

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF MEADE COUNTY RURAL)
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION FOR)
APPROVAL OF MECHANISM TO FLOW THROUGH) CASE NO. 95-211
ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE TO BE CHARGED BY)
WHOLESALE POWER SUPPLIER BIG RIVERS)
ELECTRIC CORPORATION)

The distribution cooperatives of Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers") - Green River Electric Corporation, Henderson Union Electric Cooperative Corporation, Jackson Purchase Electric Cooperative Corporation, and Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (collectively "the cooperatives") - have applied for approval of a rate which will permit each to pass

automatically to their ratepayers any environmental surcharges which Big Rivers may assess.

As these applications involve common questions of law and fact and as consolidation of these proceedings will likely avoid unnecessary cost and delay, the Commission finds that these cases should be consolidated.

Although Commission regulations do not require publication of the proposed rate, the Commission finds that the cooperatives should publish notice of their applications to their customers. The proposed rates will affect all customers and will involve the assessment of significant costs. The public interest requires that the cooperatives' customers should be apprised of them.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Case Nos. 95-208, 95-209, 95-210 and 95-211 are consolidated.

2. From this date, all pleadings and papers in the above-captioned cases shall be filed in Case No. 95-208 and shall be styled "The Applications of Green River Electric Corporation, Henderson Union Electric Cooperative Corporation, Jackson Purchase Electric Cooperative Corporation, and Meade County Rural Cooperative Corporation for Approval of Mechanisms to Flow Through Environmental Surcharges to be Charged by Their Wholesale Power Supplier, Big Rivers Electric Corporation."

3. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, the cooperatives shall notify their customers of the proposed rates. Notice must be mailed to all customers, published in a trade

publication or newsletter which is mailed to all customers, or published in a prominent manner in a newspaper of general circulation in the cooperative's service area.

4. This notice shall contain:

a. A description of the proposed rate and its impact on customer bills;

b. A statement that the rate is the rate proposed by the cooperative and that the Public Service Commission may order a rate to be charged that differs from the proposed rate;

c. A statement that any corporation, association, or person with a substantial interest in the matter may, by written request within thirty (30) days after publication or mailing of this notice of the proposed rate request to intervene;

d. A statement that intervention may be granted beyond the thirty (30) day period for good cause shown;

e. A statement that any person who has been granted intervention by the Commission may obtain copies of the application and any other filings made by the cooperative by contacting the cooperative through a name and address and phone number stated in this notice;

f. A statement that any person may examine the application and any other filings made by the cooperative at the cooperative's main office or at the Commission's office;

g. The addresses and telephone numbers of both the cooperative and the Commission.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 20th day of June, 1995.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director