

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN EXAMINATION BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE)
COMMISSION OF THE APPLICATION OF THE)
FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE OF BIG RIVERS) CASE NO. 10436-B
ELECTRIC CORPORATION FROM MAY 1, 1989)
TO OCTOBER 31, 1989)

O R D E R

Pursuant to Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:056, the Commission on December 13, 1989 established this case to review and evaluate the operation of the fuel adjustment clause of Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers") for the 6 months ended October 31, 1989.

The Attorney General ("AG"), through his Utility and Rate Intervention Division, was the only intervenor in this case. The AG did not present any witnesses, perform any cross-examination, or challenge any evidence or proposals presented by Big Rivers.

As part of its review, the Commission ordered Big Rivers to submit certain information concerning its fuel procurement, its fuel usage, and the operation of its fuel adjustment clause. Big Rivers submitted this information on December 27, 1989. A public hearing was held in this case on February 8, 1990, at which Joe Craig, C. William Blackburn, and Rich Greenwell, Big Rivers officials, testified.

The Commission has previously fixed Big Rivers' base fuel cost at 12.95 mills per Kwh.¹ The Commission's review of Big Rivers' monthly fuel clause filings shows that the actual fuel cost incurred for the 6-month period under review ranged from a low of 12.96 mills in September 1989 to a high of 13.15 mills in May 1989, with a 6-month average of 13.03 mills.

The Commission's review of the record in this case, the coal market conditions during this period, and the data filed in support of the fuel adjustment clause rates indicate that the actual fuel costs included in the monthly fuel adjustment clause filings were reasonable.

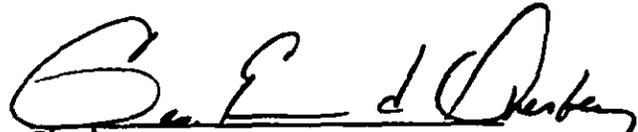
The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that Big Rivers has complied in all material respects with the provisions of Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:056.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the charges and credits billed by Big Rivers through the fuel adjustment clause for the period May 1, 1989 to October 31, 1989 be and they hereby are approved.

¹ Case No. 10436, An Examination by the Public Service Commission of the Application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of Big Rivers Electric Corporation from November 1, 1986 to October 31, 1988.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 15th day of March, 1990.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


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Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director