

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF BIG SANDY RURAL ELECTRIC)	
COOPERATIVE CORPORATION FOR AN)	CASE NO.
ADJUSTMENT OF RATES)	2005-00125

O R D E R

On May 11, 2005, Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Big Sandy") tendered its application for an upward adjustment of its electric rates based on a historic test period. The application was administratively determined to satisfy the minimum filing requirements and was considered filed as of May 11, 2005.

The new rates proposed by Big Sandy are set forth in tariff sheets that have an effective date of June 13, 2005. Based on a review of Big Sandy's rate application, the Commission finds that an investigation is necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that such investigation cannot be concluded by June 13, 2005. Therefore, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), Big Sandy's proposed rates should be suspended for the maximum time allowed and a procedural schedule should be established to conduct the investigation.

The Commission expects the parties to use their best efforts to informally resolve any discovery disputes or requests for extensions of time. Any such informal resolution should be promptly reduced to writing and filed with the Commission and all parties of record. Absent informal resolution, an objection or motion should be filed at least 4 business days prior to the established due date or should explain why it could not have been filed upon 4 business days' notice.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Big Sandy's proposed rates are suspended for 5 months from June 13, 2005, up to and including November 12, 2005.
2. The procedural schedule set forth in Appendix A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, shall be followed.
3. All requests for information and responses thereto shall be appropriately indexed and 7 copies shall be filed with the Commission, with copies to all parties of record. Any request for information from the Commission Staff shall be responded to as if set forth in a Commission Order. All responses shall include the name of the witness who will be responsible for responding to questions at any hearing in this proceeding related to the information provided.
4. Any party filing testimony shall file an original and 10 copies.
5. Big Sandy shall give notice of the hearing in accordance with the provisions set out in 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(5). At the time publication is requested, Big Sandy shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.
6. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.
7. Any objections or motions relating to discovery or procedural dates shall be filed upon 4 business days' notice or shall include an explanation why such notice was not possible.
8. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 2nd day of June, 2005.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

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Executive Director

Case No. 2005-00125

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2005-00125 DATED June 2, 2005

All initial requests for information to Big Sandy shall
be filed no later than..... 06/17/05

Big Sandy shall file responses to initial requests for
information no later than..... 07/01/05

All supplemental requests for information to Big Sandy
shall be filed no later than 07/15/05

Big Sandy shall file responses to supplemental requests
for information no later than 07/27/05

Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared form
shall be filed no later than 08/09/05

All requests for information to Intervenors shall be
filed no later than..... 08/22/05

Intervenors shall file responses to requests for
information no later than..... 09/02/05

Big Sandy shall file rebuttal testimony, in verified
form no later than 09/13/05

Last day for Big Sandy to publish notice of hearing To be scheduled

Public Hearing is to begin at 9:00 a.m., Eastern
Daylight Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's
offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky,
for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses of
Big Sandy and Intervenors To be scheduled

Simultaneous Briefs, if any, shall be filed by To be scheduled