## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF MEADE COUNTY RURAL)ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION)FOR A GENERAL ADJUSTMENT OF RATES)AND A FLOW-THROUGH OF BIG RIVERS)ELECTRIC CORPORATION'S RATE INCREASE)

2013-00033

CASE NO.

## ORDER

On August 19, 2013, Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation's ("Meade County") wholesale power supplier, Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers"), gave notice in writing, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), of its intention to place the wholesale rates proposed by it in Case No. 2012-00535<sup>1</sup> into effect for service rendered on and after August 20, 2013. On August 20, 2013, the Commission issued an Order that directed Big Rivers to maintain its records in such manner as will allow it, the Commission, or any customer to determine the amounts to be refunded, and to whom due, in the event a refund is ordered upon final resolution of that matter.

In an Order entered March 15, 2013 in the current proceeding, we stated that if our review of the distribution portion of Meade County's rate increase were not completed by August 17, 2013, a further Order would be issued addressing the wholesale portion of the rate increase to ensure that Meade County would be able to fully recover any increase in wholesale power costs. Based on Big Rivers' notice to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Case No. 2012-00535, Application of Big Rivers Electric Corporation for a General Adjustment of Rates (Ky. PSC Jan. 15, 2013).

place its proposed wholesale rates into effect on August 20, 2013, the Commission finds that the flow-through rates proposed by Meade County in its application are designed to recover the interim increase placed into effect by Big Rivers, and that schedule of rates should be effective, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2) and 278.455(2), subject to refund, on August 20, 2013.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Meade County's proposed flow-through rates as filed in its application for the pass through of the wholesale increase are effective, subject to refund, for service rendered on and after August 20, 2013.

2. Meade County shall maintain its records in such manner as will allow it, the Commission, or any customer to determine the amounts to be refunded, and to whom due, in the event a refund is ordered upon final resolution of this matter.

3. Within 15 days of the date of this Order, Meade County shall file its tariffs setting forth the rates it is placing in effect and designating those rates as being subject to change and refund.

By the Commission ENTERED AUG 2 0 2013 KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:

Sector & for Executive Director

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