



NEW DENTIST JOINS LEXINGTON FIRM — Dr. Clay Sizemore, left, grandson of Michael and Madonna Anderson of Letcher County and Les and Betty Sizemore, has joined Eagle Creek Dental in Lexington after receiving his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry. Sizemore, a Morehead native, is pictured with Dr. Ryan White, owner of the practice. Dr. Sizemore and his wife Kayleigh have three children.

PSC seeks more information in Ky. Power case

The Kentucky Public Service Commission has agreed to reopen part of a case involving Kentucky Power Company's purchase power adjustment, decommissioning rider and securitized surcharge, but stressed that it has not determined whether the utility's objections to an earlier commission order have merit.

In an order entered July 2, the commission granted Kentucky Power's June 17 motion for rehearing for the limited purpose of gathering additional information before ruling on the company's request.

Kentucky Power argued that portions of the commission's May 28 order could prevent the company from fully recovering its actual purchase power adjustment costs or could result in overcollections that could not be properly returned through its existing accounting system. The utility also requested clarification on how its securitized surcharge rider should apply to charges collected through its decommissioning rider.

After Kentucky Power filed its motion, the commission granted the company's request for an informal conference, which was held June 25. During that meeting, company representatives provided additional information about their accounting procedures, the interaction between various rider mechanisms and limitations involving the company's billing software.

Following that conference, the commission concluded that additional information is needed before deciding whether any changes or clarification to its May 28 order are warranted.

"The Commission finds only that additional information is necessary to fully evaluate the issues raised before ruling on the substantive requests contained in the motion," the order states.

Commission staff has been directed to issue supplemental requests for information concerning Kentucky Power's accounting treatment of its purchase power adjustment mechanism and the capabilities and limitations of its billing software. Kentucky Power must respond before the commission considers the merits of the company's motion.

The commission emphasized that granting rehearing does not mean Kentucky Power's arguments have merit or that the May 28 order will be modified.

Instead, commissioners said they simply want a more complete evidentiary record before deciding whether the company's request should be granted.

The commission also ordered that all portions of its May 28 order that do not conflict with the July 2 order will remain in effect while the additional information is gathered and reviewed.

The case, No. 2025-00307, is one of several pending proceedings involving Kentucky Power that have been closely followed by eastern Kentucky customers. Earlier this year, the commission approved changes to the company's purchase power adjustment, decommissioning rider and securitized surcharge as part of an ongoing review of how the utility recovers certain power supply and plant retirement costs. Last week's order does not change customer rates or approve any additional charges but instead reopens the record for further review before a final decision is made on Kentucky Power's request for reconsideration.

Kingscreek fireman hurt on the job after pickup fire spreads

The Letcher County fireman was injured Monday fighting a fire in the Kingscreek/Roxana area.

Kingscreek Volunteer Fire Department was paged out shortly before 3 p.m. for a pickup truck on fire on KY 588, and firefighters from Colson, Sandlick, Letcher and other departments also responded. The truck was parked near a camping trailer and set it on fire as well.

Colson Volunteer Fire Chief David Bentley, who is also a state fire and rescue instructor, was injured while fighting the fire, according to other firefighters on the scene. Bentley was taken by ambulance to the hospital. The severity of his injuries was not confirmed at press time on Tuesday, though fire departments and individual firefighters in the county were posting support for him and requests for prayer on their social media pages.



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