

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION) CASE NO.
FOR A GENERAL ADJUSTMENT IN RATES) 2011-00036

O R D E R

On March 1, 2011, Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers") tendered for filing an application for a rate increase based on a historical test period. The application proposed that the new rates become effective on April 1, 2011. Based on a review of Big Rivers' application, the Commission finds that an investigation will be necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that the investigation cannot be completed by April 1, 2011. Therefore, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), the Commission will suspend the effective date of the proposed rates for five months.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Big Rivers' proposed rates are suspended for five months, up to and including August 31, 2011.
2. The procedural schedule set forth in Appendix A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, shall be followed.
3. a. All requests for information and responses thereto shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed and the original and 10 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 related to the information provided.

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 request 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.

4. Any party filing testimony shall file an original and 10 copies with the Commission, with copies to all parties of record.

5. Big Rivers 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 Rivers shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

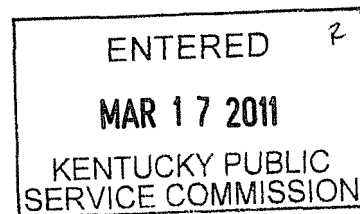
6. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.

7. Any objections or motions relating to discovery or procedural dates shall be filed upon four business days' notice or the filing party shall explain, in writing, why such notice was not possible.

8. 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.

9. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

By the Commission



ATTEST:

Stephen Bell for J. M. Dorman
Executive Director

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2011-00036 DATED **MAR 17 2011**

Initial requests for information to Big Rivers shall
be filed no later than 04/01/11

Big Rivers shall file responses to initial requests for
information no later than 04/15/11

Supplemental requests for information to Big Rivers
shall be filed no later than 04/28/11

Big Rivers shall file responses to supplemental requests
for information no later than 05/11/11

Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared
form shall be filed no later than 05/24/11

All requests for information to Intervenors shall
be filed no later than 06/09/11

Intervenors shall file responses to requests for
information no later than 06/22/11

Big Rivers shall file, in verified form, its rebuttal
testimony no later than 07/06/11

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

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 Rivers and Intervenors To be scheduled

Simultaneous Briefs, if any To be scheduled

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