

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF OWEN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF RATES	) ) )	CASE NO. 2012-00448
APPLICATION OF OWEN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION FOR REVISIONS TO ITS METER READING TARIFF TO ACCOMMODATE MANUAL METER READING CHARGES IN INSTANCES WHERE ITS ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE IS PROHIBITED FROM BEING UTILIZED FOR ITS INTENDED PURPOSE	) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) )	CASE NO. 2012-00468

ORDER

On April 25, 2013, the Commission consolidated the entire record of Case No. 2012-00468,<sup>1</sup> Owen Electric Cooperative Corporation's ("Owen") petition for approval of a revision to its meter reading tariff to allow for a \$30.00 monthly meter reading charge when a customer refuses an Advanced Metering Infrastructure ("AMI") meter, with and into Case No. 2012-00448,<sup>2</sup> Owen's application for a general adjustment of rates. The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky ("AG"), by and through his Office of Rate Intervention, has intervened in both cases.

<sup>1</sup> Case No. 2012-00468, *Application of Owen Electric Cooperative Corporation for Revisions to Its Meter Reading Tariff to Accommodate Manual Meter Reading Charges in Instances Where Its Advanced Metering Infrastructure is Prohibited from Being Utilized for Its Intended Purpose* (filed Oct. 15, 2012,

<sup>2</sup> Case No. 2012-00448, *Application of Owen Electric Cooperative, Inc. for an Adjustment of Rates* (filed Mar. 25, 2013).

Owen's application to initiate a \$30.00 manual meter reading charge, as filed in Case No. 2012-00468, did not include any notice to the public of this proposed change. Although Owen gave public notice of the rates proposed in its general rate case, filed as Exhibit D to its application in Case No. 2012-00448, it did not include the proposed new fee for manual meter reading.

807 KAR 5:011, Section 8, states as follows:

A utility shall give notice to the public as required by this section if a charge or fee is changed, revised, or initiated or a condition of service or a rule regarding the provision of service is changed, revised or initiated and the change will affect the amount that a customer pays for service or the quality, delivery, or rendering of a customer's service.<sup>3</sup>

Based on a review of the record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that Owen should comply with the requirements of 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8, for its proposed initiation of a \$30.00 monthly meter reading fee for those customers who refuse the installation of an AMI meter.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Owen shall comply with the notice requirements of 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8, concerning its proposed initiation of a \$30.00 monthly meter reading fee for those customers who refuse the installation of an AMI meter.
2. Within 10 days of the date of this Order, Owen shall file with the Commission a copy of the public notice and indicate the manner of notification.
3. Owen shall provide proof of compliance with the notice requirements pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(4).

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<sup>3</sup> 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8, specifies the requirement of public postings, the manner of notification, and the notice requirements.

By the Commission

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ATTEST:

  
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Executive Director

Case No. 2012-00448  
Case No. 2012-00468

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