

October 6, 2020

Honorable Andy Beshear
Governor, Commonwealth of Kentucky
Kentucky State Capitol
700 Capital Avenue, Suite 100
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Re: Executive Order 2020-323 issued May 8, 2020
Suspension of utility disconnections

Dear Governor Beshear:

The Kentucky Municipal Energy Agency (KYMEA), a Kentucky interlocal agency, was created by 11 Kentucky municipal electric utilities for the purpose of providing reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy services to their communities. The 11 Member utilities that established KYMEA and which stretch across the Commonwealth are the Cities of Barbourville, Bardwell, Berea, Corbin, Falmouth, Madisonville, Owensboro, Paris and Providence, the Benham Power Board, and the Frankfort Electric and Water Board. In its two year period of service to its Members, KYMEA has been able to reduce their underlying power costs by approximately 15%.

Per your Executive Order 2020-323, issued on May 8, 2020, our Member utilities, who are not subject to jurisdiction of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, have complied with your directive to suspend utility disconnections and waive late payment fees. In addition, KYMEA instituted certain COVID-19 rate relief initiatives to assist our Members in keeping their customer rates low.

Recently, the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) in its Order in Case No 2020-00085, dated September 21, 2020, determined that its previous Order, dated March 16, 2020, establishing a moratorium for utilities in disconnections for nonpayment of invoices and the waiving of late fees by utilities subject to PSC jurisdiction, shall be lifted as of October 20, 2020.

In order to treat fairly all Kentucky utilities in a similar manner, whether subject to PSC jurisdiction or not, the purpose of this letter is to request your consideration to lift and remand Directive #6 of your Order 2020-323. We believe the PSC has set forth appropriate guidelines for Kentucky

utilities to follow in establishing payment plans and procedures for customers who have suffered financially during the pandemic. In order to treat all Kentucky utilities equally, we believe it would be appropriate for you to issue a new order lifting and remanding Directive #6 of Executive Order 2020-323 and request Kentucky utilities, which are not subject to PSC jurisdiction, to follow the guidelines set out in the September 21, 2020, PSC Order.

We have attached a copy of the September 21, 2020, PSC Order for your review, and we appreciate your time and consideration in this matter. If you or any of your staff wish to discuss this matter in greater detail, please let us know.

Sincerely,



Doug Buresh
President and CEO

Enclosure: PSC Order in Case No 2020-00085