

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

NATIONAL-SOUTHWIRE ALUMINUM COMPANY)
)
V.) CASE NO. 9437
)
BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION)

O R D E R

On May 22, 1986, the Commission issued an Order suspending the procedural schedule for this case to allow the Commission adequate time to review Big Rivers' Electric Corporation's ("Big Rivers") pending motion to compel National-Southwire Aluminum Company ("NSA") to respond to requests for information. Upon further review of that motion and NSA's brief in opposition, the Commission is of the opinion and hereby finds that the parties should be afforded an opportunity to present oral argument in support of their respective positions.

The Commission also finds that NSA should be prepared to resolve the apparent conflict between the position it asserts in its Brief In Opposition To Big Rivers' Motion To Compel and that asserted in its prefiled testimony of Howard W. Pifer III. Specifically, NSA's brief asserts that the issues in its complaint have been narrowed "to a traditional cost-based approach" and that it no longer requests relief based on the relative competitive position of the Hawesville smelter. However, NSA's testimony presents an extensive discussion of (1) the need by the Hawesville

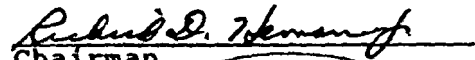
smelter for a competitive rate to remain in operation; and (2) recommended rates to assure that NSA remains economically viable.

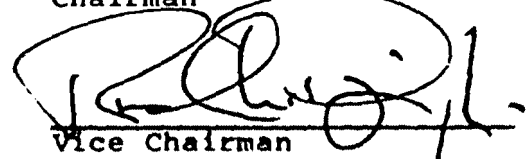
The Commission will also entertain discussion, if any, of Alcan Aluminum Corporation's motion for a prehearing order providing that the issue of rate differentials as between Alcan and NSA has been rendered moot by NSA's second amended complaint. Further, all parties will be afforded an opportunity to present recommendations regarding the procedural dates necessary to bring this case to hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that oral argument for the purposes set forth herein be and it hereby is scheduled for June 6, 1986 at 1:30 p.m. E.D.T. at the Commission's Offices in Frankfort, Kentucky. Big Rivers and NSA shall each be afforded 30 minutes and all other parties shall collectively be afforded 30 minutes.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 3rd day of June, 1986.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary