COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

TARIFF FILING OF MEADE COUNTY RURAL) CASE NO. ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION TO) 2012-00153 IMPLEMENT DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT) PROGRAMS

ORDER

On March 20, 2012, Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Meade RECC") submitted tariffs to adopt on a permanent basis demand-side management ("DSM") programs that are either new or had been previously offered on a pilot basis through December 31, 2011. Meade RECC's proposed tariffs became effective on April 20, 2012, and they track the DSM programs recently proposed by its wholesale power supplier, Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers").¹

Based on the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that an investigation has already been initiated to determine the reasonableness of Big Rivers' DSM programs, and a similar investigation is necessary to determine the reasonableness of Meade RECC's proposed DSM programs. Therefore, the Commission, on its own motion pursuant to KRS 278.260(1), opens this investigation to determine the reasonableness of Meade RECC's DSM programs. Since the tariffs are currently in effect, any change to the DSM programs and tariffs will

¹ Case No. 2012-00142, Tariff Filing of Big Rivers Electric Corporation to Implement Demand-Side Management Programs, filed March 16, 2012.

be made on a prospective basis. The Commission will use its best efforts to expedite this investigation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this proceeding is opened to investigate the reasonableness of Meade RECC's DSM programs as filed on March 20, 2012.

By the Commission

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