

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

MOTION OF BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC ) CASE NO.  
CORPORATION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME ) 2018-00313  
TO FILE A NEW DEPRECIATION STUDY )

ORDER

This matter is before the Commission on a motion filed by Big Rivers Electric Corporation (BREC) requesting an extension of time in which to file a new depreciation study. In support of its motion, BREC states that in the final order addressing its last rate case, the Commission directed BREC to prepare a new depreciation study for the Commission's review within five years from April 25, 2014 (the date of the final order) or the filing of BREC's next general rate case, whichever is earlier.<sup>1</sup> Big Rivers asserts that it expects to file its next rate application no later than June 1, 2020, with rates to go into effect in 2021. Because the anticipated rate case filing will be a little more than one year from the current deadline of April 25, 2019, for BREC to file a new depreciation study, BREC requests that it be allowed to delay the filing of the new depreciation study until it files its base rate application so that the most current depreciation study is filed in the next rate case. BREC further requests the Commission to extend the deadline to the earlier of April 25, 2021, or the filing of BREC's next rate case to provide BREC some flexibility in the event it elects to file its rate application based on a historic test

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 2013-00299, *Application of Big Rivers Electric Corporation for a General Adjustment in Rates Supported by Fully Forecasted Test Period* (Ky. PSC Apr. 25, 2014) Final Order at 51.

year rather than a forecasted test year, or its rate application is otherwise unexpectedly delay.

Having reviewed the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds BREC has established good cause to permit an extension of time in which it may file a new depreciation study. Based upon BREC's representation that it anticipates filing its next rate application on or before June 1, 2020, the Commission will extend the deadline to coincide with that date. Lastly, the Commission finds that BREC has failed to establish good cause to allow the deadline for the filing of the new depreciation study to be extended beyond June 1, 2020.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. BREC's motion for an extension of time to file a new depreciation study is granted and denied in part.
2. BREC shall file a new depreciation study on or before June 1, 2020.
3. BREC's request to extend the deadline for the filing of a new depreciation study until the earlier of April 25, 2021, or the filing of Big Rivers next general rate case is denied.
4. This matter is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

By the Commission



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