

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION'S NOTICE )  
OF CHANGES IN RATES AND TARIFFS FOR ) CASE NO. 10265  
WHOLESALE ELECTRIC SERVICE )

O R D E R

On July 25, 1988, the Attorney General's Office, Utility and Rate Intervention Division ("AG"), filed a motion requesting the Commission to schedule a prehearing conference due to "the complexity and the overlapping nature of the earlier cases (which will no doubt continue in the instant case)." Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers") filed on July 29, 1988 an objection to the AG's motion. Big Rivers states that the AG's motion specifies neither any issue of complexity nor any instance of a prior case overlapping this one. Big Rivers further states that the only issue in this case is the justness and reasonableness of the proposed rates set forth in its application and the issues in earlier cases have been already decided by final Commission decisions or are pending court review. Citing the expense in both time and money to the Commission and the parties, Big Rivers suggests that a prehearing conference not be granted or, alternatively, a decision on a conference should be deferred until after September 19, 1988, the due date for intervenors' testimony.

Based on the AG's motion and Big Rivers' response, and being advised, the Commission is of the opinion and hereby finds that a prehearing conference is not necessary at this time. However, such a conference may be beneficial after the intervenors have filed their testimony. Consequently, the Commission will deny the AG's motion without prejudice. The AG or any other party may subsequently request a prehearing conference.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the AG's motion for a prehearing conference be and it hereby is denied without prejudice.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 18th day of August, 1988.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Richard D. Wemmer  
Chairman

Robert M. Davis  
Vice Chairman

James W. Williams  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director