

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

THE FILING OF A GENERAL RATE INCREASE)
BY MEADE COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERA-)
TIVE CORPORATION OF BRANDENBURG, KEN-)
TUCKY, APPLICABLE TO ALL ITS MEMBERS)

CASE NO.
8480

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

On the 24th day of March 1982, Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Meade County") filed its Notice with the Commission wherein it proposes to increase its rates for electric service rendered on and after the 19th day of April 1982.

The Commission is of the opinion and finds that a hearing and investigation will be necessary in order to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that such investigation cannot be completed prior to the proposed effective date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED That the proposed rates, charges and classifications be and they hereby are suspended and the application of the rates is deferred for a period of 5 months on and after the 19th day of April 1982.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Meade County shall provide notice of the proposed rates and the estimated amount of increase per customer class by posting a sheet stating the proposed rates and the estimated amount of increase per customer class and its place of business and, in addition, notice thereof (1) is to be included with customer billings made on or before the application is filed

with the Public Service Commission, (2) is to be published by such date in a trade publication or newsletter going to all customers, or (3) is to be published once a week for 3 consecutive weeks in a prominent manner in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in its service area, the first publication to be made prior to the filing of the application with the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the notice or publication shall include a statement to the effect (1) that any corporation, association, body politic or person may, by timely motion, request leave to intervene; (2) that the motion to intervene should be submitted to the Public Service Commission, 730 Schenkel Lane, P. O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, and should set forth the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party; and (3) that a copy of the application and testimony is available for inspection (name of location or locations) and that copies of the application and testimony may be obtained by each intervenor in this proceeding by contacting the applicant at a name and address to be stated in the notice or publication. Each notice of publication shall also contain the following language:

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. However, the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from these proposed rates. Such action may result in rates for consumers other than the rates in this notice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That all Requests for Information to Meade County shall be submitted on or before April 28, 1982, with copies to parties of record.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That all Supplemental Requests for Information (to include only those matters within the scope of the initial request) to Meade County shall be submitted on or before May 12, 1982, with copies to parties of record.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Meade County shall file Responses to the original Requests for Information on or before May 19, 1982, and Responses to the Supplemental Requests for Information on or before May 26, 1982, with copies to parties of record, and the Responses shall identify the witness or witnesses who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to each request for information.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Intervenors shall file their testimony in verified prepared form on or before June 9, 1982, with copies to parties of record.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That all Requests for Information to Intervenors shall be submitted on or before June 23, 1982, with copies to parties of record.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Intervenors shall file Responses to the Requests for Information on or before July 14, 1982, with copies to parties of record, and the Responses shall identify the witness or witnesses who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to each request for information.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That a hearing be and it hereby is scheduled July 21, 1982, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose

of cross-examination of witnesses of Meade County, cross-examination of witnesses of Intervenors, and the presentation of rebuttal testimony, if any, by Meade County.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That, pursuant to the provisions of KRS 424.300, notice of the date, time, place and the general purpose of the hearing shall be published once in a prominent manner in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the areas served by Meade County, said publication to occur not more than 21 days or less than 7 days prior to the hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Meade County and Intervenors may file briefs simultaneously on August 11, 1982.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein will be granted only upon a showing of compelling reasons.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 30th day of March 1982.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission

ATTEST:

Secretary