aware that attachers had issues with how pole attachments were being processed when members of KBCA raised these concerns at the December 11, 2023, meeting of the Investments in Information Technology Improvement & Modernization Projects Oversight Board.

In response to these newly discovered concerns the PSC, on December 14, 2023, initiated a case to "create a stakeholder process to discuss and investigate issues and lessons learned relating to pole attachments." The purpose of the case was, "to identify issues regarding pole attachments, particularly regarding the extension of broadband services that might be addressed through changes in the regulations, rules, or tariffs governing pole attachments." See Case No. 2023-00416, *Electronic Investigation of Pole Attachments*, (Order issued Dec. 14, 2023). The PSC convened a series of conferences between stakeholders to determine what changes, if any, were necessary to address issues arising from requests for pole attachments.

This background information is intended only to outline the efforts the PSC has taken to regulate pole attachments prior to the enactment of S.J.R. 175, 2024.

Efforts to Expedite Broadband Deployment

The Commission, on February 25, 2025, filed with the Legislative Research Commission emergency amendments to 807 KAR 5:015 and filed ordinary amendments to 807 KAR 5:015. The public comment hearing for the emergency amendments was held on April 29, 2025 and the public comment hearing for the ordinary amendments was held on May 29, 2025. The Commission did not amend the emergency amendments or the amendments to the ordinary regulation. Both the emergency amendments and the ordinary amendments passed through the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee. The ordinary amendments were on the agenda for the September 18, 2025 meeting of the Interim Joint Committee on Natural Resources and Energy. The Joint Committee took no action on the ordinary amendments and they are now in effect.

The PSC, in the open docket Case No.2023-00416, in addition to already hosting eight stakeholder conferences in 2024 to resolve issues pertaining to pole attachments, has established recurring filing requirements for pole owners and attachers. The Commission now requires quarterly updates on backlogs of pole attachment applications, as well as statistical information from all pole owners, except for rural local exchange carriers, relating to the number and time of processing of pole attachment applications. This information will assist the PSC in determining where significant bottlenecks occur in the pole attachment process, inform the PSC and stakeholders what changes would be necessary to address the bottlenecks, and help provide the Commission and General Assembly a clearer view of the state of broadband pole attachments in Kentucky. Attached to this report are the most recent updates on backlogs on pole attachments filed with the Commission in mid-March 2026.

Since the implementation of the pole attachment regulation, 807 KAR 5:015, in March 2022, no attacher has filed a complaint against a utility.

In the fourth quarter of 2025, the PSC received several proposed pole attachment tariffs filed pursuant to the ordinary amendments to 807 KAR 5:015 went into effect in 2025. The Commission received objections to some proposed tariff provisions, and pursuant to KRS 278.190, suspended certain proposed tariff amendments for further investigation. Final orders concerning the tariffs are due no later than mid-October 2026.

In March 2026, Commission Staff facilitated a meeting between an attacher and a utility based on concerns raised by an attacher informally that certain make-ready work would not be completed in time for the attacher to meet required deadlines due in large part to the unavailability of contractors. The parties developed an action plan that they indicated they expected would allow make-ready work to be completed in time.

In July 2026, final orders were issued into the investigation of the proposed pole attachment tariffs for Louisville Gas and Electric Company, Kentucky Utilities Company, and all of Kentucky's Rural Electric Cooperatives.

In August 2026, Commission Staff testified in front of the Interim Joint Committee on Natural Resources and Energy to give an update on the broadband requests for utility pole attachments.

POLES CURRENTLY IN EACH PHASE OF PROCESS (as of September 11, 2026)						
STATUS	RESPONSIBLE	TOTAL POLES	POLES ON TIME	POLES LATE	% POLES ON TIME	% POLES LATE
FIELD SURVEY and ENGINEERING (30 days)	KU	61	61	0	100%	0%
RESUBMIT NEEDED (no timeline)	CHARTER	430	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MAKE READY ESTIMATE (14 days)	KU	0	0	0	N/A%	N/A
MAKE READY PAYMENT (14 days)	CHARTER	385	0	385	0%	100%
MAKE READY CONSTRUCTION (no timeline)	KU	205	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
AWAITING FOREIGN OWNED POLE REPLACEMENT		1,125	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
COMMS MAKE READY / INSTALLATION (60 days)	CHARTER	12,564	495	12,069	3.9%	96.1%
POST-CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION (60 days)	KU	8,398	6,240	2,158	74.3%	25.7%
INSTALLATION DEFECT DETECTED	CHARTER	305	24	281	8%	92%
COMPLETE	N/A	756	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TRANSMISSION (no timeline)	KU	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CANCELLED		3,523	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

CUMULATIVE POLES PROCESSED SINCE MARCH 1, 2024 (as of September 11, 2026)						
STATUS	RESPONSIBLE	TOTAL POLES	POLES ON TIME	POLES LATE	% POLES ON TIME	% POLES LATE
FIELD SURVEY and ENGINEERING (30 days)	KU	32,592	31,509	1,083	96.7%	3.3%
MAKE READY ESTIMATE (14 days)	KU	30,583	24,567	5,871	80.3%	19.2%
MAKE READY PAYMENT (14 days)	CHARTER	30,287	4,971	25,316	16.4%	83.6%
MAKE READY CONSTRUCTION (no timeline)	KU	31,903	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
COMMS MAKE READY / INSTALLATION (60 days)	CHARTER	30,348	5,302	25,046	17.5%	82.5%
POST-CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION (60 days)	KU	16,807	10,977	5,830	65.3%	34.7%
INSTALLATION DEFECT DETECTED	CHARTER	8,625	546/2131	1585/2131	25.6%	74.4%
COMPLETE	N/A	756	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TRANSMISSION (no timeline)	KU	3,280	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CANCELED	N/A	3,523	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

* 37,259 Poles have been submitted in the high volume plan. These total exclude canceled applications. Applications containing Transmission poles, and poles later removed from applications.

VERIFICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)
)
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)

The undersigned, Jason P. Jones, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Sr. Manager, Vegetation Management Strategy, Optimization and Pole Attachments for LG&E and KU Services Company, that he has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing report, and that the content thereof is true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge, and belief.



Jason P. Jones

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said County and State, this 14th day of September 2026.



Notary Public

Notary Public ID No. KYNP61560

My Commission Expires:

November 9, 2026





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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

September 15, 2026

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Re: Case No. 2023-00416
In the Matter of: Electronic Investigation of Pole Attachments

Dear Mr. McNeil:

In its May 27, 2025 Order in the above captioned case, the Commission found “updates to the ‘backlog’ should be filed with the Commission,” with term “backlog” referring to “pending applications that have frequently been referred to in this proceeding as the ‘backlog.’”¹

Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Energy Kentucky or the Company) had not been involved in the previous conversations regarding “backlog” in this proceeding nor had it been requested to submit prior pole attachment updates and does not believe that it is a party to the “backlog.” For example, a May 2, 2024 pole attachment update by the Kentucky Broadband and Cable Association noted that “Duke” is not included due to being a “Low volume entit[y].”² While other subsequent updates make no mention of the Company at all.³ Thus, it does not seem that the “backlog” reporting requirement was intended to apply to Duke Energy Kentucky.

However, until the matter of the applicability of this reporting requirement to Duke Energy Kentucky is clarified, the Company submits the below backlog update as of September 9, 2026, providing the information requested by the Commission.⁴

¹ Order, p. 1 (May 27, 2025).

² Charter Communications Kentucky Pole Attachment Application Data, Exhibit I (“Low volume entities not shown. (AT&T, Cincinnati Bell/Alta Fiber, Duke, Grayson, Jackson, Kenergy, KY Power, Meade, South KY, Taylor County, Windstream)”) (May 2, 2024).

³ See, e.g., Supplemental Information (Dec. 11, 2024).

⁴ Order, p. 1 (“[W]hether the application is waiting on actions from the pole owner or the attacher, what that action is, and the number of attachments not timely addressed under the timelines provided for in 807 KAR 5:015”) (May 27, 2025).

Additionally, in its May 27, 2025, Order, the Commission found:

[P]ole owners, excluding rural local exchange carriers, should be required to file quarterly reports, beginning September 15, 2025, and continuing until further Order of the Commission. The information in these updates should include: the number of pole-attachment requests received; processing time for the request; whether make-ready is required; the time to complete make-ready; and the number of attachment requests completed in the quarter.⁵

Accordingly, Duke Energy Kentucky submits below this additional quarterly report as of September 9, 2026, providing the information requested by the Commission.

Quarterly Backlog Report

As of September 9, 2026, there are 669 pending applications to make attachments to 6,658 Duke Energy Kentucky poles, of which 4,558 poles have been approved.⁶

For pending applications where the attachments have not yet been attached to the pole, there appear to be a total of 146 poles waiting on action by the Company and 2,161 poles waiting on action by the attacher:

- **718** poles are in **Proposal** status, waiting on the attacher to complete and submit the application;
- **29** poles are in **Reply** status, waiting on the Company to respond;
- **216** poles are in **Acknowledgment** status, waiting on the attacher to acknowledge the approved or denied permit in the system;
- **117** poles are in **DEK Construction** status, waiting on the Company to notify the attacher that make-ready is complete; and,
- **1,218** poles are in **Attacher Construction** status, waiting on the attacher to notify the Company that their construction is completed so a post inspection can take place to verify the route was built as designed.

After the completion of the **DEK Construction** and **Attacher Construction** statuses, the attachment is attached to the pole. During the remaining stages below, the application remains pending in the Company's system, but telecommunications customers should already be benefiting from the attachment.

⁵ Order, p. 2 (May 27, 2025).

⁶ The data in this letter does not include banners.

- **794** poles are in **DEK Post Inspection** status, waiting on the Company to notify the attacher that it has completed inspection and verified the route was built in accordance with engineering;
- **9** poles are in **Attacher Conclusion** status, waiting on the attacher to close the completed permit application; and,
- **3,557** poles are in **DEK Conclusion** status, waiting on the Company to invoice the attacher or close the completed permit application.

According to the Company's system, a total of 3 poles, associated with a single application submitted in 2019, appear to fall out of the timelines provided in 807 KAR 5:015.

Quarterly Report

In the previous quarter (beginning June 2, 2026), Duke Energy Kentucky received two pole-attachment requests, as of September 9, 2026:

- One was submitted in June and was rejected due to an incomplete application. It was submitted correctly in July and is in the engineering phase.
- One was submitted in June and was rejected due to an incomplete application. It was submitted correctly in August and is in the engineering phase.

The total number of pole-attachment requests completed during the previous quarter was zero.

I certify that the electronically filed document is a true and accurate copy of the original document and that there are currently no parties in this proceeding that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means. Pursuant to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085, no paper copies of this filing will be made.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Larisa M. Vaysman

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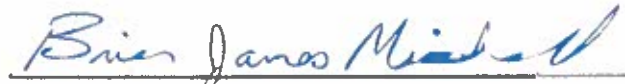
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VERIFICATION

STATE OF OHIO)
)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) SS:

The undersigned, Brian James Minshall, Senior Joint Use Specialist, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing quarterly report, and that the information contained therein is true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.


Brian James Minshall, Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Brian James Minshall on this 15th day of September, 2026.


NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: July 8, 2027



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September 15, 2026

Via Electronic Filing System

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RE: *In the Matter of Electronic Investigation of Pole Attachments*, Case No. 2023-00416

Dear Executive Director Bridwell:

Attached please find Kentucky Electric Cooperatives' (the "Cooperatives")¹ quarterly pole attachment update filed pursuant to the Kentucky Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") May 27, 2025 Order in the above-referenced case (the "Order").

In compliance with the Order and ordering paragraph 1 thereof, **Exhibit 1** provides an update of the Cooperatives' pole attachment data as of or about August 31, 2026 (the "Ordering Paragraph 1 Report").² As with prior reports, this report does not include requests to overlash given that they are subject to a different review process than other attachments under 807 KAR 5:015 and have not been part of the "backlog" in this proceeding.

¹ The following electric cooperatives are jurisdictional utilities that were made party to this case by Order: Big Rivers Electric Corporation; Big Sandy RECC; Blue Grass Energy Cooperative Corporation; Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc.; Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc.; Farmers RECC; Fleming-Mason Energy Cooperative; Grayson RECC; Inter-County Energy Cooperative Corporation; Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation; Jackson Purchase Energy Corporation; Kenergy Corporation; Licking Valley RECC; Meade County RECC; Nolin RECC; Owen Electric Cooperative; Salt River Electric Cooperative Corporation; Shelby Energy Cooperative, Inc.; South Kentucky RECC; and Taylor County RECC. Although this filing speaks on behalf of the group's common interests, each cooperative reserves the right to also address issues on an individual basis throughout this proceeding.

² Exhibit 1 includes data from Blue Grass Energy Cooperative Corporation, Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc., Fleming-Mason Energy Cooperative, Inter-County Energy Cooperative Corporation, Owen Electric Cooperative, Salt River Electric Cooperative Corporation, Shelby Energy Cooperative, Inc., South Kentucky RECC, and Taylor County RECC – the Cooperatives that have been reporting on the "backlog" with Charter. The remaining Cooperatives, specifically, Big Rivers Electric Corporation, Big Sandy RECC, Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc., Farmers RECC, Grayson RECC, Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation, Jackson Purchase Energy Corporation, Kenergy Corporation, Licking Valley RECC, Meade County RECC, and Nolin RECC do not have a pole attachment "backlog" with Charter.

In compliance with ordering paragraph 2 of the Order, **Exhibit 2** provides an update on the number of pole attachment requests received and completed during the quarter ending on or about August 31, 2026 (the “Ordering Paragraph 2 Report”).

The Ordering Paragraph 1 Report (Exhibit 1) cumulatively reflects that:

- The Cooperatives completed surveys of 895 poles this quarter.
- The Cooperatives have approved permits to attach to 99,364 poles.
- There are 41,170 poles that are currently ready for attachment.
- The Cooperatives approved 10,641 poles for attachment during the quarter.
- A large portion of the Cooperatives’ effort this quarter has been focused on performing make-ready construction. The Cooperatives have been coordinating with Charter during this process to ensure that Charter is apprised of the relevant timelines and that Charter may be prepared for attachment once make-ready construction is completed.
- The high number of cancelled permit applications for Owen Electric are the result of Charter converting submitted pole attachment applications to overlash requests.

The Ordering Paragraph 2 Report (Exhibit 2) cumulatively reflects that:

- The Cooperatives routinely complete make-ready by or before the regulatory deadline.
- The median percentage of requests that require make-ready is 82%.

In addition, the Cooperatives generally complete their tasks (initial review, surveys, and make-ready) in the pole attachment process within the regulatory timeframes absent extenuating circumstances.³

As is evidenced by these quarterly reports, the Cooperatives are continuing to process pole

³ As reflected in Exhibit 2, Salt River Electric Cooperative Corporation reported an average of 124 days in construction for this quarter. This relatively heightened average was the result of efforts to mitigate against crop damage pending harvest.

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attachment requests within the timeframes established under 807 KAR 5:015, despite the increasing number of pole attachment requests.

Sincerely yours,

DINSMORE & SHOHL LLP

/s/ Edward T. Depp

Edward T. Depp

Attachment

Certification

I hereby certify that a copy of this filing has been served electronically on all parties of record through the use of the Commission's electronic filing system, and there are currently no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means. Pursuant to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085, a paper copy of this filing has not been transmitted to the Commission.

/s/ Edward T. Depp

Counsel to Kentucky Electric Cooperatives

Type		Joint-Use Permit To Attach		Column Labels		Sum of Pole Count Row Labels		Clark Energy Fleming-Mason Enel Inter-County Ener Owen Electr Salt Rive Shelby South Kentucky RE Taylor County RE Grand Total						
		Blue Grass Energy		3		4		0						
Pre-Draft	Attacher			101		229		4				101		
Review for Completeness	Pole Owner			14		4		3				14		
	Attacher			3		43		16				158		
Survey	Pole Owner			7		120		1499				1499		
	Both Parties			9		1656		52				1656		
Make Ready Estimate	Attacher			480		305		852				480		
				464		22		13				464		
Construction	Pole Owner			1994		429		2103				1994		
	Attacher			8114		1432		632				8114		
Post Inspection	Pole Owner			7223		2660		6568				7223		
	Attacher			8272		1234		5182				8272		
True Up	Pole Owner			550		21		264				550		
				121		27		41				121		
No Action Needed				1123		580		378				1123		
				7247		19379		14938				7247		
Grand Total				27945		7247		19379				27945		
				6695		12008		15799				6695		
				2817		115746						2817		

Cooperative	Applications Received	Applications Completed	MR Required?	Average Days in Construction
Big Rivers	0	0	0	0
Big Sandy	1	1	0%	0
Bluegrass Energy	16	31	83.87%	24
Clark Energy	6	15	80.00%	47
Cumberland Valley	2	0	100.00%	90
Fleming-Mason Energy	7	69	78.26%	22
Farmers	0	0	0.00%	0
Grayson	10	12	58.00%	62
Inter-County	21	43	100.00%	9
Jackson Energy	13	13	6.00%	5
Jackson Purchase	13	0	100.00%	All within Regulations
Kenergy	0	4	100.00%	93
Licking Valley	1	0	100.00%	All within Regulations
Meade County	0	0	0.00%	0
Nolin	0	0	0.00%	0
Owen Electric	4	5	40.00%	60
Salt River	8	18	100%	124
Shelby	1	4	100%	All within Regulations
South Kentucky	7	93	100.00%	6
Taylor County	10	15	93.33%	23

Since January 1, 2024, excluding submissions by Kentucky Power's ILEC joint use partners, third parties have submitted proposals (i.e., applications) for 2,263 poles. Those 2,263 poles fall collectively into the following statuses:

Status	Number of Poles
Initiated	0
Pending	1,969
Payment Pending	0
Construction	8
Authorized	0
Approved	85
Post-Inspect	28
Cancelled	173
TOTAL	2,263

The following is a brief explanation of each status:

“Initiated” means the proposal has been submitted to Kentucky Power but not yet assigned to vendor for survey and engineering, either because Kentucky Power needs additional information before assigning the proposal to a vendor or because Kentucky Power has not yet completed its internal review.

“Pending” means the proposal has been assigned to a vendor for survey and engineering and includes proposals on which the survey and engineering are complete, but the applicant has not yet paid the make-ready estimate.

“Payment Pending” means the make-ready invoice has been sent but not paid.

“Construction” means the make-ready estimate has been paid and the make-ready work is currently being performed by Kentucky Power.

“Authorized” means construction is complete and the completion notice has been sent to the applicant. Applicant to notify KPCO when work is complete.

“Approved” means the attachment has approval and is attached to Kentucky Power's poles.

“Post-Inspect” means a proposal has been released for installation of attachments by the applicant and Kentucky Power is awaiting notice of completion.

“Cancelled” means the application has withdrawn the proposal.

Windstream Kentucky East LLC
Windstream Kentucky West LLC

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**PUBLIC SERVICE
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Monday, September 14, 2026

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Re: Windstream Kentucky East LLC & Windstream Kentucky West LLC
Compliance Filing – Quarterly Pole Attachment Report – Case No. 2023-00416

Dear Ms. Engle:

Windstream Kentucky East LLC and Windstream Kentucky West LLC respectfully submit the attached quarterly pole attachment report for Quarter Ended August 31, 2026, as required by Commission Order on May 27, 2025.

If the Commission Staff would prefer the information in another format or if additional information is required, please advise.

Sincerely,

Jie Cui

Jie Cui
Senior Analyst-Regulatory

Enclosures

Quarterly Pole Attachment Report

Pole Owner(s): Windstream Kentucky East, LLC & Windstream Kentucky West, LLC

Reporting Period Covered: June 1, 2026 – August 31, 2026

I. Number of Pole-Attachment Requests Received:

Number of Applications	Number of Poles
27	525

II. Processing Time for Requests:

Number of Applications Processed	Average Processing Time
18*	4.43 Days

Notes:

** Applications not processed are all pending application fee payments.*

III. Is Make-Ready Required?

Make-Ready Required?	Number of Make-Ready Surveys Completed
Yes	18 applications covering 219 Poles

IV. Time to Complete Make-Ready Work:

Number of Completed Make-Ready Work	Average Time
40*	50

Notes:

** Make-Ready payments are pending on 12 pending applications, 40 are currently pending field survey, and 17 requests are under make ready construction, 15 requests are pending payment for the application fee, thus, no work has occurred. 40 licenses issued for requests with completed make ready work*

V. Number of Attachment Requested Completed in the Quarter:

*40 requests covering 549 poles
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Notes:

** See Make-Ready note in Section IV above.*



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REQUESTS RECEIVED

Requests Received
Containing 1 or More Pole
Attachment

21

Proposed Pole Attachments
Associated With Requests
Received

Structure Type	Qty
Pole/Meet Me	2
Overlash/Rebuild	71
Pole	341
Total	314

This data is based on requests that were received during the quarter shown for this report

MAKE-READY REQUIRED

Requests Received Containing 1
or More Pole Attachment
Requiring Make-Ready

7

Proposed Pole Attachments
Associated With Requests
Requiring Make-Ready

Structure Type	Qty
Pole	136
Total	136

The proposed pole attachment data is based on the total structures associated with a request that requires make-ready on at least one of the structures associated with the request and may include structures that do not require make-ready. Some requests received during the quarter shown for this report have not completed the survey stage to determine if make-ready is required.

PROCESSING TIME

AVG Processing Time (Days)

39.21

Attachments Associated
with Requests

Structure Type	Qty
Pole	325
Total	325

This data is based on requests that did not require make-ready and were permitted in the quarter shown for this report and requests that require make-ready and the quote has been sent to the new attach in the quarter shown for this report. These requests may have been received in previous quarters.

COMPLETED REQUESTS

Requests Completed

39

Attachments Associated
with Completed Requests

Structure Type	Qty
Overlash/Rebuild	71
Pole	527
Total	598

This data is based on requests that were completed in the quarter shown for this report but may have been received in previous quarters. For purposes of this report, completed requests are defined as requests where all processing, make-ready construction and post-inspection work has been completed.



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SIMPLE MAKE-READY TIMELINE

Average Days to Complete

36

Items Transferred, Placed or
Removed

400

This data is based on requests where the associated make-ready was completed within the quarter shown and all of the make-ready required meets the FCC definition of simple make-ready.

COMPLEX MAKE-READY TIMELINE

Average Days to Complete

222

Items Transferred, Placed or
Removed

627

This data is based on requests where the associated make-ready was completed within the quarter shown and had at least one make-ready required that meets the FCC definition of complex make-ready.



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Co-Op Update

POLE OWNERS UTILIZING ALDEN ONE

Greater Stage	Responsible Party	Status	Blue Grass Energy	Clark Energy	Fleming-Mason Energy	Inter-County Energy	Owen Electric	Shelby Energy Cooperative	South Kentucky RECC	Taylor County RECC	Grand Total
Survey	Pole Owner	Survey	3	1	3	259	124				390
	Pole Owner	Survey Overdue	6				4				10
	Pole Owner	Survey Review		43	1					1	45
	Pole Owner	Survey Review Overdue	3		10					4	17
Review	Pole Owner	Review	29	28	810	34	1,671		56		2,628
	Attacher	Reverse Application					229				229
Make Ready	Pole Owner	Make-Ready Construction Pending	58	480	1	404	143		36	4	717
	Attacher	Awaiting Customer Response		7			7				423
	Attacher	Awaiting Make-Ready Payment			86						86
	Attacher	Customer Response Overdue	5		1,175				19	40	1,239
	Attacher	Make-Ready Payment Overdue			1,145		8				1,153
Construction	Pole Owner	Make-Ready	353	305	1,675		43		44	903	3,323
	Pole Owner	Make-Ready Overdue		22					452	309	783
	Attacher	Attachment Extension			2		309				311
	Attacher	Attachment Extension Review	8,096	745	630	202	494		177	195	10,539
	Attacher	Ready To Attach	2,083	355	2,175	3,273			4,632	1,321	13,839
	Attacher	Ready to Overlash	51	59	410	114	129		105	37	905
	Attacher	Record Attachments - In Progress				48					48
Post Inspection	Pole Owner	Inspection	362	56	45	57	196		137		853
	Pole Owner	Post Inspection	3,730	976	2,237	2,567	706	27	1,495		11,738
	Pole Owner	Post Inspection Overdue	3,502	1,545	4,276	3,697	1,547	6	684	18	15,275
	Attacher	Corrections Extension Review	4,938	1,233	3,330	3,948	674	5	502	18	14,648
	Attacher	Corrections Needed	3,476		1,958	124		1	303		5,862
True Up	Pole Owner	Close-Out Billing	550	21	260	24	6	1			862
Grand Total			27,245	5,876	20,229	14,751	6,290	40	8,642	2,850	85,923

NOTE - we have temporary attachment in place with a few owners that leaves the poles in a Make Ready status



SOURCE: Alden One 09/01/26

Pole Owners (Non-Alden One)

MUNICIPAL AND TVA EXCLUDED

OWNER	Pending	Approved	Grand Total
Louisville Gas & Electric	8	4,570	4,578
Kentucky Utility	717	39,508	40,225
AEP	86	209	295
AT&T	322	4,947	5,269
Cumberland Valley Electric		157	157
Grayson REOC	269	867	1,136
Kenergy Corporation	137	1,277	1,414
Meade County Rural Electric		1,340	1,340
Nolin REOC		98	98
Princeton Electric Plant Board	47	270	317
Salt River Electric	881	10,422	11,303
Shelby Energy Cooperative	7	14,883	14,890
Windstream	176	1,527	1,703