

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF BIG SANDY RURAL)
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION) CASE NO. 2008-00401
FOR AN ADJUSTMENT IN RATES)

O R D E R

On December 10, 2008, Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (“Big Sandy”) filed an application for authority to increase its revenues by \$1,901,020 annually and to adjust its rates for service rendered on and after January 10, 2009. Although the Commission had begun the process to investigate Big Sandy’s application, its proposed rates were inadvertently not suspended prior to their effective date. However, on January 23, 2009, Big Sandy filed a notice stating that it will not implement its proposed rates until the Commission has had an opportunity to investigate the reasonableness of those rates.

Pursuant to its authority under KRS Chapter 278, the Commission will conduct an investigation into the reasonableness of the rates set forth in Big Sandy’s application. The Commission will process this matter as expeditiously as possible, with the intent to conclude this investigation by June 9, 2009. Accordingly, the Commission, upon its own motion, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. The procedural schedule set forth in Appendix A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, shall be followed.

2. a. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided, with copies to all parties of record and 5 copies to the Commission.

b. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or an association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

c. A party shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect.

d. For any requests to which a party fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, that party shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

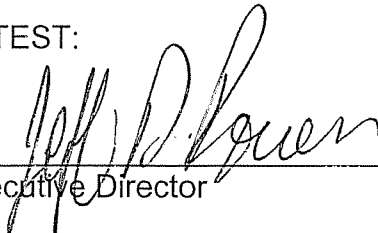
e. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations.

3. Any party filing testimony shall file an original and 5 copies.
4. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.
5. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions for continuance. Consequently, motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.
6. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 29th day of January, 2009.

By the Commission

ATTEST:



Executive Director

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2008-00401 DATED JANUARY 29, 2009

All initial requests for information to Big Sandy
shall be filed no later than..... 02/09/09

Big Sandy shall file responses to initial requests
for information no later than..... 02/23/09

All supplemental requests for information to
Big Sandy shall be filed no later than 03/09/09

Big Sandy shall file responses to supplemental
requests for information no later than 03/23/09

Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared form,
shall be filed no later than..... 04/06/09

All requests for information to Intervenors shall be
filed no later than 04/20/09

Intervenors shall file responses to requests for
information no later than 05/04/09

Public hearing to be held 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 Determined

Final Order to be issued no later than06/09/09

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