

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GENERAL RATE)
ADJUSTMENT BY MEADE COUNTY RURAL) CASE NO. 96-518
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION)

O R D E R

On October 29, 1996, Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Meade County RECC"), pursuant to Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Section 10(2),¹ provided written notice to this Commission of its intent to file a rate application. On February 4, 1997, Meade County RECC advised the Commission of its intent to file an application for rate adjustment shortly after Big Rivers Electric Corporation applies for a similar adjustment.

Almost 6 months have passed since Meade County RECC provided its original notice, but no rate application has yet been filed. The purpose of Administrative 807 KAR 5:001, Section 10(2), is to ensure prompt and expeditious review of the rate applications of large utilities by allowing the Commission to prepare for immediate review

¹ 807 KAR 5:001, Section 10(2), states:

Notice of intent. Utilities with gross annual revenues greater than \$1,000,000 shall file with the commission a written notice of intent to file a rate application at least four (4) weeks prior to filing their application. The notice of intent shall state whether the rate application will be supported by a historical test period or a fully forecasted test period. This notice shall be served upon the Attorney General, Utility Intervention and Rate Division.

of these applications upon their filing. Permitting long and indeterminate delays between the filing of a notice of intent and the actual filing of the rate application frustrates the purpose of this regulation.

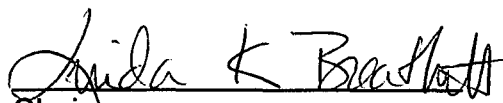
Accordingly, the Commission finds that this docket should be closed for lack of prosecution and that Meade County RECC's notice of intent of filing is insufficient for any future rate application. In the event that Meade County RECC decides to proceed with the filing of a rate application, such filing should be preceded by a new notice of intent consistent with Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Section 10(2).

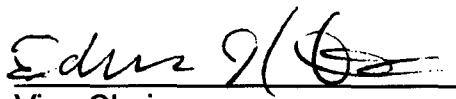
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Meade County RECC's notice of intent and this case are dismissed for lack of prosecution.
2. Meade County RECC shall comply with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 10(2), prior to filing a rate application with the Commission.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 17th day of April, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director